

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported):

April 2, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-14678

(Commission File No.)

94-1390387

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5130 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, California 94568

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(925) 965-4400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common stock, par value \$.01	ROST	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 2, 2020, Ross Stores, Inc. (the “**Company**”) agreed to issue \$2,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of unsecured, senior notes, comprised of the following: \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 (the “**2025 Notes**”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027 (the “**2027 Notes**”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 (the “**2030 Notes**”), and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 (the “**2050 Notes**” and, together with the 2025 Notes, the 2027 Notes, and the 2030 Notes, the “**Notes**”) in an underwritten public offering, pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, dated April 2, 2020 (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), by and among the Company and BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein. The closing took place on April 6, 2020. The Notes were offered by the Company pursuant to its effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-237546) and a related prospectus supplement and prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “**Indenture**”), by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”), as supplemented by an Officers’ Certificate establishing the aggregate amounts, terms and forms of the Notes, dated April 6, 2020 (the “**Officers’ Certificate**”).

The foregoing descriptions of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture, and the Notes are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture, the Officer’s Certificate and the form of each of the Notes, which are filed herewith as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 through 4.6, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference. In connection with the issuance of the Notes, DLA Piper LLP (US) provided the Company with the legal opinion attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 5.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated as of April 2, 2020, by and among Ross Stores, Inc., BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein.</u>
4.1	<u>Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014, between Ross Stores, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K filed by Ross Stores, Inc. on September 18, 2014.</u>
4.2	<u>Officers’ Certificate, dated as of April 6, 2020 establishing the aggregate amounts, terms and forms of the Notes.</u>
4.3	<u>Form of the 4.600% Senior Notes Due 2025 (included in Exhibit 4.2).</u>
4.4	<u>Form of the 4.700% Senior Notes Due 2027 (included in Exhibit 4.2).</u>
4.5	<u>Form of the 4.800% Senior Notes Due 2030 (included in Exhibit 4.2).</u>
4.6	<u>Form of the 5.450% Senior Notes Due 2050 (included in Exhibit 4.2).</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of DLA Piper LLP (US).</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of DLA Piper LLP (US) (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).</u>

SIGNATURES

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

Date: April 7, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC

Registrant

By: /s/Ken Jew

Ken Jew

Group Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

\$2,000,000,000

Ross Stores, Inc.

\$700,000,000 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025

\$400,000,000 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027

\$400,000,000 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030

\$500,000,000 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050

Underwriting Agreement

New York, New York
April 2, 2020

BofA Securities, Inc.
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
As representatives of the several
underwriters named in Schedule I hereto

c/o BofA Securities, Inc.
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10179

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ross Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), proposes to issue and sell to the several underwriters named in Schedule A (the “Underwriters”), acting severally and not jointly, the respective amounts set forth in such Schedule A of \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 (the “2025 Notes”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027 (the “2027 Notes”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 (the “2030 Notes”) and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 (the “2050 Notes” and, together with the 2025 Notes, the 2027 Notes and the 2030 Notes, the “Notes”). BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC have agreed to act as representatives of the several Underwriters (in such capacity, the “Representatives”) in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes.

The Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”). The Notes will be issued in book-entry form in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (the “Depository”).

The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-237546), which contains a base prospectus (the “Base Prospectus”), to be used in connection with the public offering and sale of debt

securities, including the Notes, and other securities of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “Securities Act”), and the offering thereof from time to time in accordance with Rule 415 under the Securities Act. Such registration statement, including the financial statements, exhibits and schedules thereto, in the form in which it became effective under the Securities Act, including any required information deemed to be a part thereof at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430B under the Securities Act, is called the “Registration Statement.” The term “Prospectus” shall mean the final prospectus supplement relating to the Notes, together with the Base Prospectus, that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) after the date and time that this Agreement is executed (the “Execution Time”) by the parties hereto. The term “Preliminary Prospectus” shall mean any preliminary prospectus supplement relating to the Notes, together with the Base Prospectus, that is first filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b). Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents that are or are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act prior to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on April 2, 2020 (the “Initial Sale Time”). All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing, shall include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (“EDGAR”).

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is “contained,” “included” or “stated” (or other references of like import) in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Preliminary Prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the Initial Sale Time; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “Exchange Act”), which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Preliminary Prospectus, as the case may be, after the Initial Sale Time.

The Company hereby confirms its agreements with the Underwriters as follows:

Section 1. Representations and Warranties of the Company

The Company hereby represents, warrants and covenants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, as of the Initial Sale Time and as of the Closing Date (in each case, a “Representation Date”), as follows:

- a) *Compliance with Registration Requirements.* The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company’s knowledge, are contemplated or threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with. In addition, the Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Trust Indenture Act”).

At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto became effective and at each Representation Date, the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (i) complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act, and (ii) did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to

state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. At the date of the Prospectus and at the Closing Date, neither the Prospectus nor any amendments or supplements thereto included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment or the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any of the Underwriters through the Representatives expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

Each Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, at the time each was filed with the SEC, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, and the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Notes will, at the time of such delivery, be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

- b) *Disclosure Package*. The term “Disclosure Package” shall mean (i) the Preliminary Prospectus dated April 2, 2020, (ii) the issuer free writing prospectuses as defined in Rule 433 of the Securities Act (each, an “Issuer Free Writing Prospectus”), if any, identified in Annex I hereto and (iii) any other free writing prospectus that the parties hereto shall hereafter expressly agree in writing to treat as part of the Disclosure Package. As of the Initial Sale Time, the Disclosure Package did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

- c) *Incorporated Documents*. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus (i) at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and (ii) when read together with the other information in the Disclosure Package, at the Initial Sale Time, and when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, at the date of the Prospectus and at the Closing Date, did not or will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

- d) *Company is a Well-Known Seasoned Issuer*. (i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement, (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), (iii) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c) of the Securities Act) made any offer relating to the Notes in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163 of the Securities Act, and (iv) as of the Execution Time, the Company was and is a “well known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. The Registration Statement is an “automatic shelf registration statement,” as defined in Rule 405

of the Securities Act, that automatically became effective not more than three years prior to the Execution Time; the Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the Securities Act objecting to use of the automatic shelf registration statement form and the Company has not otherwise ceased to be eligible to use the automatic shelf registration form.

- e) *Company is not an Ineligible Issuer.* (i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement and (ii) as of the Execution Time (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (ii)), the Company was not and is not an Ineligible Issuer (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act), without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 of the Securities Act that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an Ineligible Issuer.
- f) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.* Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the offering of Notes under this Agreement or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representatives as described in the next sentence, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus the Company has promptly notified or will promptly notify the Representatives and has promptly amended or supplemented or will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict. The foregoing two sentences do not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.
- g) *Distribution of Offering Material By the Company.* The Company has not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the Closing Date and the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Notes, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus reviewed and consented to by the Representatives and included in Annex I hereto or any electronic road show or other written communications reviewed and consented to by the Representatives and listed on Annex II hereto (each a, "Company Additional Written Communication"). Each such Company Additional Written Communication, when taken together with the Disclosure Package, did not, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Company Additional Written Communication based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter through the Representatives consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.
- h) *No Applicable Registration or Other Similar Rights.* There are no persons with registration or other similar rights to have any equity or debt securities registered for sale under the Registration

Statement or included in the offering contemplated by this Agreement, except for such rights as have been duly waived.

- i) *The Underwriting Agreement.* This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- j) *Authorization of the Indenture.* The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and qualified under the Trust Indenture Act and constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles.
- k) *Authorization of the Notes.* The Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company are in the form contemplated by the Indenture, have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture and, at the Closing Date, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
- l) *Description of the Notes and the Indenture.* The Notes and the Indenture conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- m) *Accuracy of Statements.* The statements in each of the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the captions “Description of Debt Securities,” “Description of the Notes” and “Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations,” in each case insofar as such statements constitute a summary of the legal matters, documents or proceedings referred to therein, fairly present and summarize, in all material respects, the matters referred to therein.
- n) *No Material Adverse Change.* Except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Disclosure Package, (i) except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined below) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree and (ii) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the business, properties, results of operations or prospects, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one entity (any such change is called a “Material Adverse Change”).
- o) *Independent Accountants.* Deloitte & Touche LLP, who have expressed their opinion with respect to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended February 1, 2020, February 2, 2019 and February 3, 2018 incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, are independent public accountants with respect to the Company as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and are an independent public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

- p) *Preparation of the Financial Statements.* The financial statements together with the related notes thereto incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of and at the dates indicated and the results of their operations and cash flows for the periods specified. Such financial statements comply as to form with the accounting requirements of the Securities Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied in the United States applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may be expressly stated in the related notes thereto. The selected financial data and the summary financial information (if any) included in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto.
- q) *Incorporation and Good Standing of the Company and its Subsidiaries.* Each of the Company and its significant subsidiaries (as defined in Rule 1-02(10) of Regulation S-X, the “Significant Subsidiaries”) has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has corporate power and authority to own or lease, as the case may be, and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and, in the case of the Company, to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Company has no Significant Subsidiaries other than the subsidiaries listed on Exhibit 21 to the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2020. Each of the Company and each such subsidiary is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect (i) on the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the business, properties, results of operations or prospects, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as one entity or (ii) the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under, and consummate the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes (each, a “Material Adverse Effect”). All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of each such subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance or claim.
- r) *Capitalization and Other Capital Stock Matters.* The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Capitalization” (other than for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to employee benefit plans described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or upon exercise of outstanding options described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as the case may be).
- s) *Non-Contravention of Existing Instruments; No Further Authorizations or Approvals Required.* Neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its certificate of incorporation, articles of incorporation, bylaws or other charter documents or (ii) in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would be in default) (“Default”) under any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a

party or by which it or any of them may be bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (each, an “Existing Instrument”) or (iii) in violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties, as applicable, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for such Defaults or violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company’s execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, by the Disclosure Package and by the Prospectus (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company, or of the charter documents of any of its subsidiaries, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or a Default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any Existing Instrument, and (iii) will not result in any violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties, except for such except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for such conflicts, violations, breaches, Defaults, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency is required for the Company’s execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, by the Disclosure Package or by the Prospectus, except such as have been obtained or made by the Company and are in full force and effect under the Securities Act, applicable state securities or blue sky laws and from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (the “FINRA”). As used herein, a “Debt Repayment Triggering Event” means any event or condition which gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both would give, the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder’s behalf) issued by the Company, the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

- t) *No Material Actions or Proceedings.* Except as disclosed in the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package, there are no legal or governmental actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the Company’s knowledge, threatened (i) against or affecting the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) which has as the subject thereof any officer or director of, or property owned or leased by, the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iii) relating to environmental or discrimination matters pertaining to the Company or its subsidiaries, where any such action, suit or proceeding, if determined adversely, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- u) *Labor Matters.* None of the Company or the Company’s subsidiaries is involved in any strike, job action or labor dispute with any group of employees that would, individually or on the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and to the Company’s knowledge, no such action or dispute is threatened.
- v) *Intellectual Property Rights.* Except as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, to the Company’s knowledge, the Company or its subsidiaries own or possess a valid right to use all patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how and other intellectual property (collectively, the “Intellectual Property”) used by the Company or its subsidiaries in, and material to, the conduct of the Company’s or its subsidiaries’ business as now

conducted or as proposed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to be conducted, and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted Intellectual Property rights of any third party, which individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a Material Adverse Effect.

- w) *All Necessary Permits, etc.* Except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, the Company and each Significant Subsidiary possess all consents, licenses, certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory authorities that are necessary to conduct their respective businesses. Neither the Company nor any Significant Subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization, permit, license, approval, consent or other authorization which, individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- x) *Title to Properties.* Except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and each of its subsidiaries has good and marketable title to all the properties reflected as owned in the financial statements referred to in Section 1(p) above (or elsewhere in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus), in each case free and clear of any security interests, liens, encumbrances, equities, claims and other defects, except such as do not materially and adversely affect the value of such property and do not materially interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property by the Company or such subsidiary. The property and buildings held under lease by the Company or any subsidiary are held under valid and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not materially interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property or buildings by the Company or such subsidiary.
- y) *Tax Law Compliance.* The Company and its subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise tax returns in a timely manner and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, except for any taxes, assessments, fines or penalties as are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings, and except where a failure to make such filings or payments would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made appropriate provisions in the applicable financial statements referred to in Section 1(p) above in respect of all federal, state, local and foreign income and franchise taxes for all current or prior periods as to which the tax liability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has not been finally determined.
- z) *Company Not an Investment Company.* The Company has been advised of the rules and requirements under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the “Investment Company Act”). The Company is not, and after receipt of payment for the Notes and the application of the proceeds thereof as contemplated under the caption “Use of Proceeds” in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will not be, required to register as an “investment company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.
- aa) *Insurance.* The Company and its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; and neither the Company nor any such subsidiary has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for. The Company has no reason to believe that it or any subsidiary will not be able (i) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (ii) to obtain similar coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary

to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

- ab) *No Price Stabilization or Manipulation.* The Company has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed or would be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes.
- ac) *Related Party Transactions.* There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any subsidiary or any other person required to be described in the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus that have not been described as required.
- ad) *No Unlawful Contributions or Other Payments.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any agent, affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken an act in furtherance of an offer, promise or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or benefit from corporate funds to any foreign or domestic government or regulatory official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, rules or regulations; or (iv) made, offered, agreed, requested or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe or other unlawful benefit, including, without limitation, any rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful or improper payment or benefit. The Company and its subsidiaries have instituted, maintain and enforce, and will continue to maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to promote and ensure compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.
- ae) *No Conflict with Money Laundering Laws.* The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any governmental or regulatory agency (collectively, the “Anti-Money Laundering Laws”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental or regulatory agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.
- af) *No Conflict with OFAC Laws.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer or employee of the Company or any agent, or affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject or the target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Government, (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“OFAC”) or the U.S. Department of State and including, without limitation, the designation as a “specially designated national” or “blocked person”), or other sanctions authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, “Sanctions”), nor is the Company or any of its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or the target of Sanctions (each, a “Sanctioned Country”);

and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business with any person that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject or the target of Sanctions, (ii) to fund or facilitate any activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country in violation of Sanctions or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, initial purchaser, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. For the past 5 years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, and are not now knowingly engaged in, any dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject or the target of Sanctions or with any Sanctioned Country in violation of Sanctions.

- ag) *Compliance with Environmental Laws.* Except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (“Environmental Laws”), (ii) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses, (iii) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval, and (iv) are not subject to any claims or liabilities arising out of the release of or exposure to wastes, pollutants or contaminants, and are not aware of any facts or circumstances which would form a reasonable basis for any such claim.
- ah) *ERISA Compliance.* Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (“ERISA”); no “reportable event” (as defined in ERISA) has occurred with respect to any “pension plan” (as defined in ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA for which the Company would have any material liability; the Company has not incurred and does not expect to incur any liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any such “pension plan” or (ii) Sections 412 or 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (the “Code”) which, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and each “pension plan” for which the Company would have any liability that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects, and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.
- ai) *Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance.* There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company’s directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.
- aj) *Internal Controls and Procedures.* The Company maintains internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with

the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the Company's most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness or significant deficiencies in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

- ak) *Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act; and such disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries is made known to the Company's management (including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer) by others within those entities; and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.
- al) *Information Technology Matters.* (i) There has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise of or relating to the Company's or its subsidiaries' information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its subsidiaries, and any such data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "IT Systems and Data") except such as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) the Company and its subsidiaries have not been notified of, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in, any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data, in each case that would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; (iii) the Company and its subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable measures consistent with industry standards and practices to maintain and protect, in all material respects, the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data reasonably consistent with industry standards and practices, or as required by applicable regulatory standards and (iv) the Company and its subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all applicable judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except where the failure to be so in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters set forth therein.

Section 2. *Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Notes.*

- a) *The Notes.* The Company agrees to issue and sell to the several Underwriters, severally and not jointly, all of the Notes upon the terms herein set forth. On the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms but subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the aggregate principal amounts of Notes set forth opposite their names on Schedule A at a purchase price of 99.266% of the principal amount of the 2025 Notes, a purchase price of 98.907%

of the principal amount of the 2027 Notes, a purchase price of 98.830% of the principal amount of the 2030 Notes and a purchase price of 98.044% of the principal amount of the 2050 Notes, plus, in each case, accrued interest, if any, from April 6, to the Closing Date, payable on the Closing Date.

- b) *The Closing Date.* Delivery of one or more certificates for the Notes in global form to be purchased by the Underwriters shall be made at the offices of Mayer Brown LLP at 71 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and the Representatives) at 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on April 6, 2020, or such other time and date as the Underwriters and the Company shall mutually agree (the time and date of such closing are called the “Closing Date”).
- c) *Public Offering of the Notes.* The Representatives hereby advise the Company that the Underwriters intend to offer for sale to the public, as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, their respective portions of the Notes as soon after the Execution Time as the Representatives, in their sole judgment, have determined is advisable and practicable.
- d) *Payment for the Notes.* Payment for the Notes shall be made at the Closing Date by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the order of the Company.

It is understood that the Representatives have been authorized, for their own accounts and for the accounts of the several Underwriters, to accept delivery of and receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Notes that the Underwriters have agreed to purchase. The Representatives may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment for any Notes to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds shall not have been received by the Representatives by the Closing Date for the account of such Underwriter, but any such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from any of its obligations under this Agreement.

- e) *Delivery of the Notes.* The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Representatives for the accounts of the several Underwriters, certificates for the Notes at the Closing Date, against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The certificates for the Notes shall be in such denominations and registered in such names as the Representatives shall have requested at least two full business days prior to the Closing Date, and shall be made available for inspection on the business day preceding the Closing Date at a location in New York City, as the Representatives may designate. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters.

Section 3. *Covenants of the Company.*

The Company covenants and agrees with each Underwriter as follows:

- a) *Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests.* The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430B of the Securities Act, and will promptly notify the Representatives, and confirm the notice in writing, of (i) the effectiveness during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as defined below) of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or the filing of any supplement or amendment to the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, (ii) the receipt of any comments from the Commission during the Prospectus Delivery Period, (iii) any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or

suspending the use of the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Notes for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company will promptly effect the filings necessary pursuant to Rule 424 and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424 were received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that either was not, the Company will promptly file such document. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

- b) *Filing of Amendments.* During such period beginning on the date of this Agreement and ending on the later of the Closing Date or such date as, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, the Prospectus is no longer required by law to be delivered in connection with sales of the Notes by an Underwriter or dealer, including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 of the Securities Act (the “Prospectus Delivery Period”), the Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to file or use any amendment to the Registration Statement, or any amendment, supplement or revision to the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object.
- c) *Delivery of Registration Statements.* The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (including copies of exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also deliver to the Representatives, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- d) *Delivery of Prospectuses.* The Company will deliver to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of the Preliminary Prospectus as such Underwriter may reasonably request, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the Securities Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the Prospectus Delivery Period, such number of copies of the Prospectus as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to any electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- e) *Continued Compliance with Securities Laws.* The Company will comply with the Securities Act and the Exchange Act so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Notes as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. If at any time during the Prospectus Delivery Period, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order that the

Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at the Initial Sale Time or at the time of delivery or conveyance to a purchaser, not misleading, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of either such counsel, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of any law, the Company will (1) notify the Representatives of any such event, development or condition and (2) promptly prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 3(b) hereof, such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with such law, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters, without charge, such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

- f) *Blue Sky Compliance.* The Company shall cooperate with the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters to qualify or register the Notes for sale under (or obtain exemptions from the application of) the state securities or blue sky laws of those jurisdictions designated by the Representatives, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Notes. The Company shall not be required to qualify to transact business or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign business. The Company will advise the Representatives promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Notes for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.
- g) *Use of Proceeds.* The Company shall apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes sold by it in the manner described under the caption “Use of Proceeds” in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus.
- h) *Depository.* The Company will cooperate with the Underwriters and use its reasonable best efforts to permit the Notes to be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of the Depository.
- i) *Periodic Reporting Obligations.* During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company shall file, on a timely basis, with the Commission and the Nasdaq Global Select Market all reports and documents required to be filed under the Exchange Act.
- j) *Agreement Not to Offer or Sell Additional Securities.* During the period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the Closing Date, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representatives (which consent may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Representatives), directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or establish an open “put equivalent position” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer, or announce the offering of, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act in respect of, any debt securities of the Company similar to the Notes or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities similar to the Notes (other than as contemplated by this Agreement with respect to the Notes).
- k) *Final Term Sheet.* The Company will prepare a final term sheet containing only a description of the Notes, in a form approved by the Underwriters and attached as Exhibit B hereto, and will file

such term sheet pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act within the time required by such rule (such term sheet, the “Final Term Sheet”). Any such Final Term Sheet is an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus for purposes of this Agreement.

- l) *Permitted Free Writing Prospectuses.* The Company represents that it has not made, and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make, any offer relating to the Notes that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433 of the Securities Act; provided that the prior written consent of the Representatives shall be deemed to have been given in respect of any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses included in Annex I to this Agreement. Any such free writing prospectus consented to or deemed to be consented to by the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a “Permitted Free Writing Prospectus.” The Company agrees that (i) it has treated and will treat, as the case may be, each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and (ii) has complied and will comply, as the case may be, with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 of the Securities Act applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record keeping. The Company consents to the use by any Underwriter of a free writing prospectus that (a) is not an “issuer free writing prospectus” as defined in Rule 433, and (b) contains only (i) information describing the preliminary terms of the Notes or their offering, (ii) information permitted by Rule 134 under the Securities Act or (iii) information that describes the final terms of the Notes or their offering and that is included in the Final Term Sheet of the Company contemplated in Section 3(k).
- m) *Registration Statement Renewal Deadline.* If immediately prior to the third anniversary (the “Renewal Deadline”) of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, any of the Notes remain unsold by the Underwriters, the Company will file prior to the Renewal Deadline, following written request from one or more of the Underwriters, if it has not already done so and is eligible to do so, a new automatic shelf registration statement relating to the Notes, in a form satisfactory to the Representatives. If immediately prior to the Renewal Deadline any of the Notes remain unsold by the Underwriters and the Company is no longer eligible to file an automatic shelf registration statement, the Company will file, prior to the Renewal Deadline, following written request from one or more of the Underwriters, if it has not already done so, a new shelf registration statement relating to the Notes, in a form satisfactory to the Representatives, and will use its best efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 60 days after the Renewal Deadline. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Notes to continue as contemplated in the expired registration statement relating to the Notes. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include such new automatic shelf registration statement or such new shelf registration statement, as the case may be.
- n) *Notice of Inability to Use Automatic Shelf Registration Statement Form.* If at any time during the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company receives from the Commission a notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or otherwise ceases to be eligible to use the automatic shelf registration statement form, the Company will (i) promptly notify the Representatives, (ii) promptly file a new registration statement or post-effective amendment on the proper form relating to the Notes, in a form satisfactory to the Representatives, (iii) use its reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement or post-effective amendment to be declared effective and (iv) promptly notify the Representatives of such effectiveness. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Notes to continue as contemplated in the registration statement that was the subject of the Rule 401(g)(2) notice or for which the Company

has otherwise become ineligible. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include such new registration statement or post-effective amendment, as the case may be.

- o) *Filing Fees.* The Company agrees to pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Notes within the time required by and in accordance with Rule 456(b)(1) and 457(r) of the Securities Act.
- p) *Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act.* During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will comply with all applicable securities and other laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Company's directors and officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- q) *No Manipulation of Price.* The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Notes.

The Representatives, on behalf of the several Underwriters, may, in their sole discretion, waive in writing the performance by the Company of any one or more of the foregoing covenants or extend the time for their performance.

Section 4. *Payment of Expenses.* The Company agrees to pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including without limitation (i) all expenses incident to the issuance and delivery of the Notes (including all printing and engraving costs), (ii) all necessary issue, transfer and other stamp taxes in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes, (iii) all fees and expenses of the Company's counsel, independent registered public accountants and other advisors to the Company, (iv) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, filing, shipping and distribution of the Registration Statement (including financial statements, exhibits, schedules, consents and certificates of experts), each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, and all amendments and supplements thereto, and this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes, (v) all filing fees, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Company or the Underwriters in connection with qualifying or registering (or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Notes for offer and sale under the state securities or blue sky laws, and, if requested by the Representatives, preparing a "Blue Sky Survey" or memorandum, and any supplements thereto, advising the Underwriters of such qualifications, registrations and exemptions, (vi) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review, if any, by the FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Notes, (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Notes, (viii) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Notes with the ratings agencies, (ix) all fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) of the Company in connection with approval of the Notes by the Depositary for "book-entry" transfer, (x) all other fees, costs and expenses referred to in Item 14 of Part II of the Registration Statement, and (xi) all other fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section. Except as provided in this Section 4 and Sections 6, 8 and 9 hereof, the Underwriters shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

Section 5. *Conditions of the Obligations of the Underwriters.* The obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase and pay for the Notes as provided herein on the Closing Date shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company set forth in Section 1 hereof

as of the date hereof, as of the Initial Sale Time, and as of the Closing Date as though then made and to the timely performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

- a) *Effectiveness of Registration Statement.* The Registration Statement shall have become effective under the Securities Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or be pending or threatened by the Commission, any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters and the Company shall not have received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the Securities Act objecting to use of the automatic shelf registration statement form. The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b) (or any required post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A).
- b) *Accountants' Comfort Letter.* On the date hereof, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accountants for the Company, a letter dated the date hereof addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives with respect to the audited and unaudited financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus.
- c) *Bring-down Comfort Letter.* On the Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent public or certified public accountants for the Company, a letter dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished by them pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 5, except that the specified date referred to therein for the carrying out of procedures shall be no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.
- d) *No Material Adverse Change or Ratings Agency Change.* For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:
 - (i) in the judgment of the Representatives there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change;
 - (ii) there shall not have been any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (c) of this Section 5 which is, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Notes as contemplated by the Prospectus; and
 - (iii) there shall not have occurred any downgrading in or withdrawal of, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or withdrawal or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, the rating accorded any securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as such term is defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.
- e) *Opinion of Counsel for the Company.* On the Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion and negative assurance letter of DLA Piper LLP (US), counsel for the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, substantially in the form of which is attached as Exhibit A.

- f) *Opinion of Counsel for the Underwriters.* On the Closing Date, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion of Mayer Brown LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated as of such Closing Date, with respect to such matters as may be reasonably requested by the Underwriters.
- g) *Officers' Certificate.* On the Closing Date, the Representative shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or a Senior Vice President of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, to the effect that:

(i) the Company has received no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission;

(ii) the Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the Securities Act objecting to use of the automatic shelf registration statement form;

(iii) the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of such Closing Date; and

(iv) the Company has complied with all the agreements hereunder and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date.

- h) *Additional Documents.* On or before the Closing Date, the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Notes as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Sections 4, 6, 8, 9 and 17 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

Section 6. *Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses.* If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives pursuant to Section 5 or 11, or if the sale to the Underwriters of the Notes on the Closing Date is not consummated because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Representatives and the other Underwriters (or such Underwriters as have terminated this Agreement with respect to themselves), severally, upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been reasonably incurred by the Representatives and the Underwriters in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Notes, including but not limited to fees and disbursements of counsel, printing expenses, travel expenses, postage, facsimile and telephone charges.

Section 7. *Effectiveness of this Agreement.* This Agreement shall not become effective until the execution of this Agreement by the parties hereto.

Section 8. *Indemnification.*

(a) *Indemnification of the Underwriters.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its directors, officers, employees, affiliates and agents, and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which such Underwriter or such director, officer, employee, affiliate, agent or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based (i) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment thereto, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; or (ii) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Company Additional Written Communication, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and to reimburse each Underwriter and each such director, officer, employee, affiliate, agent and controlling person for any and all expenses (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by such Underwriter or such director, officer, employee, affiliate, agent or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action; *provided, however*, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent, but only to the extent, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any Company Additional Written Communication, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto). The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(a) shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have.

(b) *Indemnification of the Company, its Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which the Company or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of such Underwriter), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based (i) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment thereto, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; or (ii) upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Company Additional Written Communication, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, any Company Additional Written Communication, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use

therein; and to reimburse the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person for any legal and other expense reasonably incurred by the Company, or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action. The Company hereby acknowledges that the only information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any Company Additional Written Communication, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) are the statements set forth in the third, seventh, eighth and ninth paragraphs under the caption "Underwriting" and the third sentence of the sixth paragraph under the caption "Underwriting" in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus. The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(b) shall be in addition to any liabilities that each Underwriter may otherwise have.

(c) *Notifications and Other Indemnification Procedures.* Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof, but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party for contribution or otherwise than under the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 8 or to the extent it is not prejudiced as a proximate result of such failure. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and such indemnified party seeks or intends to seek indemnity from an indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in, and, to the extent that it shall elect, jointly with all other indemnifying parties similarly notified, by written notice delivered to the indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, such indemnified party shall have the right to employ its own counsel in any such action and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party, unless: (i) the employment of such counsel has been specifically authorized in writing by the indemnifying party; (ii) the indemnifying party has failed promptly to assume the defense and employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party; or (iii) the named parties to any such action (including any impleaded parties) include both such indemnified party and the indemnifying party or any affiliate of the indemnifying party, and such indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that either (x) there may be one or more legal defenses available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party or such affiliate of the indemnifying party or (y) a conflict may exist between such indemnified party and the indemnifying party or such affiliate of the indemnifying party (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any one such action or separate but substantially similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys (in addition to a single firm of local counsel) for all such indemnified parties, which firm shall be designated in writing by the Representatives and that all such reasonable fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred). Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of such indemnifying party's election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence, in which case the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) *Settlements.* The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to

reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by Section 8(c) hereof, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity was or could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

Section 9. *Contribution.* If the indemnification provided for in Section 8 is for any reason held to be unavailable to or otherwise insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount paid or payable by such indemnified party, as incurred, as a result of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the front cover page of the Prospectus bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Notes as set forth on such cover. The relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company, on the one hand, or the Underwriters, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 8(c), any reasonable legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 9.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commissions received by such Underwriter in connection with the Notes underwritten by it and distributed to the public. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters'

obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several, and not joint, in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments as set forth opposite their names in Schedule A. For purposes of this Section 9, each director, officer, employee, affiliate and agent of an Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company with the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

Section 10. *Default of One or More of the Several Underwriters.* If, on the Closing Date, any one or more of the several Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Notes that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate principal amount of Notes, which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated, severally, in the proportion to the aggregate principal amounts of such Notes set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A bears to the aggregate principal amount of such Notes set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Representatives with the consent of the non-defaulting Underwriters, to purchase such Notes which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date. If, on the Closing Date, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase such Notes and the aggregate principal amount of such Notes with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company for the purchase of such Notes are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 4, 6, 8, 9 and 17 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case, either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term “Underwriter” shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Underwriter under this Section 10. Any action taken under this Section 10 shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

Section 11. *Termination of this Agreement.* Prior to the Closing Date, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice given to the Company if at any time (i) trading or quotation in any of the Company’s securities shall have been suspended or limited by the Commission or the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or trading in securities generally on either the New York Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Global Select Market shall have been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established on any of such stock exchanges by the Commission or FINRA; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by any federal or New York authorities; (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or any crisis or calamity involving the United States, or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States’ or international political, financial or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representatives is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to market the Notes in the manner and on the terms described in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities; (iv) in the judgment of the Representatives there shall have occurred any Material Adverse Change; or (v) there shall have occurred a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services. Any termination pursuant to this Section 11 shall be without liability of

any party to any other party except as provided in Sections 4 and 6 hereof, and provided further that Sections 4, 6, 8, 9 and 17 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. *No Fiduciary Duty.* The Company acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the purchase and sale of the Notes pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Notes and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in connection with each transaction contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary of the Company or its affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other party; (iii) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the several Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company and that the several Underwriters have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the several Underwriters with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the several Underwriters (in such capacity) with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

Section 13. *Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery.* The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, of its officers and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement (i) will remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of any (A) investigation, or statement as to the results thereof, made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, the officers or employees of any Underwriter, or any person controlling the Underwriter, the Company, the officers or employees of the Company, or any person controlling the Company, as the case may be or (B) acceptance of the Notes and payment for them hereunder and (ii) will survive delivery of and payment for the Notes sold hereunder and any termination of this Agreement; provided that, with respect to a termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 11 of this Agreement, such indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements shall survive to the extent provided in the last sentence of said Section 11.

Section 14. *Notices.* All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered or telecopied and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Representatives:

BofA Securities, Inc.
50 Rockefeller Plaza, NY1-050-12-02
New York, New York 10020
Facsimile: 646-855-5958
Attention: High Grade Transaction Management/Legal

and

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10179
Facsimile: 212-834-6081
Attention: High Grade Syndicate Desk, 3rd Floor

with a copy to:
Mayer Brown LLP
71 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
Facsimile: 312-706-8106
Attention: Edward S. Best

If to the Company:

Ross Stores, Inc.
5130 Hacienda Drive
Dublin, CA 94568
Facsimile: 925-965-4189
Attention: General Counsel

with a copy to:
DLA Piper LLP (US)
1251 Avenue of the Americas, 27th Floor
New York, NY 10020
Facsimile: 212-884-8692
Attention: Jamie Knox

Any party hereto may change the address for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

Section 15. *Successors.* This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, including any substitute Underwriters pursuant to Section 10 hereof, and to the benefit of the directors, officers, employees, affiliates, agents and controlling persons referred to in Sections 8 and 9, and in each case their respective successors, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. The term “successors” shall not include any purchaser of the Notes as such from any of the Underwriters merely by reason of such purchase.

Section 16. *Partial Unenforceability.* The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

Section 17. *Governing Law Provisions.* THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN THAT STATE.

(a) *Consent to Jurisdiction.* Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (“Related Proceedings”) may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan, or the courts of the State of New York in each case located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan (collectively, the “Specified Courts”), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court (a “Related Judgment”), as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail to such party’s address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

Section 18. Trial by Jury. THE COMPANY (ON ITS BEHALF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ON BEHALF OF ITS STOCKHOLDERS AND AFFILIATES) AND EACH OF THE UNDERWRITERS HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 19. Research Analyst Independence. The Company acknowledges that the Underwriters’ research analysts and research departments are required to be independent from their respective investment banking divisions and are subject to certain regulations and internal policies, and that such Underwriters’ research analysts may hold views and make statements or investment recommendations and/or publish research reports with respect to the Company, its subsidiaries and/or the offering of the Notes that differ from the views of their respective investment banking divisions. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the Underwriters with respect to any conflict of interest that may arise from the fact that the views expressed by their independent research analysts and research departments may be different from or inconsistent with the views or advice communicated to the Company by such Underwriters’ investment banking divisions. The Company acknowledges that each of the Underwriters is a full service securities firm and as such from time to time, subject to applicable securities laws, may effect transactions for its own account or the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in debt or equity securities of the companies that may be the subject of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 20. *General Provisions.* This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The Section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it is a sophisticated business person who was adequately represented by counsel during negotiations regarding the provisions hereof, including, without limitation, the indemnification provisions of Section 8 and the contribution provisions of Section 9, and is fully informed regarding said provisions. Each of the parties hereto further acknowledges that the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereto fairly allocate the risks in light of the ability of the parties to investigate the Company, its affairs and its business in order to assure that adequate disclosure has been made in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendments and supplements thereto), as required by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

Section 21. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

- a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.
- b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.
- c) As used in this Section 21:

“BHC Act Affiliate” has the meaning assigned to the term “affiliate” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k).

“Covered Entity” means any of the following: (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

“U.S. Special Resolution Regime” means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

[Signature Page Follows]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: /s/ Travis Marquette

Name: Travis Marquette

Title: Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing Underwriting Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Representatives as of the date first above written.

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.
J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

Acting as Representatives of the several Underwriters named in the attached Schedule A.

By: BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Sandeep Chawla
Name: Sandeep Chawla
Title: Managing Director

By: J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC
By: /s/ Robert Bottamedi
Name: Robert Bottamedi
Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE A

Underwriters	Aggregate Principal Amount of 2025 Notes to be Purchased	Aggregate Principal Amount of 2027 Notes to be Purchased	Aggregate Principal Amount of 2030 Notes to be Purchased	Aggregate Principal Amount of 2050 Notes to be Purchased
BofA Securities, Inc.....	\$ 213,500,000	\$ 122,000,000	\$ 122,000,000	\$ 152,500,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$ 203,000,000	\$ 116,000,000	\$ 116,000,000	\$ 145,000,000
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.....	\$ 119,000,000	\$ 68,000,000	\$ 68,000,000	\$ 85,000,000
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.....	\$ 112,000,000	\$ 64,000,000	\$ 64,000,000	\$ 80,000,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.....	\$ 52,500,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 37,500,000
Total.....	<u>\$ 700,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 400,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 400,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000,000</u>

ANNEX I

Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses

Final Term Sheet dated April 2, 2020

ANNEX II

Company Additional Written Communication

Electronic (Netroadshow) road show of the Company relating to the offering of the Notes dated April 2020.

EXHIBIT A

Form of Opinion of DLA Piper LLP (US)

EXHIBIT B

Supplementing the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement
dated April 2, 2020 (To Prospectus dated April 2, 2020)

\$2,000,000,000

ROSS STORES, INC.

\$700,000,000 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025

\$400,000,000 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027

\$400,000,000 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030

\$500,000,000 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050

Pricing Term Sheet

April 2, 2020

Issuer:	Ross Stores, Inc.
Offering Format:	SEC Registered
Trade Date:	April 2, 2020
Settlement Date:	April 6, 2020 (T+2)
Joint Book-Running Managers:	BofA Securities, Inc. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC MUFG Securities Americas Inc. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.
Co-Manager:	SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

	<u>2025 Notes</u>	<u>2027 Notes</u>	<u>2030 Notes</u>	<u>2050 Notes</u>
Principal Amount:	\$700,000,000	\$400,000,000	\$400,000,000	\$500,000,000
Maturity Date:	April 15, 2025	April 15, 2027	April 15, 2030	April 15, 2050
Coupon (Interest Rate):	4.600%	4.700%	4.800%	5.450%
Interest Payment Dates:	Semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, beginning on October 15, 2020	Semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, beginning on October 15, 2020	Semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, beginning on October 15, 2020	Semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, beginning on October 15, 2020
Benchmark Treasury:	UST 0.500% due March 31, 2025	UST 0.625% due March 31, 2027	UST 1.500% due February 15, 2030	UST 2.375% due November 15, 2049
Benchmark Treasury Price/Yield:	100-19; 0.380%	100-21; 0.529%	108-14+; 0.616%	127-03; 1.274%
Spread to Benchmark Treasury:	4.250% (425 basis points)	4.250% (425 basis points)	4.250% (425 basis points)	4.250% (425 basis points)
Yield to Maturity:	4.630%	4.779%	4.866%	5.524%
Price to Public:	99.866%	99.532%	99.480%	98.919%
Make-Whole Call:	Prior to March 15, 2025, T+50 basis points	Prior to February 15, 2027, T+50 basis points	Prior to January 15, 2030, T+50 basis points	Prior to October 15, 2049, T+50 basis points
Par Call:	On or after March 15, 2025	On or after February 15, 2027	On or after January 15, 2030	On or after October 15, 2049
Change of Control:	If the Issuer experiences a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement), it will be required, unless it has exercised the right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date.	If the Issuer experiences a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement), it will be required, unless it has exercised the right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date.	If the Issuer experiences a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement), it will be required, unless it has exercised the right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date.	If the Issuer experiences a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement), it will be required, unless it has exercised the right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date.
CUSIP/ISIN:	778296 AB9 / US778296AB92	778296 AC7 / US778296AC75	778296 AD5 / US778296AD58	778296 AE3 / US778296AE32

Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, BofA Securities, Inc. or J.P. Morgan Securities LLC can arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling BofA Securities, Inc. at 1-800-294-1322 or J.P. Morgan Securities LLC collect at 1-212-834-4533.

**ROSS STORES, INC.
OFFICERS' CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, Travis Marquette, Group Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Brandon Dieffenbach, Group Vice President, FP&A and Treasury, of Ross Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), pursuant to resolutions (the "Resolutions") of the Board of Directors of the Company adopted on March 30 and April 1, 2020, pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.3 of the indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the "Indenture"), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that there is hereby established four series of securities under the Indenture with the following terms:

(i) The securities are entitled 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"), 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027 (the "2027 Notes"), 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 (the "2030 Notes") and 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 (the "2050 Notes" and, together with the 2025 Notes, the 2027 Notes and the 2030 Notes, the "Securities").

(ii) The 2025 Notes are limited in aggregate principal amount to \$700,000,000 (except for 2025 Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2025 Notes pursuant to Sections 2.8, 2.9, 2.13 or 9.5 of the Indenture). The 2027 Notes are limited in aggregate principal amount to \$400,000,000 (except for 2027 Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2027 Notes pursuant to Sections 2.8, 2.9, 2.13 or 9.5 of the Indenture). The 2030 Notes are limited in aggregate principal amount to \$400,000,000 (except for 2030 Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2030 Notes pursuant to Sections 2.8, 2.9, 2.13 or 9.5 of the Indenture). The 2050 Notes are limited in aggregate principal amount to \$500,000,000 (except for 2050 Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other 2050 Notes pursuant to Sections 2.8, 2.9, 2.13 or 9.5 of the Indenture); provided the Company may, without the consent of holders of any series of the Securities, issue additional debt securities having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the applicable series of Securities, which additional debt securities together with the Securities of the applicable series will constitute a single series of debt securities under the Indenture.

(iii) The principal amount of the 2025 Notes will mature on April 15, 2025, subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to acceleration. The principal amount of the 2027 Notes will mature on April 15, 2027, subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to acceleration. The principal amount of the 2030 Notes will mature on April 15, 2030, subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to acceleration. The principal amount of the 2050 Notes will mature on April 15, 2050, subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to acceleration.

(iv) The Securities of each series will bear interest from April 6, 2020. The 2025 Notes will bear interest at the rate of 4.600% per annum, or as may be adjusted pursuant to the terms thereof. The 2027 Notes will bear interest at a rate of 4.700% per annum, or as may be adjusted pursuant to the terms thereof. The 2030 Notes will bear interest at a rate of 4.800% per annum, or as may be adjusted pursuant to the terms thereof. The 2050 Notes

will bear interest at a rate of 5.450% per annum or as may be adjusted pursuant to the terms hereof. Interest on the Securities of each series shall be payable on each April 15 and October 15, commencing October 15, 2020, to the holders of record of the Securities on the April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, preceding such April 15 or October 15. Interest on the Securities of each series will be computed on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30-day months.

(v) The principal of and interest on the Securities of each series will be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose, pursuant to the Indenture, in the United States, which shall be initially the corporate trust office of the Trustee; provided, however, that at the option of the Company, such payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the person entitled thereto as provided in the Indenture.

(vi) The Securities of each series initially will be represented by securities registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company. Except as set forth in the Indenture or in the prospectus supplement dated April 2, 2020 relating to the public offering of the Securities, the Securities will not be issuable in certificated form.

(vii) The 2025 Notes will be redeemable prior to maturity as described in Section 2 of the form of the 2025 Notes attached hereto. The 2027 Notes will be redeemable prior to maturity as described in Section 2 of the form of the 2027 Notes attached hereto. The 2030 Notes will be redeemable prior to maturity as described in Section 2 of the form of the 2030 Notes attached hereto. The 2050 Notes will be redeemable prior to maturity as described in Section 2 of the form of the 2050 Notes attached hereto.

(viii) The Securities of each series will be subject to repayment at the option of the holders as described in Section 3 of the form of each series of the Securities attached hereto.

(ix) The Securities shall be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(x) The Securities shall be defeasible pursuant to the Article VIII of the Indenture.

(xi) The Securities shall not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the form of the Securities attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given such terms in the Indenture.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto signed their names this 6th day of April, 2020.

By: /s/ Travis Marquette
Name: Travis Marquette
Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Brandon Dieffenbach
Name: Brandon Dieffenbach
Title: Group Vice President,
FP&A and Treasury

Officers' Certificate Establishing Series

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) (THE "DEPOSITORY") TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

REGISTERED REGISTERED

ROSS STORES, INC.

4.600% Senior Notes Due 2025

CUSIP NO. 778296 AB9
 ISIN NO. US778296AB92
 No. R-[●] US\$[●]

- ROSS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation (herein called the "Company," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of [●] MILLION DOLLARS (US\$[●]) on April 15, 2025, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest thereon semi-annually on each April 15 and October 15 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing October 15, 2020 and at maturity on said principal sum, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at the rate per annum specified in the title of this Security, from the April 15 and October 15, as the case may be, next preceding the date of this Security to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Security, or unless no interest has been paid on this Security, in which case from April 6, 2020, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Payments of such principal and interest shall be made at the office or agency of the Company in United States, which, subject to the right of the Company to vary or terminate the appointment of such agency, shall initially be at the principal office of U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111; provided, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Security register; provided, further that so long as CEDE & CO. or another nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of this Security payments of principal and interest will be made in immediately available funds through the Depository's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the date hereof is after April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, and before the following April 15 and October 15, this Security shall bear interest from such April 15 and October 15; provided, that if the Company shall default in the payment of interest due on such April 15 and October 15, then this Security shall bear interest from the next preceding April 15 and October 15, to which interest

has been paid or, if no interest has been paid on this Security, from April 6, 2020. The interest payable on any April 15 and October 15 will, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 (each a “Record Date”), as the case may be, next preceding such April 15 and October 15, and the interest payable at maturity will be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Security shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Trustee under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof.

[Signatures appear on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____
Name: Travis Marquette
Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 R-[●]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____
Name: Brandon Dieffenbach
Title: Group Vice President, FP&A and
Treasury

4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 R-[●]

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ROSS STORES, INC.

4.600% Senior Notes Due 2025

Section 1. General. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between Ross Stores, Inc. (the “Company”) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Security is one of the Securities of the series designated on the face hereof.

Section 2. Redemption; Sinking Fund. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) below, the Securities are not redeemable prior to maturity.

(b) The Securities are redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, in either case, prior to the Par Call Date at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities being redeemed on that redemption date; and

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date that would be due if the Securities to be redeemed matured on the Par Call Date, discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined below), plus 50 basis points,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or on or after the Par Call Date at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on Securities that are due and payable on interest payment dates falling on or prior to a redemption date will be payable on the Interest Payment Date to the registered Holders as of the close of business on the relevant Record Date according to this Security and the Indenture.

The Company shall calculate or cause the calculation of the redemption price and the Trustee shall have no duty to calculate or verify the Company’s calculations thereof.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term (as measured from the date of redemption) of the Securities to be redeemed (assuming the Securities matured on the Par Call Date) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Securities.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Company obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

“Par Call Date” means March 15, 2025.

“Quotation Agent” means any Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) each of BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (or their respective affiliates that are a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”) and (ii) two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

(c) The Securities will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Section 3. Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities as provided in Section 2 above, the Company will make an offer to each Holder of Securities to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder’s Securities at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities repurchased to the date of purchase.

(b) Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company’s option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after the public announcement of an impending Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase Securities on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Securities as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this Section 3, the Company will comply with the applicable

securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 3 by virtue of such conflict.

(d) On the Change of Control Triggering Event payment date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(i) accept for payment all Securities or portions of Securities (in integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered pursuant to the aforementioned offer;

(ii) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Securities or portions of Securities properly tendered; and

(iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities properly accepted, together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities being purchased by the Company.

(e) The paying agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Securities properly tendered the purchase price for the Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Securities surrendered; provided, that each new Security must be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(f) The Company will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

(g) The following terms for purposes of this Section 3 shall have the respective meanings specified below:

“Below Investment Grade Rating Event” means the Securities cease to be rated Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date during the period (the “Trigger Period”) commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as either of the Rating Agencies has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and those of its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then

outstanding number of shares of the Company's Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares;

(3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;

(4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company's Board of Directors cease to be Continuing Directors; or

(5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company's liquidation or dissolution.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company's Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the issuance of the Securities; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's) and a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors.

"Rating Agency" means (1) each of Moody's and S&P; and (2) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Securities or fails to make a rating of the Securities publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, selected by the Company as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, as the case may be.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global and its successors.

"Voting Stock" means, with respect to any person, capital stock of any class or kind the Holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

Section 4. Events of Default. If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.1 of the Indenture occurs, all then outstanding Securities will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default for the Securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities may, declare all of the Securities to be due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company and,

in case of a notice by Holders, also to the Trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration.

Section 5. Modifications and Waivers; Obligation of the Company Absolute. The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Security at the times, places and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

Section 6. Authorized Denominations. The Securities are issuable in registered form, without coupons, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth and to the limitations described below, if applicable, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

Section 7. Registration of Transfer. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security register upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the United States, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the securities registrar (which shall initially be the Trustee, U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111 (Attention: Global Corporate Trust Services) or at such other address as it may designate as its principal corporate trust office in the United States), duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Security is exchangeable only if (x) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for this Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (y) the Company in its sole discretion determines that this Security shall be exchangeable for certificated Securities in registered form or (z) an Event of Default, or an event which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would become an Event of Default, with respect to the Securities represented hereby has occurred and is continuing, provided that the definitive Securities so issued in exchange for this permanent Security shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof and be of like aggregate principal amount and tenor as the portion of this permanent Security to be exchanged, and provided further that, unless the Company agrees otherwise, Securities of this series in certificated registered form will be issued in exchange for this permanent Security, or any portion hereof, only if such Securities in certificated

registered form were requested by written notice to the Trustee or the Securities Registrar by or on behalf of a person who is beneficial owner of an interest hereof given through the Holder hereof. Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in this permanent Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Securities in certificated registered form and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Section 8. Owners. Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security is overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 9. No Recourse Against Certain Persons. No recourse for the payment of the principal or interest on this Security, or for any claim based hereon or otherwise in respect hereof, and no recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Company in the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture thereto or in any Security, or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation of either of them, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation of either of them, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule or law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being by the acceptance hereof and as a condition of and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

Section 10. Defeasance. The Indenture with respect to any series will be discharged and cancelled except for certain Sections thereof, subject to the terms of the Indenture, upon payment of all of the Securities of such series or upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee of cash or U.S. Government Obligations (or a combination thereof) sufficient for such payment in accordance with Article Ten of the Indenture.

Section 11. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. The Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Section 12. Defined Terms. All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common

TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - _____

(Minor)

Custodian _____

(Cust)

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act _____

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE

the within Security and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _____
_____ attorney to transfer said Security on the books of the Company, with full power of
substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON
THE FACE OF THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT
OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) (THE “DEPOSITORY”) TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

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ROSS STORES, INC.

4.700% Senior Notes Due 2027

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 No. R-1 US\$[●]

2. ROSS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of [●] MILLION DOLLARS (US\$[●]) on April 15, 2027, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest thereon semi-annually on each April 15 and October 15 (each an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing October 15, 2020 and at maturity on said principal sum, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at the rate per annum specified in the title of this Security, from the April 15 and October 15, as the case may be, next preceding the date of this Security to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Security, or unless no interest has been paid on this Security, in which case from April 6, 2020, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Payments of such principal and interest shall be made at the office or agency of the Company in United States, which, subject to the right of the Company to vary or terminate the appointment of such agency, shall initially be at the principal office of U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111; provided, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Security register; provided, further that so long as CEDE & CO. or another nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of this Security payments of principal and interest will be made in immediately available funds through the Depository's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the date hereof is after April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, and before the following April 15 and October 15, this Security shall bear interest from such April 15 and October 15; provided, that if the Company shall default in the payment of interest due on such April 15 and October 15, then this Security shall bear interest from the next preceding April 15 and October 15, to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid on this Security, from April 6, 2020. The interest

payable on any April 15 and October 15 will, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 (each a "Record Date"), as the case may be, next preceding such April 15 and October 15, and the interest payable at maturity will be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Security shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Trustee under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof.

[Signatures appear on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____
Name: Travis Marquette
Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Brandon Dieffenbach

Title: Group Vice President, FP&A and
Treasury

4.700% Senior Notes due 2027 R-[●]

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ROSS STORES, INC.

4.700% Senior Notes Due 2027

Section 1. General. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between Ross Stores, Inc. (the “Company”) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Security is one of the Securities of the series designated on the face hereof.

Section 2. Redemption; Sinking Fund. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) below, the Securities are not redeemable prior to maturity.

(b) The Securities are redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, in either case, prior to the Par Call Date at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities being redeemed on that redemption date; and

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date that would be due if the Securities to be redeemed matured on the Par Call Date, discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined below), plus 50 basis points,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or on or after the Par Call Date at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on Securities that are due and payable on interest payment dates falling on or prior to a redemption date will be payable on the Interest Payment Date to the registered Holders as of the close of business on the relevant Record Date according to this Security and the Indenture.

The Company shall calculate or cause the calculation of the redemption price and the Trustee shall have no duty to calculate or verify the Company’s calculations thereof.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term (as measured from the date of redemption) of the Securities to be redeemed (assuming the Securities matured on the Par Call Date) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Securities.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Company obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

“Par Call Date” means February 15, 2027.

“Quotation Agent” means any Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) each of BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (or their respective affiliates that are a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”) and (ii) two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

(c) The Securities will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Section 3. Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities as provided in Section 2 above, the Company will make an offer to each Holder of Securities to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder’s Securities at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities repurchased to the date of purchase.

(b) Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company’s option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after the public announcement of an impending Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase Securities on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Securities as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this Section 3, the Company will comply with the applicable

securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 3 by virtue of such conflict.

(d) On the Change of Control Triggering Event payment date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(i) accept for payment all Securities or portions of Securities (in integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered pursuant to the aforementioned offer;

(ii) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Securities or portions of Securities properly tendered; and

(iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities properly accepted, together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities being purchased by the Company.

(e) The paying agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Securities properly tendered the purchase price for the Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Securities surrendered; provided, that each new Security must be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(f) The Company will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

(g) The following terms for purposes of this Section 3 shall have the respective meanings specified below:

“Below Investment Grade Rating Event” means the Securities cease to be rated Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date during the period (the “Trigger Period”) commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as either of the Rating Agencies has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and those of its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the

Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of the Company's Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares;

(3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;

(4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company's Board of Directors cease to be Continuing Directors; or

(5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company's liquidation or dissolution.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company's Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the issuance of the Securities; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's) and a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors.

"Rating Agency" means (1) each of Moody's and S&P; and (2) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Securities or fails to make a rating of the Securities publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, selected by the Company as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, as the case may be.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global and its successors.

"Voting Stock" means, with respect to any person, capital stock of any class or kind the Holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

Section 4. Events of Default. If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.1 of the Indenture occurs, all then outstanding Securities will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default for the Securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities may, declare all of the Securities to be due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company and,

in case of a notice by Holders, also to the Trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration.

Section 5. Modifications and Waivers; Obligation of the Company Absolute. The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Security at the times, places and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

Section 6. Authorized Denominations. The Securities are issuable in registered form, without coupons, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth and to the limitations described below, if applicable, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

Section 7. Registration of Transfer. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security register upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the United States, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the securities registrar (which shall initially be the Trustee, U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111 (Attention: Global Corporate Trust Services) or at such other address as it may designate as its principal corporate trust office in the United States), duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Security is exchangeable only if (x) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for this Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (y) the Company in its sole discretion determines that this Security shall be exchangeable for certificated Securities in registered form or (z) an Event of Default, or an event which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would become an Event of Default, with respect to the Securities represented hereby has occurred and is continuing, provided that the definitive Securities so issued in exchange for this permanent Security shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof and be of like aggregate principal amount and tenor as the portion of this permanent Security to be exchanged, and provided further that, unless the Company agrees otherwise, Securities of this series in certificated registered form will be issued in exchange for this permanent Security, or any portion hereof, only if such Securities in certificated

registered form were requested by written notice to the Trustee or the Securities Registrar by or on behalf of a person who is beneficial owner of an interest hereof given through the Holder hereof. Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in this permanent Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Securities in certificated registered form and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Section 8. Owners. Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security is overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 9. No Recourse Against Certain Persons. No recourse for the payment of the principal or interest on this Security, or for any claim based hereon or otherwise in respect hereof, and no recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Company in the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture thereto or in any Security, or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation of either of them, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation of either of them, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule or law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being by the acceptance hereof and as a condition of and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

Section 10. Defeasance. The Indenture with respect to any series will be discharged and cancelled except for certain Sections thereof, subject to the terms of the Indenture, upon payment of all of the Securities of such series or upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee of cash or U.S. Government Obligations (or a combination thereof) sufficient for such payment in accordance with Article Ten of the Indenture.

Section 11. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. The Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Section 12. Defined Terms. All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common

TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - _____

(Minor)

Custodian _____

(Cust)

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act _____

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE

the within Security and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _____
_____ attorney to transfer said Security on the books of the Company, with full power of
substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON
THE FACE OF THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT
OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) (THE “DEPOSITORY”) TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

REGISTERED REGISTERED

ROSS STORES, INC.

4.800% Senior Notes Due 2030

CUSIP NO. 778296 AD5
 ISIN NO. US778296AD58
 No. R-1 US\$[●]

3. ROSS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of [●] MILLION DOLLARS (US\$[●]) on April 15, 2030, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest thereon semi-annually on each April 15 and October 15 (each an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing October 15, 2020 and at maturity on said principal sum, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at the rate per annum specified in the title of this Security, from the April 15 and October 15, as the case may be, next preceding the date of this Security to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Security, or unless no interest has been paid on this Security, in which case from April 6, 2020, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Payments of such principal and interest shall be made at the office or agency of the Company in United States, which, subject to the right of the Company to vary or terminate the appointment of such agency, shall initially be at the principal office of U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111; provided, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Security register; provided, further that so long as CEDE & CO. or another nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of this Security payments of principal and interest will be made in immediately available funds through the Depository's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the date hereof is after April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, and before the following April 15 and October 15, this Security shall bear interest from such April 15 and October 15; provided, that if the Company shall default in the payment of interest due on such April 15 and October 15, then this Security shall bear interest from the next preceding April 15 and October 15, to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid on this Security, from April 6, 2020. The interest

payable on any April 15 and October 15 will, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 (each a "Record Date"), as the case may be, next preceding such April 15 and October 15, and the interest payable at maturity will be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Security shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Trustee under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof.

[Signatures appear on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Travis Marquette

Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 R-[●]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Brandon Dieffenbach

Title: Group Vice President, FP&A and
Treasury

4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 R-[●]

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ROSS STORES, INC.

4.800% Senior Notes Due 2030

Section 1. General. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between Ross Stores, Inc. (the “Company”) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Security is one of the Securities of the series designated on the face hereof.

Section 2. Redemption; Sinking Fund. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) below, the Securities are not redeemable prior to maturity.

(b) The Securities are redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, in either case, prior to the Par Call Date at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities being redeemed on that redemption date; and

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date that would be due if the Securities to be redeemed matured on the Par Call Date, discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined below), plus 50 basis points,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or on or after the Par Call Date at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on Securities that are due and payable on interest payment dates falling on or prior to a redemption date will be payable on the Interest Payment Date to the registered Holders as of the close of business on the relevant Record Date according to this Security and the Indenture.

The Company shall calculate or cause the calculation of the redemption price and the Trustee shall have no duty to calculate or verify the Company’s calculations thereof.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term (as measured from the date of redemption) of the Securities to be redeemed (assuming the Securities matured on the Par Call Date) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Securities.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Company obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

“Par Call Date” means January 15, 2030.

“Quotation Agent” means any Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) each of BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (or their respective affiliates that are a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”) and (ii) two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

(c) The Securities will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Section 3. Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities as provided in Section 2 above, the Company will make an offer to each Holder of Securities to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder’s Securities at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities repurchased to the date of purchase.

(b) Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company’s option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after the public announcement of an impending Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase Securities on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Securities as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this Section 3, the Company will comply with the applicable

securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 3 by virtue of such conflict.

(d) On the Change of Control Triggering Event payment date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(i) accept for payment all Securities or portions of Securities (in integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered pursuant to the aforementioned offer;

(ii) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Securities or portions of Securities properly tendered; and

(iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities properly accepted, together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities being purchased by the Company.

(e) The paying agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Securities properly tendered the purchase price for the Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Securities surrendered; provided, that each new Security must be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(f) The Company will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

(g) The following terms for purposes of this Section 3 shall have the respective meanings specified below:

"Below Investment Grade Rating Event" means the Securities cease to be rated Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date during the period (the "Trigger Period") commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as either of the Rating Agencies has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and those of its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the

Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of the Company's Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares;

(3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;

(4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company's Board of Directors cease to be Continuing Directors; or

(5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company's liquidation or dissolution.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company's Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the issuance of the Securities; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's) and a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors.

"Rating Agency" means (1) each of Moody's and S&P; and (2) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Securities or fails to make a rating of the Securities publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, selected by the Company as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, as the case may be.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global and its successors.

"Voting Stock" means, with respect to any person, capital stock of any class or kind the Holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

Section 4. Events of Default. If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.1 of the Indenture occurs, all then outstanding Securities will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default for the Securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities may, declare all of the Securities to be due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company and,

in case of a notice by Holders, also to the Trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration.

Section 5. Modifications and Waivers; Obligation of the Company Absolute. The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Security at the times, places and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

Section 6. Authorized Denominations. The Securities are issuable in registered form, without coupons, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth and to the limitations described below, if applicable, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

Section 7. Registration of Transfer. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security register upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the United States, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the securities registrar (which shall initially be the Trustee, U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111 (Attention: Global Corporate Trust Services) or at such other address as it may designate as its principal corporate trust office in the United States), duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Security is exchangeable only if (x) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for this Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (y) the Company in its sole discretion determines that this Security shall be exchangeable for certificated Securities in registered form or (z) an Event of Default, or an event which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would become an Event of Default, with respect to the Securities represented hereby has occurred and is continuing, provided that the definitive Securities so issued in exchange for this permanent Security shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof and be of like aggregate principal amount and tenor as the portion of this permanent Security to be exchanged, and provided further that, unless the Company agrees otherwise, Securities of this series in certificated registered form will be issued in exchange for this permanent Security, or any portion hereof, only if such Securities in certificated

registered form were requested by written notice to the Trustee or the Securities Registrar by or on behalf of a person who is beneficial owner of an interest hereof given through the Holder hereof. Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in this permanent Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Securities in certificated registered form and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Section 8. Owners. Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security is overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 9. No Recourse Against Certain Persons. No recourse for the payment of the principal or interest on this Security, or for any claim based hereon or otherwise in respect hereof, and no recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Company in the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture thereto or in any Security, or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation of either of them, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation of either of them, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule or law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being by the acceptance hereof and as a condition of and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

Section 10. Defeasance. The Indenture with respect to any series will be discharged and cancelled except for certain Sections thereof, subject to the terms of the Indenture, upon payment of all of the Securities of such series or upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee of cash or U.S. Government Obligations (or a combination thereof) sufficient for such payment in accordance with Article Ten of the Indenture.

Section 11. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. The Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Section 12. Defined Terms. All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common

TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - _____

(Minor)

Custodian _____

(Cust)

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act _____

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE

the within Security and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _____

_____ attorney to transfer said Security on the books of the Company, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) (THE "DEPOSITORY") TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO., ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL SINCE THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

REGISTERED REGISTERED

ROSS STORES, INC.

5.450% Senior Notes Due 2050

CUSIP NO. 778296 AE3
 ISIN NO. US778296AE32
 No. R-1 US\$[●]

4. ROSS STORES, INC., a Delaware corporation (herein called the "Company," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the principal sum of [●] MILLION DOLLARS (US\$[●]) on April 15, 2050, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, and to pay interest thereon semi-annually on each April 15 and October 15 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing October 15, 2020 and at maturity on said principal sum, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at the rate per annum specified in the title of this Security, from the April 15 and October 15, as the case may be, next preceding the date of this Security to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Security, or unless no interest has been paid on this Security, in which case from April 6, 2020, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Payments of such principal and interest shall be made at the office or agency of the Company in United States, which, subject to the right of the Company to vary or terminate the appointment of such agency, shall initially be at the principal office of U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111; provided, that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Security register; provided, further that so long as CEDE & CO. or another nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of this Security payments of principal and interest will be made in immediately available funds through the Depository's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the date hereof is after April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, and before the following April 15 and October 15, this Security shall bear interest from such April 15 and October 15; provided, that if the Company shall default in the payment of interest due on such April 15 and October 15, then this Security shall bear interest from the next preceding April 15 and October 15, to which interest

has been paid or, if no interest has been paid on this Security, from April 6, 2020. The interest payable on any April 15 and October 15 will, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the April 1 or October 1 (each a “Record Date”), as the case may be, next preceding such April 15 and October 15, and the interest payable at maturity will be payable to the person to whom the principal hereof shall be payable.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Security shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Trustee under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof.

[Signatures appear on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Travis Marquette

Title: Group Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 R-[●]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ROSS STORES, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by facsimile by its duly authorized representative.

Dated: April 6, 2020

ROSS STORES, INC.

By: _____

Name: Brandon Dieffenbach

Title: Group Vice President, FP&A and
Treasury

5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 R-[●]

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ROSS STORES, INC.

5.450% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2050

Section 1. General. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an indenture, dated as of September 18, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between Ross Stores, Inc. (the “Company”) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Security is one of the Securities of the series designated on the face hereof.

Section 2. Redemption; Sinking Fund. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) below, the Securities are not redeemable prior to maturity.

(b) The Securities are redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, in either case, prior to the Par Call Date at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities being redeemed on that redemption date; and

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date that would be due if the Securities to be redeemed matured on the Par Call Date, discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined below), plus 50 basis points,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.

The Securities are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or on or after the Par Call Date at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed on that redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on Securities that are due and payable on interest payment dates falling on or prior to a redemption date will be payable on the Interest Payment Date to the registered Holders as of the close of business on the relevant Record Date according to this Security and the Indenture.

The Company shall calculate or cause the calculation of the redemption price and the Trustee shall have no duty to calculate or verify the Company’s calculations thereof.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term (as measured from the date of redemption) of the Securities to be redeemed (assuming the Securities matured on the Par Call Date) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Securities.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Company obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

“Par Call Date” means October 15, 2049.

“Quotation Agent” means any Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means (i) each of BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (or their respective affiliates that are a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”) and (ii) two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Company, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

(c) The Securities will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Section 3. Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

(a) If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities as provided in Section 2 above, the Company will make an offer to each Holder of Securities to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that Holder’s Securities at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Securities repurchased to the date of purchase.

(b) Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company’s option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after the public announcement of an impending Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase Securities on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

(c) The Company will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Securities as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this Section 3, the Company will comply with the applicable

securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 3 by virtue of such conflict.

(d) On the Change of Control Triggering Event payment date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(i) accept for payment all Securities or portions of Securities (in integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered pursuant to the aforementioned offer;

(ii) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Securities or portions of Securities properly tendered; and

(iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities properly accepted, together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities being purchased by the Company.

(e) The paying agent will promptly mail to each Holder of Securities properly tendered the purchase price for the Securities, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new Security equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Securities surrendered; provided, that each new Security must be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(f) The Company will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

(g) The following terms for purposes of this Section 3 shall have the respective meanings specified below:

“Below Investment Grade Rating Event” means the Securities cease to be rated Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date during the period (the “Trigger Period”) commencing 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as either of the Rating Agencies has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and those of its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the

Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of the Company's Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares;

(3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;

(4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company's Board of Directors cease to be Continuing Directors; or

(5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company's liquidation or dissolution.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company's Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the issuance of the Securities; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's) and a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors.

"Rating Agency" means (1) each of Moody's and S&P; and (2) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Securities or fails to make a rating of the Securities publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, selected by the Company as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, as the case may be.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global and its successors.

"Voting Stock" means, with respect to any person, capital stock of any class or kind the Holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

Section 4. Events of Default. If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.1 of the Indenture occurs, all then outstanding Securities will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default for the Securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities may, declare all of the Securities to be due and payable immediately by notice in writing to the Company and,

in case of a notice by Holders, also to the Trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration.

Section 5. Modifications and Waivers; Obligation of the Company Absolute. The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Security at the times, places and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

Section 6. Authorized Denominations. The Securities are issuable in registered form, without coupons, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations therein set forth and to the limitations described below, if applicable, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

Section 7. Registration of Transfer. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security register upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the United States, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the securities registrar (which shall initially be the Trustee, U.S. Bank National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111 (Attention: Global Corporate Trust Services) or at such other address as it may designate as its principal corporate trust office in the United States), duly executed by the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

This Security is exchangeable only if (x) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for this Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (y) the Company in its sole discretion determines that this Security shall be exchangeable for certificated Securities in registered form or (z) an Event of Default, or an event which with the passage of time or the giving of notice would become an Event of Default, with respect to the Securities represented hereby has occurred and is continuing, provided that the definitive Securities so issued in exchange for this permanent Security shall be in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof and be of like aggregate principal amount and tenor as the portion of this permanent Security to be exchanged, and provided further that, unless the Company agrees otherwise, Securities of this series in certificated registered form will be issued in exchange for this permanent Security, or any portion hereof, only if such Securities in certificated

registered form were requested by written notice to the Trustee or the Securities Registrar by or on behalf of a person who is beneficial owner of an interest hereof given through the Holder hereof. Except as provided above, owners of beneficial interests in this permanent Security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Securities in certificated registered form and will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Section 8. Owners. Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security is overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 9. No Recourse Against Certain Persons. No recourse for the payment of the principal or interest on this Security, or for any claim based hereon or otherwise in respect hereof, and no recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Company in the Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture thereto or in any Security, or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation of either of them, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation of either of them, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule or law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being by the acceptance hereof and as a condition of and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

Section 10. Defeasance. The Indenture with respect to any series will be discharged and cancelled except for certain Sections thereof, subject to the terms of the Indenture, upon payment of all of the Securities of such series or upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee of cash or U.S. Government Obligations (or a combination thereof) sufficient for such payment in accordance with Article Ten of the Indenture.

Section 11. Governing Law; Jurisdiction. The Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Section 12. Defined Terms. All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common

TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties

JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - _____

(Minor)

Custodian _____

(Cust)

Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act _____

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE

the within Security and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _____
_____ attorney to transfer said Security on the books of the Company, with full power of
substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON
THE FACE OF THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT
OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.



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April 6, 2020

Ross Stores, Inc.
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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-237546); 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025; 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027; 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030; 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Ross Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with (i) the issuance by the Company of \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.600% Senior Notes due 2025 (the “**2025 Notes**”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.700% Senior Notes due 2027 (the “**2027 Notes**”), \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.800% Senior Notes due 2030 (the “**2030 Notes**”), and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 5.450% Senior Notes due 2050 (the “**2050 Notes**” and together with the 2025 Notes, the 2027 Notes, and the 2030 Notes, the “**Notes**”), in each case under an indenture (the “**Indenture**”) dated September 18, 2014, by and between the Company and US Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”); (ii) the Company’s automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-237546) (such automatic shelf registration statement, including the documents incorporated by reference therein and the information deemed to be a part thereof at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430B under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “**Securities Act**”), the “**Registration Statement**”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) on April 2, 2020; (iii) a base prospectus, dated April 2, 2020, included in the Registration Statement at the time it originally became effective (the “**Prospectus**”) and a final prospectus supplement, dated April 2, 2020, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act on April 3, 2020 (the “**Prospectus Supplement**”); and (iv) the Underwriting Agreement dated April 2, 2020 (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), by and between the Company and BofA Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule A thereto (the “**Underwriters**”). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

In connection with our representation of the Company, we are familiar with the proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Notes. In addition, we have made such legal and factual examinations and inquiries, including an examination of originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, instruments, corporate records, certificates of officers and representatives of the Company, and we have made such inquiries of such officers and representatives of the Company, as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for our opinion. In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity and completeness of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies, and the authenticity and completeness of the originals of such latter documents. We have relied upon the foregoing and upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters.

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Notes have been duly issued in accordance with the Indenture, duly authenticated by the Trustee, and duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company against payment therefor in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Indenture and as contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, the Notes will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinion expressed above is limited by, subject to and based on the assumptions, limitation and qualifications set forth below:

- (a) The validity and binding effect of the Notes may be limited or affected by bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, and by general equitable principles (regardless of whether such validity and binding effect are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and may be limited by applicable laws or policies underlying such laws.
- (b) The enforceability of provisions in the Indenture providing for indemnification or contribution, broadly worded waivers, waivers of rights to damages or defenses, waivers of unknown or future claims, and waivers of statutory, regulatory or constitutional rights may be limited on public policy or statutory grounds.
- (c) Our opinion is limited to the federal laws of the United States and the laws of the State of New York, the State of California and the State of Delaware as in effect on the date hereof and the facts as they currently exist. We render no opinion herein as to matters involving the laws of any other jurisdiction. In rendering this opinion, we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion should current laws, or interpretations thereof, be changed.
- (d) To the extent that the obligations of the Company under the Indenture or the Notes may be dependent upon such matters, we assume for purposes of this opinion that the Trustee is duly organized, validity existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; that the Trustee is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by the Indenture; that the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee and constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Trustee, enforceable against the Trustee in accordance with its terms; that the Trustee is in compliance, generally and with respect to acting as a trustee under the Indenture, with all applicable laws and regulations; and that the Trustee has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to execute and deliver and to perform its obligations under the Indenture.

In addition, we express no opinion with respect to (i) the enforceability of rights to receive or the collectability of prepayment premiums or the unaccrued portion of original issue discount upon acceleration of any Notes, in each case to the extent determined to be unreasonable or to constitute unearned or unmatured interest in regard to the stated principal amount thereof, or (ii) any provision to the extent it requires any party to indemnify any other person against loss in obtaining the currency due following a court judgment in another currency.

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated April 6, 2020 and to the reference to our firm contained in the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement under the heading "Legal Matters." In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/DLA Piper LLP (US)

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