NOTICE: THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ARBITRATION ACT, SECTION 15-48-10 ET SEQ. OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

OPERATING AGREEMENT OF SPPOTT INVESTMENTS, LLC

MEMBERSHIP SHARES IN THIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE. MEMBERSHIP SHARES ACQUIRED BY MEMBERS MAY NOT BE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHARES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, AND SUCH STATE LAWS AS MAY BE APPLICABLE, OR DELIVERY TO THE COMPANY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY THAT SUCH REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. MEMBERSHIP SHARES MAY NOT BE RESOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST NINE MONTHS FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE OFFERING IN WHICH THE TRANSFEROR ACQUIRED SUCH MEMBERSHIP SHARES. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHARES ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

OPERATING AGREEMENT OF SPPOTT INVESTMENTS, LLC

This **OPERATING AGREEMENT OF SPPOTT Investments, LLC** ("<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2013 by and among Anthony Louis Romeo (collectively referred to as the "<u>Members</u>" and individually as a "<u>Member</u>") and SPPOTT Investments, LLC (the "<u>Company</u>").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company has been formed as a limited liability company under South Carolina law for the limited purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Members wish to adopt this Agreement as the operating agreement of the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, to each paid in hand, the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Members and the Company covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. Whenever used in this Agreement, or any amendment hereof, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) "<u>Act</u>" shall mean the South Carolina Uniform Limited Liability Company Act of 1996, Sections 33-44-101 et seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, and any corresponding provisions of future laws.

(b) <u>"Affiliate</u>" shall mean (i) the spouse, lineal descendants and ancestors of an individual; (ii) any estate, trust, guardianship, conservatorship, custodianship or other fiduciary arrangement for the benefit of any one or more of the individuals described in (i) above; and (iii) any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business organization Controlled by any one or more individuals or entities described in (i) or (ii) above.

(c) "<u>Agreement</u>" shall mean this Operating Agreement, together with any amendments hereto.

(d) <u>"Articles of Organization</u>" shall mean the Articles of Organization filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State by which the Company was organized as a South Carolina limited liability company pursuant to the Act, together with any amendments thereto.

(e) "<u>Capital Account</u>" shall mean the account established and maintained for each Member on the books of the Company pursuant to <u>Article VII</u> and <u>Article VII</u> hereof.

(f) "<u>Capital Contribution</u>" or "<u>Contribution to Capital</u>" shall mean the amount of cash and net fair market value (at the time of the contribution) of any property contributed to the Company by or on behalf of a Member.

(g) "<u>Code</u>" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any corresponding provisions of future laws.

(h) "<u>Company</u>" is defined in the preamble.

(i) "<u>Company Liability</u>" shall mean any enforceable debt or obligation for which the Company is liable or which is secured by any Company Property.

(j) "<u>Company Property</u>" shall mean any and all property, real, personal, tangible and intangible, either contributed by a Member as capital, transferred to, or otherwise acquired by the Company.

(k) "<u>Control</u>" or "<u>Controlled</u>" shall mean with respect to any legal entity, the actual or constructive ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of all the voting rights in the entity, determined using the constructive ownership rules under Section 318 of the Code, regardless of whether the legal entity in question is a corporation or other legal entity.

(I) "<u>Disability</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Member, that such Member is totally and permanently disabled for a period of twelve (12) months during a fifteen (15) consecutive month period so that such Member does not have the capacity to participate in decisions of the Company, as determined by a doctor selected and paid by the Company.

(m) "<u>Disinterested</u>" shall mean with respect to any Member, a Member who (i) is not a party to a particular transaction or other undertaking, (ii) has no material financial interest in any organization that is a party to that undertaking, and (iii) is not an Affiliate of any Person who is either a party to that undertaking or has a material financial interest in any organization that is a party to that undertaking.

(n) "<u>Dissociation</u>" shall mean only the action of a Member deemed to be a Dissociation by the Member pursuant to <u>Article X</u>, and shall not have the meaning given it in the Act.

(o) "<u>Financial Membership Shares</u>" shall mean each Member's Financial Membership Shares listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto.

(p) "<u>Financial Rights</u>" shall mean the right of each Member to share in the profits and Losses of the Company and the right to share in distributions. Each Member's Financial Rights shall be a percentage, expressed as a fraction, the numerator of which is such Member's Financial Membership Shares and the denominator of which is the total Financial Membership Shares owned by all Members.

(q) "Losses" shall mean the losses of the Company as determined under <u>Article VIII</u> hereof.

(r) Intentionally Omitted.

(s) Intentionally Omitted.

(t) Intentionally Omitted.

(u) "<u>Members</u>" shall mean the parties to this Agreement from time to time.

(v) "<u>Membership Share</u>" shall mean all of the rights of a Member under this Agreement and under the Act, including, but not limited to, a Member's Financial Rights and Voting Rights.

(w) "<u>Person</u>" shall mean an individual, general partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, trust, estate, corporation, custodian, trustee, executor, personal representative, legal representative, administrator, nominee or any other entity or person, and any individual or entity acting in a representative capacity.

(x) "<u>Permitted Transfer</u>" shall mean the transfer of a Member's Membership Share to a Person who is also a Member of the Company at the time of the transfer.

(y) "<u>Profits</u>" shall mean the profits of the Company as determined under <u>Article VIII</u> hereof.

(z) "<u>Required Interest</u>" shall mean those Members who own fifty-one percent (51 %) of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(aa) "<u>Voting Membership Shares</u>" shall mean each Member's Voting Membership Shares listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto.

(bb) "<u>Voting Rights</u>" shall mean the right of a Member to vote on any matter as provided in this Agreement or under the Act. Each Member's Voting Rights shall be a percentage, expressed as a fraction, the numerator of which is such Member's Voting Membership Shares and the denominator of which is the total Voting Membership Shares owned by all Members.

(cc) <u>"Voting Rights in the Company</u>" shall mean the Voting Rights held by the Members, collectively. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, reference to a percentage of Voting Rights in the Company shall mean a percentage of the total Voting Rights held by all the Members.

ARTICLE II FORMATION, PURPOSES AND POWERS

2.1 <u>Formation</u>. The parties to this Agreement hereby agree to and adopt the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement as the operating agreement of the Company. The Company shall exist under and be governed by the provisions of the Act, except as otherwise provided or modified by the Articles of Organization or this Agreement. The Company shall exist only for the purposes specified in this Agreement and shall not be deemed to create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship between the Members.

2.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company may only be changed by an amendment to the Articles of Organization.

2.3 <u>Articles of Organization</u>. The Articles of Organization have been filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State, and the Company shall remain in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Act necessary to maintain its existence as a South Carolina limited liability company.

2.4 <u>Designated Office</u>. The Company shall maintain a designated office in South Carolina in accordance with the Act. The designated office shall be at the address set forth in the Articles of Organization or any amendment thereto.

2.5 <u>Registered Agent and Address</u>. The registered agent for service of process on the Company and the street address of the registered agent for service of process on the Company shall be the Person and address set forth in the Articles of Organization or any amendment thereto.

2.6 <u>At-Will Company</u>. The Company shall be an at-will Company, as that term is defined in the Act. The Company's existence shall commence on the date the Articles of Organization were filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State, unless a later effective date is specified in said Articles of Organization.

2.7 <u>Purposes</u>. The character of business and purposes of the Company shall be to own and operate real estate, and all services ancillary to such activities, including but not limited to managing, improving, operating, leasing, mortgaging, refinancing, pledging, selling or otherwise dealing with the Company Property and engaging in such other activities as the Members deem necessary or appropriate to the foregoing purposes.

2.8 <u>Powers</u>. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Company shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry on its business and affairs, including the power to:

(a) Sue and be sued, and defend in its name;

(b) Purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use, maintain, manage, operate and otherwise deal with property of any kind, real, personal, tangible and intangible, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located;

(c) Sell, convey, mortgage, grant a security interest in, lease, exchange, and otherwise encumber or dispose of all or any part of its property;

(d) Purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, grant a security interest in, or otherwise dispose of and deal in and with, shares or other interests in or obligations of any other entity;

(e) Make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities, borrow money, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, which may be convertible into or include the option to purchase other securities of the limited liability company, and secure any of its obligations by a mortgage on or a security interest in any of its property, franchises, or income;

(f) Lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as security for repayment;

(g) Be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity;

(h) Conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by this Agreement and the Act within or without the State of South Carolina;

(i) Appoint officers, employees, and agents of the Company, define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit;

(j) Pay pensions and establish qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, bonus plans, option plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or former Members, officers, employees, and agents, if otherwise permitted by law;

(k) Make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes;

(I) Make payments or donations, or do any other act, not inconsistent with law, that furthers the business of the Company;

(m) Perform any act and execute and deliver any documents required by any governmental authority; and

(n) Perform any and all other acts or activities customary, incidental, necessary or convenient to the purposes and powers enumerated herein.

2.9 <u>Construction</u>. Unless otherwise required by law, if and to the extent the provisions of this Agreement conflict with the Act, this Agreement shall control. If and to the extent the provisions of this Agreement do not conflict with the Act, the Act shall control.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND CAPITALIZATION

3.1 <u>Members</u>. Each Member's Financial Membership Shares and Voting Membership Shares are shown on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto.

3.2 Admission of New Members. Except as may otherwise provided in Article XI, additional Members (including transferees) may be admitted to the Company only with the unanimous consent of the Members as required in Section 33-4-404(c)(7) of the Act. Consent to the admission of a new Member shall be evidenced by the execution by both the new Member and the Company of an amendment to Exhibit A of this Agreement setting forth the names, addresses, Financial Membership Shares, and Voting Membership Shares of all the Members as a result of the new Member's admission. In addition, no Person shall become a Member unless such Person completes and executes an admission agreement with the Company in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company. The Members hereby consent to the admission of any transferee of a Membership Share pursuant to a Permitted Transfer as a full Member in the Company, provided such transferee completes and executes an admission agreement in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company.

Except as otherwise provided in the next paragraph, no creditor of a Member who obtains any portion of a Membership Share by charging order pursuant to the Act, or otherwise, or any Person, including any creditor, receiver, or bankruptcy estate that obtains any rights in the Company by reason of a security interest, pledge or the filing of an action for foreclosure, bankruptcy, receivership, divorce, or any similar proceeding may become a Member in the Company without the unanimous written consent of the Members, obtained after the transfer.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the Company has only one Member, and if that Member's entire Membership Share, or all of that Member's Financial Rights, are transferred voluntarily by the Member by sale, exchange or gift, or involuntarily by reason of the Member's death, incompetence, insolvency, bankruptcy, or dissolution, then the transferee(s) of such Membership Share or Financial Rights shall automatically become full Member(s) of the Company.

3.3 <u>Transferee of Membership Share Admitted as a Member</u>. Upon the transferee(s) of a transferor Member's entire Membership Share or all of the transferor Member's Financial Rights in the Company becoming Member(s), the transferor ceases to be a Member.

3.4 <u>Transferee of Membership Share not Admitted as a Member</u>. If the transferee of all or any part of a Membership Share is not admitted as a Member, he shall be entitled to retain the Financial Rights transferred to him, but he shall not have any Voting Rights and shall not be entitled to participate in the management of the Company or to exercise any other rights of a Member. The transferee is subject to any claims or offsets the Company has against the transferor, regardless of whether those claims or offsets exist at the time of the transfer or arise afterwards. An amendment to this Agreement may change the rights of a transferee, even if the amendment is made after the transfer. A transferee who is not admitted as a Member shall not have the right to seek a judicial determination that it is equitable to dissolve and wind up the Company's business under the Act. The transferor continues to be a Member, entitled to all rights of a Member, other than the rights transferred.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a transferee who is not admitted as a Member shall not be entitled to receive any distributions from the Company until such transferee delivers to the Company written notice of the transfer, proof of the transfer deemed sufficient by the Company, the transferee's federal and state tax identification numbers, and/or social security number, current legal address and telephone number, and such other information as the Company may reasonably require.

3.5 <u>Redemption of Member's Financial Rights Subjected to Charging Order</u>. In the event a Member's Financial Rights are subjected to a charging order under the Act, the Company may redeem the Member's Financial Rights so charged, with Company Property, at any time prior to foreclosure of said Financial Rights in accordance with the Act. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as affecting or limiting the rights of the judgment debtor and the other Members to redeem any Financial Rights subjected to a charging order with their own property in accordance with the Act.

3.6 <u>Power of Attorney</u>. Any Member may give another Member power of attorney to act for or to execute documents in the name of such Member, provided the Member giving such power of attorney delivers a copy of the power of attorney to the Company. Any such power of attorney may be changed or revoked at any time by the Member who gave such power by giving notice of its change or revocation to the Company.

3.7 <u>Voluntary Capital Calls</u>. Those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company may request that the Members make additional Contributions to Capital by delivering notice of the request to each Member. Any additional capital shall be contributed by the Members in the same ratio as each Member's Financial Rights bears to the total of all the Financial Rights in the Company. Solely for purposes of this Section, a Member who has transferred his Financial Rights, but whose transferee has not become a Member, shall be deemed to hold the Financial Rights so transferred. If any Member fails to make his Capital Contribution within thirty (30) days after notice of the capital call (the "Non-Contributing Member"), such failure shall not be a breach of this Agreement, and the amount which the Non-Contributing Member fails to contribute shall not be a personal debt obligation of the Non-Contributing Member. Such amount shall be payable only out of any distributions from the Company otherwise payable to the Non-Contributing Member (or his transferee). The Non-Contributing Member shall not be entitled to receive any distributions from the Company until all amounts due hereunder have been paid in full.

3.8 <u>Representations and Warranties of Members</u>. Each Member hereby represents and warrants to the Company and every other Member, and covenants with the Company and each other Member that:

(a) the Member is acquiring such Member's Membership Share in the Company for the Member's own account as an investment and without an intent to distribute the Membership Share;

(b) the Member acknowledges that such Member's Membership Share has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws;

(c) the Member acknowledges that such Member's Membership Share is subject also to the restrictions on transfer contained in this Agreement and the Act, and may not be resold or transferred by the Member without appropriate registration under applicable securities laws or the availability of an exemption from such requirements and compliance with the restrictions herein;

(d) the financial capacity of the Member is such that the investment in the Company is not material to the Member's total financial capacity, and the Member has the financial ability to bear the economic risk of the investment and has means for providing for the Member's current needs and personal contingencies and has no need for liquidity with respect to the Member's investment in the Company;

(e) the Member has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that the Member is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of investment in the Company, understands that investment in the Company constitutes a speculative investment with substantial market, operational, competitive, management, economic, tax, interest rate, and other risks, has evaluated the risks associated with investment in the Company AND HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE MEMBER'S OWN INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL AND OTHER INDEPENDENT EXPERTS REGARDING THE TRANSACTION;

(f) the Member acknowledges that, to the best of the Member's knowledge, the purchase of the Member's Membership Share in the Company was not solicited by the use of general advertising or solicitation, and that no brokerage or similar commission was paid to anyone relating to the Member's acquisition of an interest in the Company;

(g) the Member has been given sufficient opportunity to ask questions, and receive answers with respect to the Company concerning the terms and conditions of the Member's investment and has been given the opportunity to obtain such additional information necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided to such Member in order for the Member to evaluate the merits and risks of investment in the Company;

(h) in the event such Member is not a natural person, the Member is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its formation and has full power to carry on its business and to own and operate its properties and assets as presently owned and operated;

(i) such Member has taken all action necessary to approve and authorize the execution of this Agreement and to consummate the transaction contemplated hereby; and

(j) when executed and delivered, this Agreement shall constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Member, enforceable in accordance with its terms and conditions.

THE INCLUSION OF THE FOREGOING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT AN INTEREST IN THE COMPANY IS A SECURITY UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, AND THE COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONTEST WHETHER AN INTEREST IN THE COMPANY CONSTITUTES A SECURITY.

3.9 <u>Indemnification</u>. Each Member shall and does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the other Members from any and all liabilities, losses, costs, damages or expenses (including, without limitation, the costs of litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the misrepresentation or breach of any representation or warranty of such Member set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV MEMBER MEETINGS

4.1 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All meetings of the Members shall be held at the Company's principal place of business, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

4.2 <u>Time of Meeting</u>. Meetings of the Members may be called at any time by any Member by delivery to all Members written notice at least seven (7) days in advance of the proposed meeting date. The notice shall contain the time, date and place of the meeting.

4.3 <u>Member Voting and Quorum</u>. Each Member shall be entitled to vote in proportion to his Voting Rights in the Company. In order for any vote of the Members to be valid, a quorum must be represented at the meeting either in person or by proxy. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Rights in the Company constitutes a quorum. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or the Articles of Organization, once a quorum is established, the affirmative vote of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company shall constitute a valid decision of the Members.

4.4 <u>Voting by Certain Members</u>. Voting Rights owned by a corporation or other business entity may be voted by the officer, agent or proxy as the by-laws of that corporation or other governing instruments of the business entity prescribe, or, in the absence of such provision, as the board of directors or other governing body of the corporation or entity may determine.

Voting Rights owned by an administrator, executor, personal representative, guardian, or conservator may be voted by him, either in person or by proxy, without a transfer of such Voting Rights into his name. Voting Rights owned by a trustee may be voted by him, either in person or by proxy, but no trustee shall be entitled to exercise any Voting Rights held by him without a transfer of the Voting Rights into his name.

Voting Rights owned by a receiver may be voted by the receiver, and Voting Rights owned by or under the control of a receiver may be voted by the receiver without the transfer thereof into his name if authority so to do is contained in an appropriate order of the court by which such receiver was appointed.

A Member whose Membership Shares or Voting Rights are pledged (if otherwise permitted hereunder) shall be entitled to vote such Voting Rights until the Voting Rights have been transferred into the name of the pledgee and thereafter the pledgee shall be entitled to vote the Voting Rights so transferred.

4.5 <u>Proxies</u>. Members may vote by proxy appointed by an instrument in writing. A proxy shall be delivered to the other Members before the meeting at which it is to be voted and shall not be valid after the final adjournment of the meeting.

4.6 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. A Member may waive notice of any meeting by a signed writing. In addition, a Member who attends a meeting waives his right to assert any lack of notice, or defect in notice, of the meeting unless he states such objection at the outset of the meeting.

4.7 <u>Manner of Meetings</u>. Members may participate in meetings by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting as provided herein shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

4.8 <u>Action without Meeting</u>. The Members may take action without notice and a meeting if all the Members consent to such action and sign a Consent of the Members which sets forth the action to be taken.

4.9 <u>Personal Services</u>. No Member shall be required to perform any services for the Company by virtue of being a Member or Manager of the Company.

ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

5.1 <u>General Authority</u>. The Company shall be member managed, as defined in the Act. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement, any matter relating to the business and affairs of the Company shall be decided by those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company. Such Members, or their authorized delegates, shall have full and complete authority, power and discretion to manage and control the business, affairs and properties of the Company, to make all decisions regarding those matters and to perform any and all other acts or activities customary or incident to the management of the Company's business. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such Members, or their authorized delegates, shall have the power and authority (subject to Section 5.2)on behalf of the Company to:

(a) Acquire property, real, personal, tangible and intangible;

(b) Borrow money for the Company from banks, other lending institutions, and other Persons and to hypothecate, encumber and grant security interests in the assets of the Company to secure payment of the borrowed sums;

(c) Purchase liability and other insurance to protect the Company and the Members;

(d) Hold, own, invest and reinvest, purchase and sell, any property, real, personal, tangible and intangible, in the name of the Company, including, but not limited to, deeds, mortgages, leasehold interests, general partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, common trust funds, mutual funds, stocks, options, warrants, rights, puts, calls, contracts, futures, bonds, debentures, securities (public and private), and other debt and equity interests of any kind or nature, and to actively trade, speculate on, maintain and manage the same;

(e) Enter into, make, and perform contracts, agreements, and other undertakings binding on the Company that may be necessary, appropriate, or advisable in furtherance of the purposes of the Company and make all decisions and waivers thereunder;

(f) Employ accountants, legal counsel, managing agents, money managers, property managers, investment advisors and other advisors to perform services for the Company and to compensate them out of Company Property;

(g) Screen, interview, and examine staff and personnel to be employed by the Company;

(h) Open and maintain bank and investment accounts and arrangements, draw checks, letters of credit, and other orders for payment of money and designate individuals with authority to sign or give instructions with respect to those accounts and arrangements;

(i) Pay debts and obligations of the Company to the extent that Company Property is available;

(j) Sell, purchase, lease, loan, borrow, rent, repair, partition, mortgage, pledge, encumber develop, improve, subdivide or otherwise deal with any property, including Company Property;

(k) Collect sums due the Company and bring suit on the Company's behalf or defend the Company in any action, and compromise, settle, collect, and otherwise represent, prosecute and defend the legal rights and interests of the Company;

(I) File on behalf of the Company a voluntary petition for bankruptcy, or bring an action on behalf of the Company for receivership, insolvency or other similar relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, and to defend, answer, respond and otherwise represent the Company in any such action or proceeding; and

(m) Perform all other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to the conduct of the Company's business, and to execute, acknowledge, verify and deliver any or all instruments desirable to effectuate any of the foregoing.

5.2 <u>Additional Voting Requirements for Certain Major Decisions</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the following major decisions shall require approval of the Members in the percentages designated:

(a) Any amendment to this Agreement or the Articles of Organization shall require the approval of all Members.

(b) The Company shall not purchase, sell or refinance any real property without the consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(c) The Company shall not sell, or contract to sell, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Company Property without the unanimous consent of all Members. For purposes of this subsection, all or substantially all of the Company Property means seventy five percent (75%) of such property by value.

(d) The Company shall not enter into any merger, or any profit sharing, joint venture, or other such arrangement without the unanimous consent of all Members.

(e) The Company shall not hire a Member or anyone who is an Affiliate of a Member without the approval of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(f) The Company shall not agree to pay to a Member or any Affiliate of a Member any management fee, guaranty fee, broker commission or any other fee or commission without the consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(g) The Company shall not compromise, settle, waive or limit the obligation of any Member to make a Capital Contribution to the Company without the unanimous consent of all Disinterested Members.

5.3 <u>Delegation</u>. The Members may authorize or delegate any of their authority to any Person from time to act on their behalf.

5.4 <u>Ratification</u>. The Members may ratify and adopt any and all acts of any Person done on behalf of the Company.

5.5 <u>Personal Services</u>. No Member shall be required to perform any services for the Company by virtue of being a Member of the Company.

5.6 <u>Compensation for Services</u>. Those Members who provide services to the Company shall be entitled to reasonable compensation from the Company in an amount to be determined by those Disinterested Members who own fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Rights owned by all Disinterested Members. Such compensation shall be paid in the form of guaranteed payments under Section 707(c) of the Code. Also, the Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses reasonably incurred by them on behalf of the Company.

5.7 <u>Officers</u>. Those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company may, from time to time, designate one or more individuals to be officers of the Company. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Members may, from time to time, delegate to them. The Members may assign titles to particular officers. Unless the Members decide otherwise, if the title is one commonly used for officers of a business corporation, the assignment of such title shall constitute the delegation to such officer of the authority and duties that are normally associated with that office. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. Designation of a person as an officer shall not of itself create an employment agreement or any other contract rights. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall be duly designated and qualified, or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed, with or without cause, by those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

ARTICLE VI FIDUCIARY DUTIES; RIGHT TO RELY; INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 <u>Duty of Loyalty</u>. A Member's duty of loyalty to the Company and the other Members is limited to the following:

(a) To account to the Company and to hold as trustee for the Company any property, profit or benefit derived by the Member in the conduct or winding up of the Company's business or derived from a use by the Member of the Company's property, including the appropriation of a Company opportunity;

(b) To refrain from dealing with the Company in the conduct or winding up of the Company's business as or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse to the Company; and

With the consent of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Disinterested Members, such Disinterested Members may identify specific types or categories of activities that do not violate the duty of loyalty, if not manifestly unreasonable. With the consent of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Disinterested Members, such Disinterested Members may authorize or ratify, after full disclosure of all material facts, a specific act or transaction that otherwise would violate the duty of loyalty.

6.2 <u>Duty of Care</u>. A Member's duty of care to the Company and the other Members in the conduct of and winding up of the Company's business is limited to refraining from engaging in grossly negligent or reckless conduct, intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law. A Member is not required to devote his full time and efforts to the Company.

6.3 <u>Fiduciary Duties</u>. Each Member shall discharge his duties and exercise any of his rights consistently with the obligation of good faith and fair dealing which he owes to the Company and the other Members. A Member does not violate a duty or obligation to the Company merely because the Member's conduct furthers the Member's own interest. A Member may lend money to and transact other business with the Company. As to each loan or transaction, the rights and obligations of the Member are the same as those of a Person who is not a Member, subject to other applicable law.

6.4 <u>Right to Rely</u>. The Members shall not be held liable to the Company, or to the other Members, for relying in good faith upon the records required to be maintained by this Agreement and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements by any of the Members, attorneys, accountants, agents, advisors or any other Person who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Company, as to matters the Member reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence.

6.5 <u>Indemnification of Members</u>. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the Members shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company for any liability resulting from any act performed or omission made by them in good faith on behalf of the Company, except for acts or omissions of gross negligence, reckless conduct, intentional misconduct, or knowing violation of the law.

6.6 <u>Duty of Confidentiality</u>. Each Member hereby warrants, covenants and agrees that he will not furnish, divulge, communicate, use to the detriment of the Company or use for the business of any other Person, any of the Company's confidential information, including but not limited to pricing information, data, sales methods, know how, processes, licenses, trade secrets, names of customers, customer lists, names of Members, or the partners, shareholders, members or other principals of any Member, future plans, accounting, marketing, financial data, or contract information. Each Member agrees to return all documents which contain any confidential information and all copies of such documents upon request by the Company.

ARTICLE VII CAPITAL ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING

7.1 <u>Capital Accounts</u>. The Company shall establish for each Member a Capital Account, which shall be maintained in accordance with Section 704 of the Code and the capital account rules set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b).

7.2 <u>Compliance with Section 704(b) of the Code</u>. The provisions of this Agreement as they relate to the maintenance of Capital Accounts and allocations of Profits and Losses are intended, and shall be construed, and, if necessary, modified to cause the allocations of Profits, Losses, income, gain, deductions, credit and other items pursuant to this Agreement to have substantial economic effect within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Agreement shall not be construed as creating a deficit restoration obligation.

7.3 <u>Tax Matters Partner</u>. Anthony Louis Romeo is designated the initial tax matters partner of the Company, as defined in Section 6231(a)(7) of the Code. The Company may designate a new tax matters partner from time to time without amending this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII INTERIM DISTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

8.1 <u>Interim Distributions</u>. Interim distributions to the Members shall be made in accordance with the following:

(a) First, the Company shall distribute to those Members (if any) who have provided services to the Company the compensation to which he or she is entitled under <u>Article V</u>. Such distributions shall be guaranteed payments within the meaning of Section 707(c) of the Code.

(b) From time to time those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company shall determine to what extent, if any, the Company's cash on hand ("Company Cash") exceeds the current and anticipated needs of the Company's business, including, but not limited to, operating expenses, debt service, acquisitions, payments under Section 707(c) of the Code, all amounts necessary to preserve, maintain and repair any Company Property, reserves against future contingent liabilities, and the retention of funds for future investments and activities. Any Company Cash in excess of such amounts shall be distributed to the Members.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all distributions to the Members must be made simultaneously to each of the Members and must be made in proportion to the Members' Financial Rights. Such distributions may be in cash or Company Property or partly in both. Items of Company Property need not be distributed proportionately, provided the Members agree upon the value of the property being distributed and the value of the property and the cash received by each Member is proportionate to his Financial Rights. Subject to the Act, at the time that a Member becomes entitled to receive a distribution, the Member has the status of and is entitled to all remedies available to a creditor of the Company with respect to the distribution.

8.2 <u>Restrictions on Distributions</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no distribution to any Member may be made if after giving effect to the distribution either (a) the Company would not be able to pay its debts as they become due in the ordinary course of business, or (b) the Company's total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed if the Company were to be dissolved, wound up and terminated at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution, winding up and termination of Members whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution. The provisions of Section 33-44-406 of the Act shall apply in construing this Section.

8.3 <u>Calculation of Profits and Losses</u>. The Profits and Losses of the Company for each fiscal year or other period shall be the taxable income or loss of the Company for such year or period, determined in accordance with Code Section 703(a) (for this purpose, all items of income, gain, loss or deduction required to be separately stated pursuant to Code Section 703(a)(1) shall be included in taxable income or loss), with the following adjustments:

(a) Any Company income which is exempt from federal income tax and not otherwise taken into account in computing Profits and Losses pursuant to this subsection shall be added to such taxable income or loss.

(b) Any expenditures of the Company described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B) (expenditures of the Company not deductible in computing its taxable income and not properly chargeable to a capital account) or treated as such expenditures pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(i)(2) and (3) (organizational expenditures which the Company elects not to amortize under Code Section 709(b) and certain disallowed losses) and not otherwise taken into account in computing Profits and Losses pursuant to this subsection shall be subtracted from such taxable income or loss.

(c) Gain or loss with respect to the disposition of Company Property with respect to which gain or loss is recognized for federal income tax purposes shall be computed based upon the "adjusted book value" (as determined in the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Code Section 704) of such property without regard to the adjusted basis.

(d) Depreciation, amortization and other cost recovery deductions taken into account in computing such taxable income or loss shall, for purposes of this subsection, be based upon the "adjusted book value" (as determined in the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704) of Company Property.

8.4 <u>Allocation of Profits and Losses</u>. The Profits and Losses of the Company for any fiscal year of the Company shall be allocated among the Members in accordance with their Financial Rights.

The proceeds of any life insurance policy insuring the life of a Member which are received by the Company shall be allocated to the surviving Member(s), and the deceased Member, his estate, successors, or legal representatives shall have no interest in or distributive share of such proceeds.

8.5 <u>Tax Item Allocation</u>. Unless otherwise specially allocated herein, whenever a proportionate part of Profits or Losses is charged or credited to the Capital Account of a Member, every item of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit, allowance or tax preference entering into the computation of such Profits or Losses or applicable to the period during which such Profits or Losses were realized shall be considered credited or charged, as the case may be, to such Capital Account in the same proportion. In the event of a transfer of Financial Rights in the Company at any time other than at the end of the Company's tax year, the distributive share of Profits and Losses and any items of Company income, gain, loss, deduction, credit or tax preference attributable to the transferred Financial Rights shall be apportioned for income tax purposes between the transferor and transferee in accordance with the number of days in the taxable year of the Company that each was the owner of such Financial Rights.

8.6 <u>Code Section 704(c)</u>. In accordance with the provisions of Code Section 704(c), income, gain, loss and deductions with respect to any property contributed to the capital of the Company shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated to the Members so as to take account of any variation between the adjusted basis of such property and the fair market value at the time of contribution.

8.7 <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, beginning in the first taxable year of the Company in which there are nonrecourse deductions, all nonrecourse deductions and distributions of proceeds attributable to nonrecourse borrowing (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2) shall be allocated in accordance with the Members' Financial Rights or in any other manner that is reasonably consistent with allocations that have substantial economic effect of some other significant Company item attributable to the property securing the nonrecourse liabilities. Items attributable to a particular Member's nonrecourse liability (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4)) shall be allocated to the Member that bears the economic risk of loss for the liability.

8.8 <u>Minimum Gain Chargeback Requirements</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(f), if there is a net decrease in Company minimum gain (as determined under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d)) for the Company's taxable year, each Member must be allocated items of income and gain for that taxable year equal to that Member's share of the net decrease in Company minimum gain. A Member's share of the net decrease in Company minimum gain is the amount of the total net decrease multiplied by the Member's percentage share of Company minimum gain at the end of the immediately preceding taxable year (as determined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)). A Member is not subject to this minimum gain chargeback requirement to the extent the Member's share of the net decrease in Company minimum gain is caused by a guarantee, refinancing, or other change in the debt instrument causing it to become partially or wholly a recourse liability or a Member nonrecourse liability, and the Member bears the economic risk of loss (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.752-2) for the newly guaranteed, refinanced, or otherwise changed liability.

If during a taxable year there is a net decrease in Member nonrecourse debt minimum gain (as determined under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2)), any Member with a share of that Member nonrecourse debt minimum gain (as determined under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5)) as of the beginning of that taxable year must be allocated items of income and gain for that taxable year (and, if necessary, for succeeding taxable years) equal to that Member's share of the net decrease in the Member nonrecourse debt minimum gain. A Member's share of the net decrease in Member nonrecourse debt minimum gain is determined in a manner consistent with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). A Member is not subject to this minimum gain chargeback requirement, however, to the extent the net decrease in Member nonrecourse debt minimum gain arises because the liability ceases to be Member nonrecourse debt due to a conversion, refinancing, or other change in the debt instrument that causes it to become partially or wholly a nonrecourse liability. The

amount that would otherwise be subject to the member nonrecourse minimum gain chargeback is added to the Member's share of Company minimum gain under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(3).

8.9 <u>Qualified Income Offset</u>. Unless otherwise agreed, a Member is not required to fund any deficit in the Member's Capital Account at any time. However, if a Member unexpectedly receives an adjustment, allocation, or distribution described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5), or (6), and the unexpected adjustment, allocation, or distribution results in a deficit balance in the Capital Account for the Member (or a deficit balance in excess of any limited dollar amount the Member is obligated to restore), the Member will be allocated items of income and gain consisting of a pro rata portion of each item of Company income and gain for such year in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate the deficit balance or the increase in the deficit balance as quickly as possible. This Section will be interpreted, applied, and if necessary modified to constitute a "qualified income offset" as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d).

8.10 <u>Distributions Subject to Set-Off</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all distributions are subject to set-off by the Company for any past-due obligation of a Member to the Company.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION, WINDING UP, AND TERMINATION

9.1 <u>Dissolution</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Company shall dissolve, its affairs shall be wound up, and the Company shall terminate only upon the happening of one or more of the following events:

(a) The written consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company;

(b) Any event that makes it unlawful for all or substantially all of the business of the Company to be continued, but any cure of illegality within ninety (90) days after notice to the Company of the event is effective retroactively to the date of the event for purposes of this subsection;

(c) The filing by the Secretary of State of a certificate administratively dissolving the Company pursuant to the Act, unless the Company is reinstated in accordance with the Act.

9.2 <u>Waiver of Right to Wind Up</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, at any time after the dissolution of the Company and before the winding up of its business is completed, the Members, including a dissociated Member whose dissociation caused the dissolution, or his heirs, legal representatives, personal representatives, successors or permitted assigns, may unanimously waive the right to have the Company's business wound up and the Company terminated. In that case, (a) the Company shall resume carrying on its business as if dissolution had never occurred and any liability incurred by the Company or a Member after the dissolution and before the waiver is determined as if the dissolution had never occurred, and (b) the rights of a third party accruing under the Act or arising out of conduct in reliance on the dissolution before the third party knew or received a notification of the waiver shall not be adversely affected.

9.3 <u>Winding Up: Powers and Duties of Liquidator</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, following dissolution of the Company, those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company shall appoint one or more Members or an independent third party to serve as liquidator. The liquidator shall have full authority in winding up the Company's affairs. The liquidator shall:

(a) Deliver notice of the Company's dissolution to all of the Company's known claimants and creditors in the form and manner described in the Act;

(b) Publish notice of the Company's dissolution as provided in the Act;

(c) Make final liquidating distributions as provided below, and distribute any Company Property discovered after any such final liquidating distributions in the manner described below; and

(d) After dissolution and the completion of winding up, file Articles of Termination with the South Carolina Secretary of State to terminate the legal existence of the Company in accordance with the Act.

9.4 <u>Sale of Company Property</u>. Unless otherwise agreed by those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company, the liquidator shall first attempt to sell all or any part of the Company's business as a going concern. If any such sale or partial sale is not consummated within six (6) months after the date of the dissolution, the liquidator shall publish notice that all unsold Company assets are for sale and solicit bids for such assets. Any Company assets which remain unsold six (6) months after the date of the first publication of such notice shall be marshaled and auctioned by the liquidator. All assets unsold after the auction shall be distributed in kind in the manner described below.

9.5 <u>Distribution In Kind</u>. The Company may distribute assets in kind to satisfy any or all of its obligations. If the Company will distribute assets in kind, the Members shall have thirty (30) days to agree upon the fair market value of such assets. If the Members cannot agree on the fair market value of any asset, the liquidator shall hire an independent appraiser to determine the fair market value of the asset in question. Any property distributed in kind shall be treated in accordance with Sections 721, 736, 737 and 751 of the Code. The liquidator shall adjust the Members' Capital Accounts to reflect any gain or loss which would have been allocated had such property been sold for its fair market value.

9.6 <u>Final Liquidating Distributions</u>. After the sale of all Company assets, or the determination of fair market value for distribution in kind of Company assets, the liquidator shall apply the proceeds of the sale or the Company assets as follows:

(a) Payment or adequate provision for payment shall be made to creditors, including the liquidator if the liquidator is not a Member, for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred and reasonable compensation for services rendered in connection with winding up the Company, and to the extent permitted by law, to Members who are creditors in satisfaction of liabilities of the Company;

(b) If the liquidator is a Member, to the liquidator for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred and reasonable compensation for services rendered in connection with winding up the Company;

(c) All remaining cash and other assets shall be distributed to the Members in accordance with their positive Capital Account balances, determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments for the taxable year of the Company during which the distribution occurs, including adjustments for distributions made under this Section.

9.7 <u>Deficit Capital Account Balances</u>. Any deficit in a Member's Capital Account shall not be an asset of the Company, and no Member or transferee of all or any part of a Membership Share shall be obligated to contribute any amount to the Company in excess of any limited dollar amount the Member or transferee has otherwise agreed to restore.

9.8 <u>Final and Complete Distribution</u>. The distributions provided for in this Article shall constitute a complete return of the Members' Contributions to Capital, and a final and complete distribution to the Members in satisfaction of all of their rights in the Company.

9.9 <u>Duties During Winding Up</u>. The duty of loyalty, duty of care and fiduciary duties set forth in this Agreement shall apply to any Person winding up the Company's business.

ARTICLE X Dissociation

10.1 <u>Events of Dissociation</u>. The provisions of the Act relating to dissociation shall not apply to the Company. No Member shall have the power to withdraw from the Company except as provided herein. Only the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to a Member shall constitute the Dissociation of such Member:

(a) Withdrawing, retiring or resigning from the Company <u>with</u> the consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(b) Entry of an order by a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicating the Member to be insane, the appointment of a guardian or general conservator for the Member, or a judicial determination that the Member has otherwise become incapable of performing his duties under this Agreement.

(c) The death of the Member.

(d) The Disability of the Member.

(e) If the Member files a voluntary petition for bankruptcy, is adjudicated a bankrupt or has a bankruptcy petition filed against him which is not dismissed within ninety (90) days.

(f) any event of Wrongful Disassociation set forth in Section 10.5 of this Agreement.

10.2 <u>Effect of Member's Dissociation</u>. Unless otherwise provided in <u>Article IX</u>, the Dissociation of a Member does not dissolve the Company. A Dissociating Member does not cease to be a Member by reason of his Dissociation. Subject to <u>Section 10.5</u>, the right of a Dissociating Member to be compensated for his Membership Share shall be governed exclusively by <u>Article XI</u> and not the Act. The parties waive any right they may have to assert that the Act or any other provision of law supercedes or modifies the provisions of this Agreement relating to the cessation of a Member's participation in the Company, withdrawal, or Dissociation.

10.3 <u>Character of Payments</u>. All payments made to any Dissociating Member shall be treated as payments described in either Section 736(a) or Section 736(b) of the Code, as determined by application of such sections of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

10.4 <u>Statement of Dissociation</u>. A Dissociated Member or the Company may file a Statement of Dissociation in accordance with the Act.

10.5 <u>Wrongful Dissociation</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a Member Dissociates by reason of the occurrence of any of the following events, then such Dissociation shall be a wrongful Dissociation by such Member in contravention of this Agreement:

(a) Withdrawing, retiring or resigning from the Company <u>without</u> the consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company.

(b) On application by the Company or another Member, the Member's expulsion by judicial determination under Section 33-44-601(6) of the Act because the Member:

(i) Engaged in wrongful conduct that adversely and materially affected the Company's business; or

(ii) Willfully or persistently committed a material breach of this Agreement or of a duty owed to the Company or the other Members under Section 33-44-409 of the Act; or

(iii) Engaged in conduct relating to the Company's business that makes it not reasonably practicable to carry on the business with the Member.

(c) If the Member is other than a natural person, such Member engages in any sale, merger, share exchange, partnership, joint venture or other arrangement, including the issuance of new shares of stock or equity interests in the Member or in any Person that Controls the Member, and as a result of said transaction a Person who is not one of the group of Persons in Control of the Member, as of the date such Member became a party to this Agreement, takes Control of the Member.

(d) If the Member is other than a natural person, the filing of a Certificate of Dissolution, or the equivalent, for a Member or the lapse of ninety (90) days after notice to such Member of revocation of its charter without a reinstatement of its charter.

(e) Any transfer, sale or conveyance (or attempt to do the same) of a Membership Share that is not permitted by the terms of this Agreement.

The provisions of this Agreement governing the rights of a Dissociating Member shall apply to a Member who wrongfully Dissociates, except that any damages sustained by the Company as a result of the Member's wrongful Dissociation shall be offset against any distributions otherwise payable to the Member, and, in addition, the purchase price (if any) to be paid to a wrongfully Dissociating Member pursuant to <u>Article XI</u> shall be <u>reduced to</u> **fifty percent (50%)** of the amount of the distribution that the disassociating Member would otherwise be entitled to received pursuant to the provisions of <u>Article XI</u> of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND BUY-SELL PROVISIONS

11.1 <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Member may voluntarily or involuntarily sell, transfer, gift, assign, pledge, mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise convey or encumber any portion or all of his Membership Share to any Person without the prior written consent of those Members who own the Required Interest of the Voting Rights in the Company (without regard to the Member desiring to transfer his Membership Share). If such consent is obtained or otherwise made in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, the provisions of <u>Article III</u> shall govern the rights of the transferor and transferee. Any attempted conveyance or encumbrance of all or a portion of a Membership Share not expressly permitted herein shall be null, void and without effect.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing prohibition shall not apply to Permitted Transfers, transfers that comply with the Right of First Refusal (as defined below), and transfers or assignments of Financial Rights only.

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, each Member acknowledges that his Membership Share has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("<u>1933 Act</u>"), in reliance on applicable exemptions. Therefore, the Members hereby agree that Membership Shares in the Company shall be nontransferable, except in compliance with the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws, and any attempted transfer not in compliance therewith shall be null, void, and without effect. As an additional condition precedent to the transfer of any Membership Share, the Company may require an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Company that such transfer will be made in compliance with the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws, and such transferor shall be responsible for paying any attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the opinion. The transferor may be required to indemnify the Company for any damages resulting from failure to comply with said securities laws, if the Company so requires.

11.2 <u>Right of First Refusal</u>. The Members shall have a right of first refusal (the "<u>Right of First</u> <u>Refusal</u>") as described as follows:

A Member (a "<u>Selling Member</u>") who desires to sell all or any portion of their Membership Share to a third party purchaser shall obtain from such third party purchaser ("<u>Third Party Purchaser</u>") a bona fide written offer to purchase such interest, stating the terms and conditions upon which the purchase is to be made and the consideration offered therefore ("<u>Third Party Offer</u>"). The Selling Member shall give written notification ("<u>Notice of Sale</u>") to the Company and the other Members (the "<u>Remaining Members</u>"), by certified mail or personal delivery, of its intention to so transfer such Membership Share (the "<u>Offered Membership Share</u>"). The Notice of Sale shall be accompanied by a copy of the Third Party Offer.

The Company shall have the first option, to be exercised within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the Notice of Sale, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Offered Membership Share by written notice to the Selling Member and the Remaining Members. If the Company fails to respond within such thirty (30) day period, it shall be deemed to have declined to purchase the Offered Membership Share.

If the Company fails to exercise such purchase option, then the Remaining Members shall have thirty (30) days from the expiration of the Company's thirty (30) day option period to exercise their option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Offered Membership Share by written notice to the Company, the Selling Member, and the other Remaining Members. If any Remaining Member fails to respond within such thirty (30) day period, such Remaining Member shall be deemed to have declined to purchase the Offered Membership Share. If only one Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share, such Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share, such Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share, such Remaining Member elects to purchase all of such Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share, such Remaining Member elects to purchase all of such Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase all of such Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase all of such Offered Membership Share. If more than one Remaining Member elects to purchase the Offered Membership Share, such Remaining Member obligated to purchase a percentage of the Offered Membership Share, expressed as a fraction, with the numerator being the Financial Membership Shares already owned by the particular Remaining Members and the denominator being the total Financial Membership Shares of all the Remaining Members that elect to participate in the purchase.

In the event the Right of First Refusal is exercised by either the Company or by one or more Remaining Members, the closing shall take place within sixty (60) days of the exercise of the Right of First Refusal. At the closing, the Company or Remaining Member(s) electing to purchase shall purchase, and the Selling Member shall sell, the Offered Membership Share for an amount equal to the purchase price set forth in the Third Party Offer and in accordance with such other terms and conditions set forth in the Third Party Offer.

If neither the Company nor any of the Remaining Members shall elect to exercise the Right of First Offer, the Selling Member shall be entitled to consummate the sale of the Offered Membership Share to the Third Party Purchaser or one or more of its affiliates upon terms no less favorable than are set forth in the Third Party Offer. Upon such transfer, the Company and the Remaining Members shall admit the transferee as a Member of the Company. If the Selling Member shall fail to close the transaction described in the Third Party Offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the expiration of the Right of First Refusal, the Selling Member shall again be required to comply with the terms of this Section before entering into any transaction with a Third Party Purchaser.

11.3 <u>Right to Buy Upon Dissociation</u>.

(a) <u>Dissociation Other Than By Reason of Death or Disability</u>. If a Member Dissociates within the meaning of <u>Article X</u> other than by reason of death or Disability (a "<u>Triggering Event</u>"), then such Member ("<u>Dissociating Member</u>") is deemed to have made an offer to the Company to purchase all, but not less than all, of his Membership Share (the "<u>Dissociating Membership Share</u>") at the price determined in accordance with <u>Section 11.3(b)</u> and upon the terms contained in <u>Section 11.3(c)</u>. If the Company does not accept said offer by written notice to the Dissociating Member and the remaining Members of the Company (the "<u>Non-Dissociating Members</u>") within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of the Triggering Event from the Dissociating Member and the determination of the purchase price,

then the offer shall be deemed rejected and the Dissociating Membership Share shall be offered in writing, at the same price and upon the same terms, to the Non-Dissociating Members.

The Non-Dissociating Members shall have thirty (30) days from the expiration of the Company's thirty (30) day option period to exercise their option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Dissociating Membership Share by written notice to the Company and the Dissociating Member (or his estate or other legal representative, as the case may be), and the other Non-Dissociating Members. If any Non-Dissociating Member fails to respond within such thirty (30) day period, such Non-Dissociating Member shall be deemed to have declined to purchase the Dissociating Membership Share. If only one Non-Dissociating Member elects to purchase the Dissociating Membership Share. If more than one Non-Dissociating Member elects to purchase the Dissociating Membership Share. If more than one Non-Dissociating Member elects to purchase the Dissociating Membership Share. If more than one Non-Dissociating Member elects to purchase the Dissociating Membership Share, such Non-Dissociating Members shall purchase the Dissociating Membership Share, such Non-Dissociating Members all purchase the Dissociating Membership Share, such Non-Dissociating Members are percentage of the Dissociating Membership Share, expressed as a fraction, with the numerator being the Financial Membership Shares already owned by the particular Non-Dissociating Member and the denominator being the total Financial Membership Shares of all the Non-Dissociating Members that elect to participate in the purchase.

(b) <u>Purchase Price (Dissociation)</u>. Unless the Member offering or selling his Membership Share hereunder and all Remaining Members agree otherwise, the purchase price shall be determined in accordance with the following:

The purchase price shall be the Appraised Value (as defined herein) of the Membership Share. Appraised Value shall mean the Fair Market Value (as defined below) of the Membership Share obtained, taking into account all applicable minority, lack of marketability and other similar type discounts, including, but not limited to, those related to undivided interests in real estate, voting versus non-voting interests, blockage, key-person, or portfolio issues, by agreement of two (2) appraisers, one appointed by the seller and one appointed by fifty-one percent (51%) of the Remaining Members on behalf of the Company. The seller and Company must appoint their respective appraisers by delivering notice of the identity of their respective appraisers to each other within thirty (30) days after Company receives written notice of the Triggering Event from the Dissociating Member (or his estate or other legal representative, as the case may be). If the two (2) appraisers cannot agree on an Appraised Value within thirty (30) days after the last of them is appointed, then within five (5) days, they shall appoint a third appraiser to value the Membership Share. The third appraiser shall determine the Appraised Value within thirty (30) days after his appointment. The Appraised Value shall be the average of the two (2) appraisals which are closest to each other. Fair Market Value is defined as the cash equivalent price at which property would change hands between a hypothetical willing buyer and a hypothetical willing seller, neither being under a compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. The hypothetical buyer and seller are assumed to be able, as well as willing, to trade and are assumed to be well-informed about the property and concerning the market for such property. The seller and the Company shall each pay the costs of the appraiser appointed by them, and one-half (1/2) of the cost of the third appraiser. The purchase price as determined herein shall be conclusive and binding on the parties, their personal representatives, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns. If any party fails to appoint an appraiser within the time required herein, the purchase price determined by the appraiser appointed by the other party shall be conclusive and binding upon the seller and purchaser(s), their personal representatives, legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

(c) <u>Payment of Purchase Price (Dissociation)</u>. The closing of the purchase shall take place at the principal place of business of the Company within sixty (60) days after the purchase price has been determined and an offer accepted, or at such other date and place as the parties may agree. Unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, the purchase price shall be paid in a lump sum at the closing.

Further, if a selling Member has personally guaranteed payment of any debt, obligation or liability of the Company, then the purchaser(s) of the Member's Membership Share shall make reasonable efforts to have such Member (or his estate or successor(s)) released from such guarantee. If the lender or creditor refuses to release such Member, then the Company and the other Members, if the Company is

purchasing the Membership Share, (or the purchasing Member(s) only if the Company is not purchasing the Membership Share), shall in writing, jointly and severally, indemnify and hold harmless such selling Member (or his estate, as the case may be) from payment of said debt, obligation or liability.

(d) <u>Death</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, upon the death of a Member, the Company shall purchase, and the estate of the decedent, or his successor in interest by operation of law shall sell all of the decedent's Membership Share in the Company now owned or hereafter acquired. The purchase price of such Membership Share shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.3(b)</u> and paid in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.3(c)</u>.

(e) <u>Disability</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a Member is Disabled, then the Company shall purchase and said Member shall sell all of his Membership Share in the Company now owned or hereafter acquired. The purchase price of such Membership Share shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.3(b)</u> and paid in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.3(c)</u>.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 <u>Members' Rights To Receive Information</u>.

(a) The Company shall provide Members and their agents and attorneys access to its records, if any, at the Company's principal office. The Company shall provide former Members and their agents and attorneys access for proper purposes to records pertaining to the period during which they were Members. The right of access provides the opportunity to inspect and copy records during ordinary business hours. The Company may impose a reasonable charge, limited to the costs of labor and material, for copies of records furnished.

(b) The Company shall furnish to a Member, and to the legal representative of a deceased Member or Member under legal disability:

(1) Without demand, information concerning the Company's business or affairs reasonably required for the proper exercise of the Member's rights and performance of the Member's duties under this Agreement and the Act; and

(2) On demand, other information concerning the Company's business or affairs, except to the extent the demand or the information is unreasonable or otherwise improper under the circumstances.

(c) A Member has the right upon written demand given to the Company to obtain at the Company's expense a copy of this Agreement.

12.2 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, consents, requests, demands, offers, reports or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and hand delivered or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, and return receipt requested, to the Company at its principal place of business and to each Member at the address on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, or to such other address as may hereafter be designated by the giving of notice in accordance with this Section. All notices, consents or other communications shall be deemed given when actually hand delivered, or upon the date of mailing in accordance with this Section.

12.3 <u>Time of Essence</u>. Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

12.4 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina regardless of the residence or domicile, now or in the future, of any party hereto and notwithstanding any conflicts of laws.

12.5 <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. Except as otherwise required by law, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree that the courts of the State of South Carolina shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction over any matter arising from the interpretation, purpose, effect, or operation of this Agreement, and with regard to all matters associated with operation of the Company's business. Except as otherwise required by law, the parties consent to venue in Charleston County, South Carolina, and waive any rights they may have to assert jurisdiction or venue in any other court, administrative forum, or other adjudicative body.

12.6 <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any breach of any covenant, agreement or undertaking contained herein shall operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same covenant, agreement or undertaking or as a waiver of any breach of any other covenant, agreement or undertaking. In the case of a breach by any party of any covenant, agreement or undertaking, the nonbreaching party may nevertheless accept from the other, any payment or performance without waiving its right to exercise any right or remedy provided herein or otherwise, with respect to any such breach which was in existence at the time such payment or performance was accepted by it. No failure of any party to exercise any power given herein or to insist upon strict compliance with any covenant, agreement or undertaking contained herein, or to object to any custom or practice which varies from the terms hereof, shall constitute a waiver of such party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The waiver by any party of a breach of any covenant, agreement or undertaking contained herein shall be made only by a written waiver in each case, and no such waiver shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach.

12.7 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement shall, to any extent, be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining part of such provision, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the other provisions hereof, shall not be affected thereby and each term, covenant or condition shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any such invalidity shall be caused by the length of any period of time, the size of any area or the scope of activities set forth in any provision hereof, such period of time, such area or scope or all, shall be considered to be reduced to a period, area, or scope which would cure such invalidity. Any provision of this Agreement which is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall not be deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any other jurisdiction.

12.8 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in more than one counterpart, each such counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same agreement. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by all parties, but all parties need not execute the original or the same counterpart.

12.9 <u>Captions</u>. The headings, titles and captions of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement are inserted only to facilitate reference. They shall not define, limit, extend or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement or any provision hereof, and they shall not constitute a part hereof or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement or any part hereof.

12.10 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement embodies the entire understanding and agreement among the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof, and all prior agreements and understandings of the parties, whether written or oral, are terminated and superseded by this Agreement and shall be deemed merged herein.

12.11 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all rights, powers and privileges conferred hereunder upon any party shall be cumulative and not restrictive of those given by law. No remedy herein conferred is exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given by agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

12.12 <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by and against all the parties and their respective heirs, legal representatives, personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or

implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any Person other than the parties, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities.

12.13 <u>Use of Terms</u>. Use of the terms "herein", "hereby", "hereunder", "hereof', "hereinbefore", "hereinafter", and other equivalent words refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not solely to the particular portion of the Agreement in which such word is used. Reference to "this Article", "this Section", or a similar reference to a specific part of this Agreement shall refer to the particular Article, Section or specific part in which such reference appears. Whenever used herein, any pronoun shall be deemed to include both the singular and plural and all genders.

12.14 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each of the parties will execute, deliver, acknowledge or supply such further document, instruments and assurances as shall be reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the full intent and purposes of this Agreement, including but not limited to the filing of either a copy of this Agreement or a Memorandum of this Agreement with the applicable government authorities.

12.15 Equitable Remedies. The rights and remedies of the Members and the Company hereunder shall not be mutually exclusive, and the exercise of one or more of the provisions hereof shall not preclude the exercise of any other provisions hereof. The parties hereto confirm that damages at law may be an inadequate remedy for a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement and agree that in the event of a breach or threatened breach of any provision hereof, the respective rights and obligations hereunder shall be enforceable by specific performance, injunction (temporary and/or permanent), without posting bond, or other equitable remedy, but nothing herein contained is limited to, nor shall it limit or affect any right or rights at law or by statute or otherwise of any party aggrieved against any other party for a breach or threatened breach of any provision hereof, it being the intention of this Section to make clear the agreement of the parties that the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be enforceable in equity as well as at law or otherwise.

12.16 <u>Exhibits</u>. The exhibits attached to this Agreement are hereby made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference. All such exhibits shall read as of the date of this Agreement or, as to any of the exhibits bearing a particular date, as of any other date specified therein.

12.17 <u>Effective Date</u>. This Agreement shall become effective upon the later of the execution of this Agreement by all the Members or the filing of Articles of Organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State.

12.18 <u>Arbitration</u>. Any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Uniform Arbitration Act, S.C. Code § 15-48-10 et seq. as then in effect ("SCUAA"). All arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in Charleston, South Carolina. The arbitrators shall be selected as provided in the SCUAA, and the arbitrators shall render a decision on any dispute within one hundred twenty (120) days after the last of the arbitrators has been selected. If any party to this Agreement fails to select an arbitrator with regard to any dispute submitted to arbitration under this Section, within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the submission to arbitration of such dispute, then the other party shall select an arbitrator for such non-selecting party, and the decision of the arbitrators shall be binding upon all the parties to the dispute, their personal representatives, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns. Each party to an arbitration proceeding under this Section shall pay an equal portion of all arbitrators' expenses and fees, together with other expenses of arbitration, except that the parties shall bear their own respective expert witness, professional and attorneys' fees.

12.19 <u>Conflict of Interest</u>. The parties all acknowledge that The Pflug Law Firm, LLC prepared this Agreement on behalf of and in the course of its representation of the Company and that:

(a) The parties have been advised by The Pflug Law Firm, LLC that a conflict exists among their individual interests;

(b) The parties have been advised by The Pflug Law Firm, LLC to seek the advice of independent counsel; and

(c) The parties have had the opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel or having knowingly waived such opportunity.

For good and valuable consideration, the undersigned have executed and sealed this Operating Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

MEMBERS:

Anthony Louis Romeo

COMPANY:

SPPOTT Investments, LLC

By:_

Anthony Louis Romeo Member

EXHIBIT A

MEMBERS OF

SPPOTT Investments, LLC

Member's Name and Address	Member's <u>Signature</u>	Financial Membership	Voting Membership
Anthony Louis Romeo		<u>Shares</u> 100%	<u>Shares</u> 100%
		10070	100%

TOTAL:

100%

100%