# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION, et al.<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12158 (KBO)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. 1071

# FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER CONFIRMING FIRST AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS

Upon the filing by the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1071] (including all exhibits thereto and as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"), which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and the Court previously having approved the Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1125 With Respect to First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 970] (including all exhibits thereto and as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") and the solicitation procedures related to the Disclosure Statement pursuant to the Order Approving (I) Disclosure Statement and Form and Manner of Notice of Disclosure Statement Hearing (II) Establishing Solicitation, Voting, and Tabulation Procedures, (III) Scheduling Confirmation Hearing, (IV) Establishing Notice and Objection Procedures for Confirmation of Plan, (V)

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are as follows: Silvergate Capital Corporation (7337), Silvergate Liquidation Corporation (4449) and Spring Valley Lots, LLC (0474). The Debtors' mailing address is 4225 Executive Square, Suite 600, La Jolla, CA 92037.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or the Declarations (as defined herein), as applicable.

Establishing Cure Procedures, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 966] (the "Disclosure Statement Order"); and, as evidenced by the Affidavit of Publication [Docket No. 993] (the "Proof of Publication") and the Affidavits of Service [Docket Nos. 976, 982, 984, 989, 991, 995, 997 & 1005] (the "Affidavits of Service"), the Debtors having served the notice of Confirmation Hearing [Docket No. 972] (the "Confirmation Hearing Notice"), the Plan, the Disclosure Statement and the other documents required by the Disclosure Statement Order on the Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest pursuant to the Disclosure Statement Order; and the Debtors having filed the Notice of Filing of First Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1012] (as may be amended from time to time, the "First Plan Supplement"), the Notice of Filing of Second Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1017] (as may be amended from time to time, the "Second Plan Supplement"), the Notice of Filing of Third Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1054] (as may be amended from time to time, the "Third Plan Supplement"), the Notice of Filing of Fourth Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1057] (as may be amended from time to time, the "Fourth Plan Supplement"), and the Notice of Filing of Fifth Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1070] (as may be amended from time to time, the "Fifth Plan Supplement" and, together with the First Plan Supplement, the Second Plan Supplement, the Third Plan Supplement, and the Fourth Plan Supplement, the "Plan Supplement"); and the Court having considered the Declaration of Ivona

Smith in Support of Confirmation of the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1060] (the "Confirmation Declaration"), the Declaration of Ivona Smith in Support of the Releases Set Forth in the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1061] (the "Release Declaration"), the Declaration of Jeffrey Kopa in Support of the Confirmation of First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1062] (the "Kopa Declaration"), and the Declaration of Clarissa D. Cu Regarding the Solicitation and Tabulation of Votes on the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1063] (the "Voting Declaration," and together with the Confirmation Declaration, the Release Declaration and the Kopa Declaration, collectively, the "Confirmation Declarations"); and the Court having considered the record in the Chapter 11 Cases, the stakeholder support for the Plan established by the Voting Declaration, the compromises and settlements embodied in and contemplated by the Plan (including the Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement), and the evidence presented in support of confirmation of the Plan at the Confirmation Hearing held before the Court on November 13, 2025; and after due deliberation:

#### IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT

A. The findings and conclusions set forth herein and on the record of the Confirmation Hearing constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable herein by Bankruptcy Rules 7052 and 9014. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such.

- B. This Court has jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated as of February 29, 2012. Venue of these proceedings and the Chapter 11 Cases in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and this Court may enter a final order hereon under Article III of the United States Constitution.
- C. The Debtors were at all times during these Chapter 11 Cases and continue to be entities eligible for relief under section 109 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Debtors are proper proponents of the Plan under section 1121(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- D. The Court takes judicial notice of (and deems admitted into evidence for purposes of confirmation of the Plan) the docket of these Chapter 11 Cases maintained by the Clerk of this Court and/or its duly appointed agent, including, without limitation, all pleadings notices, and other documents filed, all orders entered, and all evidence and arguments made, proffered or adduced at the hearings held before this Court during the Chapter 11 Cases, including, without limitation, the Confirmation Hearing.
- E. The Debtors, as proponents of the Plan, have met their burden of proving the elements of sections 1129(a) and, as applicable, 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code by a preponderance of the evidence, the applicable evidentiary standard for confirmation. Further, to the extent applicable, the Debtors have proven the elements of sections 1129(a) and 1129(b) by clear and convincing evidence. Each witness who testified (by declaration, proffer, or otherwise) on behalf of the Debtors in connection with the Confirmation Hearing was credible, reliable, and qualified to testify as to the topics addressed in his or her testimony.

- F. The Plan was solicited in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Disclosure Statement Order.
- G. The Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Confirmation Hearing Notice, the Proof of Publication, the forms of ballots (the "Ballots") for accepting or rejecting the Plan, and notices of non-voting status (the "Notices of Non-Voting Status") provided Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest with sufficient notice of the injunction, exculpation, and release provisions contained in Article IX of the Plan in satisfaction of the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c). No other or further notice is necessary.
- H. In compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and the Disclosure Statement Order, and as evidenced by the Proof of Publication and Affidavits of Service, Stretto, Inc. ("Stretto") (a) effectuated service of the appropriate solicitation packages, including the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, an appropriate Ballot, the Confirmation Hearing Notice, and the Disclosure Statement Order, to Holders of Claims in Class 5 (Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claims) and Interests in Class 8 (Preferred Stock Interests), (b) effectuated service of the (i) Notice of Unimpaired Non-Voting Status, including the Opt-In Election Form annexed thereto as Annex A, on Holders of Claims in Class 1 (Other Priority Claims), Class 2 (Secured Claims), Class 3 (General Unsecured Claims), Class 4 (Subordinated Notes Claims), Class 6 (Intercompany Claims), Class 7 (Intercompany Interests), and Class 11 (Bhatia Litigation Claims), (ii) Class 9 Notice of Unimpaired Non-Voting Status, including the Opt-In Election Form annexed thereto as Annex A, on all known registered Holders of Interests in Class 9 (Common Stock Interests), and (iii) Notice of Impaired Non-Voting Status, on Holders of Claims in Class 10 (Section 510(b) Claims), (c) effectuated service of the Confirmation Hearing Notice on all parties in interest, and (d) caused notice of the Confirmation Hearing to be published

in *The Wall Street Journal*. All parties required to be given notice of the Confirmation Hearing have been given due, proper, timely and adequate notice and such parties have had an opportunity to appear and be heard with respect thereto. No other or further notice is necessary.

- I. The Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law. In so finding, the Court has considered the totality of the circumstances of the Chapter 11 Cases and found that the Debtors and all other constituencies acted in good faith. The Plan is the result of extensive, good faith, arm's length negotiations among the Debtors and their principal constituencies.
- J. Votes to accept or reject the Plan have been solicited and tabulated fairly, in good faith, and in a manner consistent with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Disclosure Statement Order. As evidenced by the Voting Declaration, the Holders of Claims in Class 5 (Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claims) and Interests in Class 8 (Preferred Stock Interests) have voted to accept the Plan in the numbers and amounts required by sections 1126(c) and (d) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively. No other Class is entitled to vote on the Plan, as each such Class is either Unimpaired under the Plan (and therefore conclusively presumed to accept the Plan) or Impaired and to receive no recovery under the Plan (and therefore deemed to have rejected the Plan).
- K. The documents contained in the Plan Supplement comply and are consistent with the Bankruptcy Code and the terms of the Plan, and the filing and notice of such documents were good and proper and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Disclosure Statement Order, and the facts and circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases. All documents included in the Plan Supplement are integral to, part of, and incorporated by reference into the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Liquidation Trust Agreement, and this

Confirmation Order (including any review and consent rights of certain parties as set forth in the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement), the Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, update, or modify the Plan Supplement (including, without limitation, the Liquidation Trust Agreement) at any time through and including the Effective Date.

- L. The Release Declaration reflects the Debtors' position that (i) Ms. Smith is independent and the appointment of Ms. Smith as the sole member of the Investigation Committee was appropriate, (ii) the investigative process employed by the Investigation Committee was thorough, complete and consistent with the Investigation Committee's fiduciary duties, (iii) the Investigation Committee's use of RLF was appropriate, and (iv) the results of the IC Investigation are reasonable. Further, the Release Declaration provides a sufficient basis for the Court to approve the release of Debtor and Estate Claims proposed in Plan Article IX.B and the Releasing Party Claims Proposed in Plan Article IX.C.
- M. The releases, exculpations and injunctions set forth in Article IX of the Plan and set forth in paragraph 9 below, are appropriate under applicable law.
  - 1. Releases by the Debtors. As set forth in the Confirmation Declarations, the releases being provided by the Debtors in favor of the Released Parties pursuant to Section IX.B of the Plan (the "Debtor Releases") are (i) fair, equitable and reasonable, (ii) integral elements of the Plan and resolution of the Chapter 11 Cases, without which the Debtors' ability to confirm the Plan would be impaired, (iii) narrowly tailored under the facts and circumstances of the Chapter 11 Cases and (iv) in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, creditors, and equity holders. Accordingly, the Debtor Releases constitute a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and, to the extent applicable, otherwise satisfy the standard articulated in *In re Master Mortg. Inv. Fund, Inc.*, 168 B.R. 930 (Bankr. W.D. Mo. 1994).
  - 2. <u>Releases by Holders of Claims and Interests</u>. As set forth in the Confirmation Declarations, the releases being provided by the Releasing Parties in favor of the Released Parties pursuant to Section IX.C of the Plan (the "<u>Third Party Releases</u>") are appropriate in that such releases are voluntary and consensual.
  - 3. <u>Exculpation</u>. As set forth in the Confirmation Declarations, the exculpations in favor of the Exculpated Parties in Section IX.D of the Plan (the "<u>Exculpation</u>

- <u>Provision</u>") are appropriate in that the Exculpated Parties are estate fiduciaries and no Exculpated Party is being exculpated for acts or omissions that constitute actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. Accordingly, the Exculpation Provision complies with the standard articulated in *In re PWS Holding Corp.*, 228 F.3d 224 (3d Cir. 2000).
- 4. <u>Injunction</u>. As set forth in the Confirmation Declarations, the injunction set forth in Section IX.E of the Plan (the "<u>Injunction Provision</u>") is appropriate in that such injunction is necessary to implement, preserve and enforce the releases and exculpations set forth in Article IX of the Plan, and is narrowly tailored to achieve such purpose.
- N. Entry into the Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement incorporated into the Plan is a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment. The Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement are good faith, arms'-length settlements and compromises, are in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, the Debtors' creditors and equity holders, and other parties in interest, and are fair, equitable, and within the range of reasonableness. Absent the Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement, the Debtors would become mired in protracted and costly litigation with certain creditors and equity holders, and would face substantial delays and uncertainty in making any distributions to creditors or equity holders. The Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement resolve complex disputes among key constituencies and provide a framework for an efficient and value-maximizing resolution of these Chapter 11 Cases.
- O. On May 14, 2025, the Court entered a preliminary order [Docket No. 732] preliminarily approving the Global Settlement, including, among other things, the Debtors' entry into and performance under the Securities Litigation Settlement. On September 3, 2025, the S.D. Cal. District Court entered the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order approving the Securities Litigation Settlement on a final basis, together with orders approving attorneys' fees and expenses and a plan of allocation.

- P. The Debtors' Estates will be consolidated for the limited purpose of calculating and making distributions under the Plan. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code empowers the Court to consolidate multiple debtors, including the limited consolidation of the Debtors' Estates into a single estate for certain limited purposes relating to the Plan, including distributions. Limited consolidation of the Debtors is an important element of the successful implementation of the Plan and the Debtors have demonstrated a sufficient basis for the consolidation.
- Q. Holders of Claims in Class 10 (Section 510(b) Claims) will not receive a distribution on account of their existing Claims. Notwithstanding that Class 10 (Section 510(b) Claims) is deemed to reject the Plan, the Plan may be confirmed pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The evidence in support of the Plan that was proffered, admitted, or adduced at or prior to the Confirmation Hearing is reasonable, persuasive, and credible, has not been controverted by other evidence, and establishes that the Plan does not discriminate unfairly against, and is fair and equitable with respect to Class 10 (Section 510(b) Claims) as required by sections 1129(b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the Plan may be confirmed notwithstanding the deemed rejection of the Plan by Class 10 (Section 510(b) Claims).
- R. On October 16, 2025, the Debtors filed the Cure and Assumption Notice which included a schedule listing certain potentially executory contracts and unexpired leases (the "Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases") proposed to potentially be assumed by Reorganized Silvergate<sup>3</sup> or the Liquidation Trust, as applicable, and identifying the Cure Amount, if any, that the Debtors believed must be paid to cure any monetary defaults and pay all amounts accrued

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "<u>Reorganized Silvergate</u>" means Silvergate Capital Corporation, from and after the Effective Date, as owned solely by Holders of reinstated Common Stock Interests. The term Reorganized Silvergate shall include the Subsidiary Debtors ((i) Silvergate Liquidation Corporation and (ii) Spring Valley Lots, LLC), as Reorganized Debtors from and after the Effective Date.

under such contracts and leases. The Cure and Assumption Notice was served on each non-Debtor counterparty (collectively, the "Counterparties") to the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases identified on the Assumption Schedule (the "Assumed Contracts") who were affected by such notice. See Docket No. 1038. The service of the Cure and Assumption Notice, including the Assumption Schedule, was timely, good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances and no further notice need be given. All Counterparties to the Assumed Contracts have had a reasonable opportunity to object both to the Cure Amount listed on the Cure and Assumption Notices and to the assumption of the Assumed Contracts. The Debtors have cured or demonstrated their ability to cure any default with respect to any act or omission that occurred prior to the Effective Date under any of the Assumed Contracts, within the meaning of section 365(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Debtors and the applicable Counterparty, the Cure Amounts set forth in the Assumption Schedule are deemed the amounts necessary to "cure" within the meaning of section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code all "defaults" within the meaning of section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code under such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Accordingly, all of the requirements of sections 1123(b)(2) and 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied for the assumption by the Debtors of each of the Assumed Contracts.

S. The Liquidation Analysis provided in the Disclosure Statement and the other evidence presented, proffered, or adduced at the Confirmation Hearing (i) are persuasive and credible; (ii) have not been controverted by other evidence; and (iii) establish that each Holder of an impaired Claim or Interest either has accepted the Plan or will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such Claim or Interest, property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less

than the amount that such holder would receive or retain if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date.

- T. Pursuant to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, any modifications to the Plan made after solicitation of the Plan or in this Confirmation Order constitute technical or clarifying changes, do not materially and adversely affect or change the treatment of any Holder of a Claim or Interest, and do not require re-solicitation of votes with respect to the Plan.
- U. All documents necessary to implement the Plan, including the exhibits thereto, the documents contained in the Plan Supplement (including, without limitation, the Liquidation Trust Agreement), and all other documents contemplated or required to be entered into and executed to effectuate the Plan, are essential elements of the Plan, and entry into each such document is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and in the best interests of the Debtors, the Estates, the Debtors' creditors, and other parties in interest.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

#### A. Confirmation of the Plan

- 1. The Plan is confirmed and approved in all respects, as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections or responses, if any, to confirmation of the Plan that have not been withdrawn, waived, settled, or resolved prior to the Confirmation Hearing or otherwise resolved on the record of the Confirmation Hearing or in this Confirmation Order are hereby overruled and denied on the merits, with prejudice. All objections to the entry of this Confirmation Order or to the relief granted herein that were not timely filed and served prior to the Plan Objection Deadline are deemed waived and forever barred.

- 3. The Global Settlement, which was preliminarily approved by this Court's order dated May 14, 2025 [Docket No. 732], is approved on a final basis pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and shall become effective upon the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan.
  - 4. The Common Stock Settlement is approved pursuant Bankruptcy Rule 9019.
- 5. The terms of the Plan (including without limitation the Global Settlement and the Common Stock Settlement), the Plan Supplement, all exhibits thereto, and all other relevant and necessary documents executed or to be executed in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall be effective and binding as of the Effective Date. As provided for in the Plan, subject to any review and consent rights of certain parties as set forth in the Plan and the Plan Supplement, the Debtors may alter, amend, or modify the Plan and the Plan Supplement (including, without limitation, the Liquidation Trust Agreement) at any time through and including the Effective Date in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The failure to specifically include or refer to any particular article, section, or provision of the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any related document in this Confirmation Order does not diminish or impair the effectiveness or enforceability of such article, section, provision, or document.
- 6. To the greatest extent permitted under the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, and in consideration for the classifications, distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, upon the Effective Date, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good-faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, and other controversies released, settled, compromised, satisfied, or otherwise resolved pursuant to the Plan and such compromise and settlement is fair, equitable, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests.

- 7. This Confirmation Order shall constitute all approvals and consents required, if any, by the laws, rules or regulations of any state or any other governmental authority with respect to the implementation or consummation of the Plan and any other acts that may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation or consummation of the Plan. In accordance with section 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, upon the entry of this Confirmation Order, the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trust, the Liquidation Trustee, and the Disbursing Agents, as applicable, each acting by and through their respective officers and agents, are authorized to take any and all actions contemplated under the Plan to be taken on or after entry of the Confirmation Order and/or otherwise necessary or appropriate to implement the Plan, including, without limitation, (i) consummating the (a) Global Settlement and (b) Common Stock Settlement, (ii) establishing the Liquidation Trust and entering into the Liquidation Trust Agreement (substantially in the form included in the Plan Supplement), (iii) performing their respective obligations under the Liquidation Trust Agreement in accordance with the Plan, (iv) executing the New Organizational Documents, and (v) executing any such other agreements and documentation reasonably desired or necessary to consummate and document the transactions contemplated by the Plan (including any amendments, modifications, and supplements thereto), as applicable and in each case without any further order of the Court. The Liquidation Trust shall be deemed for all purposes to have been created in connection with the Plan and this Confirmation Order and, upon its execution, the Liquidation Trust Agreement, pursuant to the Plan and this Confirmation Order, will constitute a legal, valid, enforceable and binding agreement of the parties thereto.
- 8. Subject to payment of any applicable filing fees under applicable non-bankruptcy law, each federal, state, commonwealth, local, foreign, or other governmental agency is authorized to accept for filing and/or recording any and all documents, mortgages and instruments necessary

or appropriate to effectuate, implement, or consummate the transactions contemplated by the Plan and this Confirmation Order.

- 9. The amendments and modifications to the *First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors* [Docket No. 969] since the filing thereof, including as reflected herein, and incorporated into and reflected in the Plan are approved in accordance with section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019(a).
- 10. For the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(c)(1), the following provisions in the Plan are hereby approved and shall be effective immediately on the Effective Date without further order or action by the Court, any of the parties to such release, or any other Entity: (a) the Debtor Releases (Article IX.B); (b) the Third Party Releases (Article IX.C); (c) the Exculpation Provision (Article IX.D); and (d) the Injunction Provision (Article IX.E), as follows:
  - a) Debtor Releases (Article IX.B):

Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, the Debtors and their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate and each of their respective current and former Affiliates (with respect to non-Debtors, to the extent permitted by applicable nonbankruptcy law), the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board, the Liquidation Trust, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition (including any derivative Claims asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors, their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate or the Liquidation Trust), whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the conduct of their business (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition), the issuance, distribution, purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security or other debt instrument of the Debtors, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation of the

RSA, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition) related or relating to the (collectively, the "Debtor and Estate Claims"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing and subject to the provisos later in the paragraph, the releases set forth in this Article IX.B shall not release (i) any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, (ii) any Released Party (other than any Indemnified Individual) from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (iii) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, and in accordance with the terms of the Global Settlement, the Debtors and their Estates are waiving and releasing all Debtor and Estate Claims against all Indemnified Individuals.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the releases described in this Article IX.B by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article IX.B is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to implementing the Plan; (ii) a goodfaith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (vi) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (vii) a bar to any of the Debtors, their respective Estates, the Liquidation Trustee on behalf of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, asserting any claim or Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

# b) Third Party Releases (Article IX.C):

As of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Releasing Party shall be

deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board, the Liquidation Trust and each other Released Party from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition up until the Effective Date), including any derivative Claims asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors, their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee or the Liquidation Trust that such Releasing Party would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the issuance, distribution, purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security or other debt instrument of the Debtors, the Debtors or the conduct of their business (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition), the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation of the RSA, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition up until the Effective Date) related or relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "Releasing Party Claims"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, and subject to the provisos later in this paragraph, the releases set forth in this Article IX.C shall not release (i) any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, (ii) any Released Party (other than any Indemnified Individual) from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (iii) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, (x) and in accordance with the terms of the Global Settlement, the Releasing Parties are waiving and releasing all Releasing Party Claims against all Indemnified Individuals; and (y)(i) the Securities Plaintiffs' entry into the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed as having deemed the Securities Plaintiffs or any Securities Litigation Class Members as Releasing Parties or having opted into the third party releases provided in <u>Article IX.C</u>; and (ii) the releases granted by the Securities Plaintiffs and Securities Litigation Class Members, in their capacity as such, in the Securities Litigation pursuant to the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall be governed by and implemented pursuant to the terms thereof and the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the releases described in this Article IX.C by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article IX.C is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to implementing the Plan; (ii) a goodfaith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Holders of Claims and Interests: (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (vi) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (vii) a bar to any of the Debtors, their respective Estates, the Liquidation Trustee on behalf of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, asserting any claim or Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

#### c) Exculpation Provision (Article IX.D):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission from the Petition Date to the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan or the distribution of Cash under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to the fullest extent permitted by law to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Consummation of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws

with regard to the solicitation of, and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

#### d) Injunction Provision (Article IX.E):

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR FOR DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE PAID OR DELIVERED **PURSUANT** TO THE **PLAN** OR CONFIRMATION ORDER, ALL ENTITIES THAT HAVE HELD, HOLD, OR MAY HOLD CLAIMS OR INTERESTS THAT HAVE (1) BEEN RELEASED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.B OR ARTICLE IX.C OR (2) ARE SUBJECT TO EXCULPATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.D. ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED, FROM AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, FROM TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AGAINST, AS APPLICABLE, THE DEBTORS, REORGANIZED SILVERGATE, THE LIQUIDATION TRUST OR THE RELEASED PARTIES (TO THE EXTENT OF THE RELEASES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.B OR ARTICLE IX.C WITH RESPECT TO THE RELEASED PARTIES), OR THE EXCULPATED PARTIES (TO THE EXTENT OF THE EXCULPATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.D WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCULPATED PARTIES): (I) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; (II) ENFORCING, ATTACHING, COLLECTING, OR RECOVERING BY ANY MANNER OR MEANS ANY JUDGMENT, AWARD, DECREE, OR ORDER AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; (III) CREATING, PERFECTING, OR ENFORCING ANY LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE OF ANY KIND AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES OR THE PROPERTY OR THE ESTATES OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; AND (IV) ASSERTING ANY RIGHT OF SETOFF OR SUBROGATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY OBLIGATION DUE FROM SUCH ENTITIES OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS UNLESS SUCH ENTITY HAS TIMELY ASSERTED SUCH SETOFF RIGHT IN A DOCUMENT (WHICH MAY BE A PROOF OF CLAIM) FILED WITH THE BANKRUPTCY

# COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PLAN EXPLICITLY PRESERVING SUCH SETOFF.

- 11. For the further avoidance of doubt, the releases granted by the Securities Plaintiffs and members of the Securities Litigation Settlement Classes through the Securities Litigation Settlement do not impact the allowance or treatment of any Class 8 Preferred Stock Interest or Class 9 Common Stock Interest (in each case, in their capacity as such) held by a member of a Securities Litigation Settlement Class that is also a Holder of such Interest as of the Distribution Record Date.
- 12. Contemporaneously with the occurrence of the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall file and serve a notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, upon all parties listed in the creditor matrix maintained by Stretto informing them of the occurrence of the Effective Date.

## **B.** Vesting of Assets in the Liquidation Trust

13. On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall (i) automatically be deemed to have irrevocably transferred, granted, assigned, conveyed, and delivered to the Liquidation Trust all of their right, title, and interest in and to the Liquidation Trust Assets, including, without limitation, the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, and, in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, all such Liquidation Trust Assets shall automatically vest in the Liquidation Trust free and clear of all Liens, charges, Claims, encumbrances and interests (legal, beneficial, or otherwise), for the benefit of the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement, (ii) execute the Liquidation Trust Agreement and, along with the Liquidation Trustee, take all steps necessary to establish the Liquidation Trust pursuant to the Liquidation Trust Agreement and consistent with the Plan; and (iii) transfer the Liquidation Trust Initial Funding to an account designated by the Liquidation Trust or established

by the Liquidation Trust. The act of transferring the Liquidation Trust Assets to the Liquidation Trust shall not be construed to destroy or limit any such assets or rights or be construed as a waiver of any right, and such rights may be asserted by the Liquidation Trust as if the asset or right was still held by the Debtors. The Liquidation Trust shall be governed by the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

- 14. Upon the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust, acting by and through the Liquidation Trustee, shall be the exclusive administrator of the Liquidation Trust Assets for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of each Estate appointed pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, solely for the purposes of carrying out the duties specified in the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- 15. In accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Liquidation Trust shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence, pursue, litigate, or settle, as appropriate, any and all Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, and the Liquidation Trust's right to commence, prosecute, litigate, or settle such Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, subject to the terms of the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement, shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement or the Disclosure Statement to any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action against it as any indication that the Liquidation Trust will not pursue any and all available Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action against it.
- 16. To the extent that any of the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action cannot be transferred to the Liquidation Trust because of a restriction on transferability under applicable non-bankruptcy law that is not superseded or preempted by section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code

or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code, such Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action and rights shall be deemed to have been retained by the Estates or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, (other than for tax purposes) and the Liquidation Trustee shall be deemed to have been designated as a representative of the Estates or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, to the extent provided in the Liquidation Trust Agreement pursuant to section 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code solely to enforce and pursue such Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, at the sole cost of the Liquidation Trust and as directed by counsel to the Liquidation Trust, on behalf of the Liquidation Trust for the benefit of the Beneficiaries. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary with respect to the foregoing, any and all proceeds of the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action shall be distributed to the Beneficiaries consistent with the provisions of the Plan, this Order, and the Liquidation Trust Agreement. No Liquidation Trust Retained Cause of Action shall be deemed to have been waived or otherwise prejudiced if it cannot be transferred to the Liquidation Trust and shall be preserved for all purposes by the Estates or Reorganized Silvergate for the benefit of the Liquidation Trust and its Beneficiaries.

17. Unless a Cause of Action against a holder of a Claim or an Interest or other Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in the Plan or any Final Order (including this Confirmation Order or by virtue of the allowance of such Claim under the Plan), such Cause of Action is expressly preserved for later adjudication by the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable. No preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable or otherwise) or laches will apply to such Cause of Action upon or after the entry of this Confirmation Order or the Effective Date of the Plan based on the Plan or this Confirmation Order, except where such Causes of Action have been expressly released in the Plan or this Confirmation

Order. For the avoidance of doubt, any person, entity, or party specifically identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> of <u>Exhibit H</u> (Schedule of Retained Causes of Action) to the Plan Supplement that would otherwise qualify as a Released Party or Exculpated Party under the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party or Exculpated Party and shall not be released or exculpated pursuant to the Plan or this Order.

- 18. In pursuing any claim, right or Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, the Liquidation Trust shall be entitled to the tolling provisions provided under section 108 of the Bankruptcy Code and shall succeed to the Debtors' rights with respect to the time periods in which a Cause of Action might be brought under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 19. The Liquidation Trust shall have the exclusive right to investigate, enforce, sue on, settle, compromise, transfer, or assign (or decline to do any of the foregoing) any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action that have not been released pursuant to the terms of the Plan without notice to or approval from the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtors.
- 20. The Plan and the Plan Supplement provide adequate disclosure with respect to the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action and all parties in interest received adequate notice thereof.
- 21. The Plan and Plan Supplement are specific and unequivocal with respect to Causes of Action to be preserved and retained by the Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate as indicated on <u>Schedule 1</u> and <u>Schedule 2</u>, respectively, of <u>Exhibit H</u> (Scheduled of Retained Causes of Action) to the Plan Supplement.

#### C. No Successor in Interest

22. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or this Order, the Liquidation Trust (a) is not agreeing to, and shall not be deemed to assume the obligation to, perform, pay, or otherwise have any responsibilities for any liabilities or obligations of the Debtors or any other

Entity relating to or arising out of the operations or the assets of the Debtors on or prior to the Effective Date, (b) is not, and shall not be, a successor to the Debtors by reason of any theory of law or equity or responsible for the knowledge or conduct of any Debtor prior to the Effective Date, and (c) shall not have any successor, transferee, or similar liability of any kind or character.

23. On the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust shall establish the Indemnification Reserves, the Disputed Claims Reserve, and the Data Retention and Protection Reserve. The Liquidation Trust is authorized to establish such other reserves as the Liquidation Trustee, with the consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders, reasonably determines necessary or appropriate to facilitate consummation of the Plan and the occurrence of the Effective Date.

#### D. Vesting of Assets in Reorganized Silvergate

- 24. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan or the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, the Reorganized Silvergate Assets shall vest in Reorganized Silvergate, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, or other encumbrances unless expressly provided otherwise by the Plan or this Confirmation Order. On and after the Effective Date, Reorganized Silvergate may operate its business and may use, acquire, or dispose of property, and compromise or settle any Claims, Interests, or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules.
- 25. In accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Reorganized Silvergate shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence and pursue, as appropriate, any and all Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, and Reorganized Silvergate's right to commence, prosecute or settle such Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the

Effective Date. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement or the Disclosure Statement to any Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action against it as any indication that Reorganized Silvergate will not pursue any and all available Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action against it.

- 26. In pursuing any claim, right or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, Reorganized Silvergate shall be entitled to the tolling provisions provided under section 108 of the Bankruptcy Code and shall succeed to the Debtors' rights with respect to the time periods in which a Cause of Action might be brought under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 27. The Plan and the Plan Supplement provide adequate disclosure with respect to the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action and all parties in interest received adequate notice thereof.

## E. Liquidation Trust Agreement; Liquidation Trustee

28. Entry into the Liquidation Trust Agreement is approved. Further, the appointment of (i) Matthew Dundon of Dundon Advisors LLC, as Liquidation Trustee, is approved in all respects. The Liquidation Trustee is hereby (a) authorized to (i) execute, perform, and carry out all rights and duties set forth in the Liquidation Trust Agreement and in the Plan, (ii) appear and be heard before the Court on all matters relating to the Chapter 11 Cases (as a representative of the Liquidation Trust and/or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable) and/or section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, as applicable, (iii) as set forth in Article VI.H of the Plan and this Confirmation Order, pursue, prosecute, settle, and/or dispose of, in the name of the Estates, Reorganized Silvergate and/or the Liquidation Trust, any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, and (iv) present to creditors, other courts of competent jurisdiction, and any other party the Liquidation Trust Agreement, the Plan and this Confirmation Order as evidence of its authority; and (b) vested

with all of the powers and authority set forth in the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement, as applicable. The compensation of the Liquidation Trustee as set forth in the Plan Supplement is approved in all respects and the Liquidation Trustee shall perform its duties in its capacity as such as set forth in the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

- 29. The Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are not intended to be "securities" under applicable laws, but if such interests constitute securities, the issuance of such securities under the Plan shall be exempt pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent such exemption is available, from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and any other applicable securities laws requiring registration of securities. Moreover, if the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests constitute securities, any and all such beneficial interests that constitute securities shall be tradeable under the Securities Act by the recipients thereof (i) if either (x) the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and the rules and regulations of the SEC, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such beneficial interests are available or (y) the resales are otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act, and (ii) only to the extent expressly permitted under the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- 30. To the extent expressly permitted under the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement, the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests may be made eligible for clearance and trading through the book-entry facilities of DTC.
- 31. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Plan or this Confirmation Order shall relieve the Liquidation Trust or any other party from complying with federal and state securities laws. The Liquidation Trust shall be subject to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court.

# F. Privilege

- 32. As set forth in the Liquidation Trust Agreement, all attorney-client privileges, work product protections and other privileges, immunities or protections from disclosure (the "LT Privileges") held by any one or more of the Debtors (including any pre-petition or post-petition committee or subcommittee of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of any of the Debtors and their predecessors) (collectively, the "LT Privilege Transfer Parties") related in any way to the Liquidation Trust Assets and the purpose of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate Assets (the "LT Transferred Privileged Information") are hereby transferred and assigned to the Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate jointly, which joint privilege shall be subject to the terms of the Business Records Access Agreement (as defined in the Liquidation Trust Agreement). The LT Transferred Privileged Information shall include documents and information of all manner, whether oral, written, or digital, and whether or not previously disclosed or discussed. For the avoidance of doubt, the LT Privileges shall include any right to preserve or enforce a LT Privilege that arises from any joint defense, common interest, or similar agreement involving any of the LT Privilege Transfer Parties.
- 33. The foregoing transfer and assignment shall vest the LT Privileges concerning the LT Transferred Privileged Information in the Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate jointly, consistent with sections 1123(a)(5)(B) and 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, Confidential Supervisory Information (as defined in 12 C.F.R. § 261.2) shall remain subject to the rights and privileges of applicable regulators and nothing in this Order shall authorize the disclosure of any Confidential Supervisory Information absent applicable regulatory approval or otherwise in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law.

34. Pursuant to, *inter alia*, Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), no LT Privileges shall be waived by the transfer and assignment of the LT Privileges or the production of any LT Transferred Privileged Information to the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, or any of their respective employees, the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board Members, professionals or representatives, or by disclosure of such LT Transferred Privileged Information between the LT Privilege Transfer Parties, on the one hand, and the Liquidation Trust and/or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, on the other hand, or any of their respective employees, the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board, professionals or representatives. For the avoidance of doubt, any access provided to Reorganized Silvergate of the Debtors' books and records pursuant to [Article V.D.4] of the Plan shall not be deemed a waiver of any LT Privileges and any LT Transferred Privileged Information received by Reorganized Silvergate in connection therewith shall be subject to the joint privilege and the terms set forth in the Business Records Access Agreement.

#### G. Cancellation of Existing Securities and Agreements

35. Except for the reinstatement of the Common Stock Interests and as otherwise provided in the Plan, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan, or the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, all certificates, shares, notes, bonds, indentures, agreements, purchase rights, or other instruments or documents (including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Documents), directly or indirectly evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest or equity in the Debtors or any warrants, options, or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for, or convertible into, debt, equity, ownership, or profits interests in the Debtors giving rise to any Claim or Interest (and the obligations of the Debtors and the Indenture Trustees, as applicable, thereunder) shall be deemed automatically cancelled,

terminated, surrendered, and of no further force or effect, without further act or action under any applicable agreement, law, regulation, order, or rule, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date, such cancelled certificates, shares, notes, bonds, indentures, agreements, purchase rights, or other instruments or documents (including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Documents) shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of allowing Holders of Claims or Interests (including, without limitation, Allowed SC Trusts Claims and Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims) to receive and accept their respective Distributions under the Plan on account of such Claims and Interests (with all Allowed SC Trusts Claims being distributed to (or at the direction of) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees), if any, subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens (for the avoidance of doubt, as set forth in and subject to Article V.M of the Plan.

# H. New Organizational Documents

36. On the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, Reorganized Silvergate's certificates of incorporation and bylaws (and other analogous formation and constituent documents) shall be amended, amended and restated or replaced with the New Organizational Documents set forth in the Plan Supplement. The New Organizational Documents shall, among other things: (a) reinstate all Allowed Common Stock Interests such that Holders of Common Stock Interests shall be the owners of Reorganized Silvergate; (b) reinstate all Intercompany Interests; and (c) pursuant to and only to the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, include a provision prohibiting the issuance of non-voting equity securities. Reorganized Silvergate may amend and restate its certificate of incorporation or other formation and constituent documents as permitted by the Laws of its respective jurisdiction of formation and the terms of the New Organizational Documents and the Plan.

# I. Directors and Officers of Reorganized Silvergate

37. The designation of the members or the persons proposed to serve on the initial board of directors of Reorganized Silvergate as set forth in the Plan Supplement is approved and shall be effective as of the Effective Date without further action by any party. As of the Effective Date, all of the Debtors' board members, directors, officers, and managers, as applicable, shall cease to hold office or have any authority from and after such time, shall have no continuing obligations to Reorganized Silvergate on or after the Effective Date, and each such board member, director, officer, and manager, as applicable, shall be deemed to have resigned or shall otherwise cease to be a board member, director, officer, and manager, as applicable, on the Effective Date. Each of the board members, directors, officers, and managers, as applicable, of Reorganized Silvergate shall serve pursuant to the terms of the applicable organizational documents of Reorganized Silvergate and may be designated, replaced, or removed in accordance with such applicable organizational documents.

# J. Governmental Approvals

38. This Confirmation Order shall constitute all approvals and consents required, if any, by the laws, rules, or regulations of any state or any other governmental authority with respect to the implementation or consummation of the Plan and any other acts that may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation or consummation of the Plan. In accordance with section 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent not previously authorized, the Debtors and Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, and the appropriate officers, representatives, and members of the boards of directors thereof shall be authorized to, and may, issue, execute, deliver, file, or record such documents, contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms

and conditions of the Plan, including the transactions contemplated thereby, and all such other actions delineated in Article V of the Plan or otherwise contemplated by the Plan, including the conversion, merger, or dissolution of any Debtor, without the need for any further approvals, authorization, or consents, in each case, subject to the terms of the Plan and this Confirmation Order.

39. Each federal, state, commonwealth, local, foreign, or other governmental agency is authorized to accept for filing and/or recording any and all documents, mortgages and instruments necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement or consummate the transactions contemplated by the Plan and this Confirmation Order. This Confirmation Order shall constitute all approvals and consents required, if any, by the laws, rules or regulations of any state, commonwealth, or any other governmental authority with respect to the implementation or consummation of the Plan and any other acts that may be necessary or appropriate for the implementation or consummation of the Plan.

#### K. Administrative Expense Bar Date

40. Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, and except as otherwise provided in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, requests for payment of any Administrative Expense Claims must be Filed on or before the Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date (*i.e.*, thirty (30) days after the Effective Date). Such request for payment of any Administrative Expense Claim must include at a minimum: (i) the name of the holder of the Administrative Expense Claim; (ii) the asserted amount of the Administrative Expense Claim; (iii) the basis of the Administrative Expense Claim. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any and all claims of the Indemnified Individuals, for indemnification, contribution, advancement, or reimbursement shall not be subject to the

Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date or the procedures set forth in this paragraph, and shall instead be governed and treated in accordance with Article V.C.2 of the Plan. FAILURE TO TIMELY AND PROPERLY FILE AND SERVE SUCH REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM SHALL RESULT IN SUCH CLAIM BEING FOREVER BARRED AND DISALLOWED.

#### L. Professional Fee Claims

41. In accordance with Article II.B of the Plan, all Professionals seeking an award by the Court of Professional Fee Claims shall file and serve on the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, and such other Persons who are designated by the applicable Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order, the Interim Compensation Order, or any other applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court, their respective final applications for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in the Chapter 11 Cases by **no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date.** Objections to any Professional Fee Claims must be filed and served on the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, the U.S. Trustee, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group, and the requesting party no later than twenty calendar days after the filing of the final applications for compensation or reimbursement (unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors or Liquidation Trust, as applicable, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group, and the party requesting compensation of a Professional Fee Claim).

# M. Payment of Statutory Fees

42. Article II.F of the Plan provides that all fees due and payable pursuant to section 1930 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code, together with the statutory rate of interest set forth in section 3717 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code to the extent applicable ("Quarterly Fees") prior to the Effective Date shall be paid by the Debtors consistent with Article II.F of the Plan. Notwithstanding anything

to the contrary in the Plan, the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, and Reorganized Silvergate agree that the Debtors shall be solely liable to pay Quarterly Fees on account of all disbursements made prior to the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee and Reorganized Silvergate agree that the Liquidation Trust shall be responsible for payment of Quarterly Fees on all disbursements on and after the Effective Date, other than disbursements made to or for the benefit of Reorganized Silvergate (which the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee and Reorganized Silvergate agree shall be the responsibility of Reorganized Silvergate), provided that with respect to disbursements to the Liquidation Trust, Quarterly Fees shall be due only on the disbursement of Cash on the Effective Date to the Liquidation Trust, whether such Cash will constitute a Liquidation Trust Asset on the Effective Date or be transferred to the Professional Fee Escrow Account, the Indemnification Reserves, the Data Retention and Protection Reserve, or the Disputed Claims Reserve, and no further Quarterly Fees will be due and payable by the Debtors or the Liquidation Trust upon any subsequent disbursements made by the Liquidation Trust from such reserves or such Cash that is transferred to the Liquidation Trust on the Effective Date. The Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee and Reorganized Silvergate agree that Reorganized Silvergate shall be responsible for any disbursements made by Reorganized Silvergate after the Effective Date; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee and Reorganized Silvergate agree that the Liquidation Trust shall not be responsible for any Quarterly Fees incurred in connection with disbursements made by Reorganized Silvergate after the Effective Date. The Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, and Reorganized Silvergate agree that Liquidation Trustee shall be responsible for payment of Quarterly Fees payable on account of disbursements made by the Liquidation Trustee from the monetization of the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action. As set forth in Article II.F, each and every one of the Debtors,

Reorganized Silvergate, or the Liquidation Trust shall remain responsible for the payment of Quarterly Fees to the Office of the U.S. Trustee until the earliest of that particular Debtor's case being closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or herein to the contrary, (i) Quarterly Fees are Allowed; (ii) the U.S. Trustee shall not be required to file any proof of claim or any other request(s) for payment with respect to the Quarterly Fees; and (iii) the U.S. Trustee shall not be treated as providing any release under the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, the agreements between the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, and Reorganized Silvergate in this paragraph shall not be binding on the U.S. Trustee.

#### N. Reservation of Rights With Respect to Indemnified Individuals Fees & Expenses

43. Entry of the Confirmation Order shall not be deemed to waive any rights to contest or object to any portion of the invoices submitted by the Indemnified Individuals in connection with the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget, the Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts, or otherwise as set forth in the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet and the Debtors and the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group expressly reserve all such rights.

#### O. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

- 44. The provisions governing the treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases set forth in Article X of the Plan are hereby approved in their entirety.
- 45. As of and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to which any of the Debtors are parties shall be deemed rejected, unless such contract or lease (a) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume filed by the Debtors on

or before the Confirmation Date; (d) is a contract, release, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan; (e) is an Insurance Policy; or (f) is identified for assumption on the Assumption Schedule included in the Plan Supplement, which schedule shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders. For the avoidance of doubt, no Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be assumed merely by virtue of its inclusion on the notices of potential assumption filed at Docket No. 1031.

- 46. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of this Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of the assumptions, assumptions and assignments, or rejections provided for in the Plan pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and a determination that the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, has provided adequate assurance of future performance under such assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease assumed or assumed and assigned pursuant to the Plan shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan, any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption, or applicable law.
- 47. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, the Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the Assumption Schedules to add or remove any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to or from the Assumption Schedules at any time through and including the Effective Date, subject to any review and consent rights of certain parties as set forth in the Plan and the Plan Supplement.
- 48. In the event that the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan results in damages to the other party or parties to such contract or lease, any Claim for such damages shall be classified and treated in Class 3 (General Unsecured Claims).

Such Claim shall be forever barred and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors, their respective Estates, or the Liquidation Trust, or their respective properties or interests in property as agents, successors, or assigns, unless a proof of Claim is filed with Stretto and served upon counsel for the Debtors or Liquidation Trust, as applicable, by the later of (a) thirty (30) days after the filing and service of the notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date; and (b) thirty (30) days after entry of an Order rejecting such contract or lease if such contract or lease is the subject of a pending Assumption Dispute.

#### P. Release of Liens

49. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date, all mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the estates shall be fully released and discharged, and the holders of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall execute such documents as may be reasonably requested by the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, or the Liquidation Trustee, as applicable, to reflect or effectuate such releases, and all of the right, title, and interest of any holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Liquidation Trust.

#### Q. Securities and Exchange Commission

50. The Debtors and the Liquidation Trustee shall not destroy or otherwise abandon any documents or records without providing advance notice to the SEC (c/o Neal Jacobson, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 Pearl Street, Suite 20-100, New York, NY 10004, jacobsonn@sec.gov) and seeking further authorization from this Court.

#### **R.** Centerview Partners LLC

- Partners LLC ("<u>Centerview</u>"), as of the Effective Date, the Centerview Claim shall be a Disputed Claim, and the Debtors shall fund the Disputed Claims Reserve with \$7,611,000 (the "<u>Centerview Disputed Claims Funding</u>") on account of the Centerview Claim. In addition, the Liquidation Trustee shall have 60 days from the Effective Date of the Plan to file its objection to the Centerview Claim (the "<u>Centerview Claim Objection</u>") with the Court (the "<u>Centerview Claim Objection</u>") Deadline"). The Centerview Claim Objection Deadline may not be extended for any reason other than the mutual agreement of Centerview and the Liquidation Trustee.
- 52. In the event that the Liquidation Trustee does not file the Centerview Claim Objection on or before the Centerview Claim Objection Deadline, the Centerview Claim will be automatically deemed an Allowed General Unsecured Claim and will be immediately paid in full, plus Post-Petition Interest at 9% per annum from the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Liquidation Trustee timely files a Centerview Claim Objection, whether Post-Petition Interest accrues on the Centerview Claim and at what amount, shall be determined by the Court or as otherwise agreed to by the Liquidation Trustee and Centerview. The Centerview Disputed Claims Funding shall remain on deposit in the Disputed Claims Reserve and shall not be withdrawn, spent or committed with respect to any other claim until (i) the expiration of the Centerview Claim Objection Deadline without an objection being filed, (ii) the entry of a final order allowing or disallowing the Centerview Claim, or (iii) as may otherwise be agreed to by the Liquidation Trustee and Centerview. All parties' rights are reserved with respect to the Centerview Claim.

# S. Transition and Cooperation Between the Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate

- 53. The Liquidation Trust, the Debtors, and Reorganized Silvergate, shall in good faith reasonably cooperate with each other in connection with (i) transitioning the (a) Reorganized Silvergate Assets to Reorganized Silvergate and (b) Liquidation Trust Assets to the Liquidation Trust, (ii) the Liquidation Trust's execution of responsibilities under the DFPI C&D, and (iii) effecting the transition from the Debtors to the Liquidation Trust of administration of the Liquidation Trust Assets, in each case, which cooperation shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. The Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate may, but are not required to, enter into documentation formalizing their cooperation with one another.
- 54. From and after entry of this Order, the Debtors and their professionals, including the professionals retained by the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases, shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Liquidation Trust and Liquidation Trustee and their professionals in effecting the transition from the Debtors to the Liquidation Trust of administration of the Liquidation Trust Assets, as set forth in the Plan, the Liquidation Trust Agreement and the Confirmation Order. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, providing the Liquidation Trust with access to all documents and business records of the Debtors necessary for the disposition and liquidation of Liquidation Trust Assets, including without limitation the Liquidation Trust Causes of Action, and any objections to asserted Claims, except, in each case, to the extent necessary to (a) ensure compliance with any applicable law or an order of the Bankruptcy Court, (b) preserve any applicable privilege (including attorney-client privilege) that is not assigned to the Liquidation Trust pursuant to [Section 2.5] of the Liquidation Trust Agreement, or (c) comply with any contractual confidentiality obligations; provided that such

parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the necessary permission or consents, as applicable, to provide such access.

55. The Debtors and their professionals shall, to the extent practicable (i) identify any evidence and information (a) the Liquidation Trustee reasonably requests in connection with the Liquidation Trust's investigation, prosecution or other pursuit, or defense (as applicable) of the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action and objections to Disputed Claims or Interests and (b) Reorganized Silvergate reasonably requests in connection with Reorganized Silvergate's investigation, prosecution or other pursuit of the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action; and (ii) identify and provide contact information for former employees or professionals of the Debtors with knowledge regarding any (a) Liquidation Trust Assets, Causes of Action, including the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, and/or Disputed Claims or Interests the Liquidation Trustee reasonably requests and (b) Reorganized Silvergate Assets, including the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, Reorganized Silvergate reasonably requests. Prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors' retained professionals shall be entitled to payment from the Debtors for services rendered pursuant to this section in accordance with the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 137] and/or Article II.B of the Plan, and, on and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust shall pay from the Liquidation Trust Assets and the Liquidation Trust Initial Funding, or Reorganized Silvergate shall pay, as applicable, the reasonable and documented fees, expenses, and costs incurred by any retained professional of the Debtors pursuant to this section (paragraphs 53-55) within five (5) business days of receipt of an invoice therefor.

### T. Conditions Precedent to Effective Date

56. The provisions governing the conditions precedent to the Effective Date set forth in Article XI.B of the Plan are hereby approved in their entirety. The Debtors are authorized to consummate the Plan at any time after the entry of this Confirmation Order, subject to satisfaction or waiver of such conditions precedent in accordance with Article XI.B of the Plan.

#### **U.** Effect of Non-Occurrence of Conditions to the Effective Date

57. If the Effective Date does not occur (except as provided in Article XII of the Plan), the Plan shall be null and void and nothing contained in the Plan shall: (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims against or Interests in the Debtors; (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors, including any right to seek an extension of the exclusivity periods under section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, or any other Entity; or (c) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer or undertaking by the Debtors or any other Entity.

#### V. Miscellaneous

58. The terms and conditions of this Confirmation Order, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, and all exhibits thereto, and all other relevant and necessary documents executed or to be executed in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Plan (i) shall become immediately enforceable, and the period in which an appeal must be filed shall commence upon the entry of this Confirmation Order, (ii) shall not be stayed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e), 6004(h), 6006(d), or 7062, and (iii) shall be deemed binding upon the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, any and all holders of Claims or Interests (irrespective of whether such holders voted to accept, or are deemed to have accepted, the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges, and injunctions described in the Plan or in this Confirmation Order, and any and all non-Debtor parties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired

Leases with the Debtors. The failure to specifically include or refer to any particular article, section, or provision of the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any related document in this Confirmation Order does not diminish or impair the effectiveness or enforceability of such article, section, or provision.

- 59. Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers of property pursuant to the Plan shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax or governmental assessment, and upon entry of this Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and accept for filing and recordation all such instruments or other documents governing or evidencing such transfers without the payment of any such tax, recordation fee, or governmental assessment.
- 60. Prior to, on, or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), all matters expressly provided for under the Plan that would otherwise require approval of any stockholder, security holder, officer, director or other owner of the Debtors shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be in effect prior to, on, or after the Effective Date (as applicable) pursuant to the applicable law of the state(s) in which the Debtors are formed, without any further vote, consent, approval, authorization, or other action by such stockholders, security holders, officers, directors, or other owners of the Debtors or notice to, order of, or hearing before the Court.
- 61. Each term and provision of the Plan and this Confirmation Order, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth herein, are valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms, nonseverable and mutually dependent, are integral to the Plan and may not be deleted, amended, supplemented and/or modified except in accordance with Article XII of the Plan.

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62. To the extent of any inconsistency between this Confirmation Order and the Plan

or the Plan Supplement, this Confirmation Order shall govern.

Except as otherwise may be provided in the Plan or herein, notice of all subsequent 63.

pleadings in the Chapter 11 Cases after the Effective Date shall be limited to the following parties:

(i) Reorganized Silvergate and its counsel; (ii) the Liquidation Trust and its counsel; (iii) the U.S.

Trustee; (iv) counsel to the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group; (v) any party that has filed a

renewed request after the Effective Date to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002;

and (vi) any party known to be directly affected by the relief sought.

64. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related

to the implementation of this Confirmation Order and all matters arising in and under the Chapter

11 Cases, as set forth in Article XIV of the Plan and section 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Dated: November 13th, 2025

Wilmington, Delaware

CHIEF JUDGE

## Exhibit A

Plan

Confirmation Version

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re

Chapter 11

Silvergate Capital Corporation., et al., 1

Case No. 24-12158 (KBO)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

# FIRST AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS

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#### INTRODUCTION

Silvergate Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries Silvergate Liquidation Corporation and Spring Valley Lots, LLC, as debtors and debtors in possession, hereby collectively propose the following Plan pursuant to the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in <u>Article I</u> hereof or in the Bankruptcy Code (as applicable). Holders of Claims and Interests should refer to the Disclosure Statement for a discussion of the Debtors' history, businesses, assets, results of operations, historical financial information, as well as a summary and description of the Plan. The Debtors are the proponents of the Plan within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. Although proposed jointly for administrative purposes, the Plan shall apply as a separate Plan for each of the Debtors, and the classification of Claims and Interests set forth herein shall apply separately to each of the Debtors; provided that, the estates of the various Debtors shall be consolidated for the purpose of effectuating distributions under the Plan.

ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS (WHETHER ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN OR OTHERWISE) ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PLAN AND THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN. SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 1127 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, RULE 3019 OF THE BANKRUPTCY RULES, AND ARTICLE XII OF THE PLAN, THE DEBTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, MODIFY, SUPPLEMENT, REVOKE, OR WITHDRAW THE PLAN PRIOR TO ITS CONSUMMATION.

WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS (WHETHER ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN OR OTHERWISE) ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE RELEASE, INJUNCTION, AND EXCULPATION PROVISIONS SET FORTH UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE PLAN.

### ARTICLE I: DEFINED TERMS, RULES OF INTERPRETATION, COMPUTATION OF TIME, AND GOVERNING LAW

### A. Defined Terms

As used in this Plan, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth below.

- 1. "Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group" means that certain ad hoc group of holders, or investment advisors or managers acting on behalf of holders, of certain Preferred Stock Interests represented by Milbank LLP.
- 2. "Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses" means, collectively, all reasonable and documented fees and expenses of counsel to the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group.

- 3. "Administrative Expense Claim" means a Claim against any of the Debtors for costs and expenses of administration of the Debtors' Estates pursuant to sections 503(b), 507(a)(2), 507(b), or 1114(e)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including (i) the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred after the Petition Date and through the Effective Date of preserving the Estates and operating the businesses of the Debtors, including wages, salaries, or commissions for services rendered after the Petition Date; (ii) Professional Fee Claims; and (iii) fees and charges payable to the U.S. Trustee pursuant to Section 1930 of the Judicial Code.
- 4. "Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date" shall be such date that is thirty (30) days following the Effective Date.
- 5. "Administrative Claims Objection Deadline" means the first Business Day that is one-hundred and eighty (180) days after the Effective Date; provided that such date may be extended by the Bankruptcy Court at the request of the Liquidation Trustee.
- 6. "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Entity, all Entities that would fall within the definition assigned to such term in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code if such Entity was a debtor in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. "Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution" means at a given point in time, the total amount of distributions paid in Cash under Section III.B.8 of the Plan, on account of the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount and the First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, to Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests.
- 8. "Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve" means a dedicated reserve for Lane as an Indemnified Individual in the amount of \$5,477,000.00.
- 9. "Allowed" means, with respect to any Claim or Interest, except as otherwise provided herein, such Claim or Interest (or any portion thereof) that is not Disallowed and (i) has been expressly allowed under the Plan, any stipulation approved by the Bankruptcy Court, or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; (ii) is both not Disputed prior to the expiration of the Claims Objection Deadline and either (a) evidenced by a Filed Proof of Claim (or for which under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court a Proof of Claim is not or shall not be required to be Filed) or (b) listed in the Schedules as not contingent, not unliquidated, and not disputed, and for which no Proof of Claim has been Filed; (iii) is allowed by a Final Order; or (iv) is compromised, settled, or otherwise resolved by the Debtors and the Liquidation Trust, and the Holder of such Claim or Interest; provided that, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the amount of any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest shall be determined in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 502(b), 503(b) and 506 of the Bankruptcy Code. "Allow," "Allowance," and "Allowing" shall have correlative meanings.
- 10. "Assets" means all of the right, title and interest of any of the Debtors in and to property of whatever type or nature (whether real, personal, mixed, tangible, intangible, or otherwise), including property of any of the Debtors' Estates.
- 11. "Assumption Dispute" means a pending objection relating to assumption of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 12. "Assumption Schedule" means the schedule of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be assumed by the Debtors and assigned to the Liquidation Trust, or assumed by the Debtors to vest with Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan and as set forth in the Plan Supplement for each of the Liquidation Trust and Reorganized Silvergate.
- 13. "Avoidance Actions" means any and all actual or potential Claims and Causes of Action to avoid a transfer of property or an obligation incurred by the Debtors and any recovery, subordination, or other remedies that may be brought by or on behalf of the Debtors and their Estates under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law, including under sections 502, 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 553(b) and 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, or applicable non-bankruptcy law.
- 14. "*Ballot*" means the form(s) distributed to Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote on the Plan to indicate their acceptance or rejection of the Plan and to make an election with respect to the releases by Holders of Claims and Interests provided by <u>Article IX.C.</u>
- 15. "*Bankruptcy Code*" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, as now in effect or as may be amended hereafter and applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 16. "Bankruptcy Court" means (i) the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases; (ii) to the extent any reference made under section 157 of title 28 of the United States Code is withdrawn or the Bankruptcy Court is determined not to have authority to enter a Final Order on an issue, the unit of such District Court having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases under section 151 of title 28 of the United States Code; or (iii) such other court as may have jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases or any aspect thereof to the extent of such jurisdiction.
- 17. "*Bankruptcy Rules*" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases, promulgated under section 2075 of the Judicial Code and the general, local, and chambers rules of the Bankruptcy Court, in each case, as amended from time to time and applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 18. "*Bar Date*" means the applicable deadline by which Proofs of Claim must be filed, as established by: (a) the Bar Date Order; (b) a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; or (c) the Plan.
- 19. "Bar Date Order" means the Order (I) Establishing Bar Dates and Related Procedures for Filing Proofs of Claim (Including for Claims Arising Under Section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code), (II) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 97].
- 20. "*Bhatia Litigation*" means the consolidated class action pending in the S.D. Cal. District Court captioned *Bhatia v. Silvergate Capital Corporation, Silvergate Bank and Lane*, S.D. Cal. Case No. 3:23-cv-01406-RBM-BLM.

- 21. "Bhatia Litigation Class Claim" means the claim of all class members arising under the Bhatia Litigation Class, which shall be deemed Allowed in the amount of the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund upon entry of the Bhatia Litigation Final Approval Order.
- 22. "Bhatia Litigation Class Members" means members of the purported class of claimants under the Bhatia Litigation.
- 23. "Bhatia Litigation Final Approval Order" means a Final Order of the S.D. Cal. District Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction) approving the Bhatia Litigation Settlement.
- 24. "Bhatia Litigation Settlement" means the settlement agreed by and between Bhatia Plaintiffs, Silvergate Capital Corporation, Silvergate Liquidation Corporation and Lane as defendants in the Bhatia Litigation and the purported class plaintiffs in the Bhatia Litigation, which is subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court and the S.D. Cal. District Court.
- 25. "Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund" shall mean the agreed settlement amount of \$10 million.
  - 26. "Bhatia Plaintiffs" means the class representative in the Bhatia Litigation.
- 27. "Business Day" means any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or "legal holiday" (as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a)), or a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.
- 28. "Cash" means the legal tender of the United States of America or equivalents thereof.
- 29. "Cause of Action" means any action, claim, proceeding, cause of action, controversy, demand, right, action, Lien, indemnity, interest, guarantee, suit, obligation, liability, damage, judgment, account, defense, offset, power, privilege, license, or franchise of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known, unknown, contingent or non-contingent, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, whether arising before, on, or after the Petition Date, in contract or in tort, in law, or in equity or pursuant to any other theory of law. For the avoidance of doubt, "Cause of Action" includes (i) any right of setoff or counterclaim and any claim for breach of contract or for breach of duties imposed by law or in equity; (ii) any Claim based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, tort, breach of fiduciary duty, violation of state or federal law or breach of any duty imposed by law or in equity; (iii) the right to object to or to otherwise contest, recharacterize, reclassify, subordinate, or disallow any Claims or Interests; (iv) any Claim pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code; (v) any claim or defense, including fraud, mistake, duress, and usury, and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code; (vi) any Avoidance Action; and (vii) any rights and powers held by the Debtors pursuant to and in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2004 with respect to any of the foregoing.

- 30. "Certificate of Designation" means the Articles Supplementary Designating the Rights and Preferences of the 5.375 Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share of Silvergate Capital Corporation.
- 31. "Chapter 11 Cases" means (i) when used with reference to a particular Debtor, the case pending for that Debtor under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court; and (ii) when used with reference to all of the Debtors, the procedurally consolidated and jointly administered chapter 11 cases pending for the Debtors in the Bankruptcy Court which are styled as *In re Silvergate Capital Corporation et al.*, Case No. 24-12158 (KBO).
  - 32. "Claim" has the meaning set forth in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 33. "Claims and Noticing Agent' means Stretto, Inc., the Claims and Noticing Agent retained by the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases by order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 34. "Claims Objection Deadline" means, for each Claim, the latest of (a) the date that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the Effective Date, and (b) such later date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion by the Liquidation Trustee on regular notice on or before the day that is one hundred and eighty (180) days after the Effective Date or such later date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 35. "Claims Register" means the official register of Claims maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 36. "*Class*" means a category of Holders of Claims or Interests classified by the Plan pursuant to section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 37. "*Common Stock*" means the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Silvergate Capital Corporation.
- 38. "Common Stock Interests" means Interests in Common Stock in SCC, excluding any Section 510(b) Claims.
  - 39. "Common Stock Sponsors" means Stilwell Activist and Exploration Capital.
- 40. "Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses" means all reasonable and documented fees and expenses for counsel and consultant fees incurred by the Common Stock Sponsors in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1.5 million, which shall be apportioned between Stilwell Activist and Exploration Capital by their mutual agreement.
- 41. "Common Stock Settlement" means that certain settlement reached by Stilwell Activist, Exploration Capital, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group and the Debtors announced on the record of the hearing held before the Bankruptcy court on May 13, 2025, as more fully set forth in that certain Term Sheet, dated July 1, 2025, the terms of which are incorporated in this Plan.

- 42. "*Confirmation*" means the entry of the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 43. "Confirmation Date" means the date upon which the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rules 5003 and 9021.
- 44. "*Confirmation Hearing*" means the hearing held by the Bankruptcy Court to consider Confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 45. "Confirmation Order" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan, pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders and, with respect to any terms that materially affect the terms set forth in the (i) Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet or the treatment of the Indemnified Individuals, the Indemnified Individuals, (ii) the Securities Litigation Settlement, the Indemnified Individuals, the Underwriters, and the Securities Plaintiffs and (iii) the Common Stock Settlement, to the extent such terms are inconsistent with the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein or, to the extent not addressed in the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein and affecting Reorganized Silvergate or Common Stock Interests' recoveries hereunder, the Common Stock Sponsors.
  - 46. "Consummation" means the occurrence of the Effective Date.
- 47. "Cure Amount" means the payment of Cash by the Debtors or Liquidation Trust, or the distribution of other property (as the parties may agree or the Bankruptcy Court may order), as necessary pursuant to section 365(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code to permit the Debtors to assume an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.
- 48. "**D&O Insurance Contribution**" means the \$27,500,000 remaining under the D&O Liability Insurance Policies, which shall be paid to the Securities Litigation Escrow Account contemporaneously with, or within twenty (20) business days after preliminary approval of the Securities Litigation Settlement by the S.D. Cal. District Court, all in accordance with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 49. "**D&O Liability Insurance Policies**" means, collectively, all Insurance Policies (including any "tail policy" or runoff period in respect of an Insurance Policy) issued at any time, whether expired or unexpired, to any of the Debtors for certain liabilities of the Debtors, their current or former directors and officers, including primary insurance, excess insurance, or tail insurance policies and all agreements, documents or instruments related thereto.
- 50. "Data Retention and Production Obligations" means the obligations set forth in Paragraph 4 of the DFPI C&D, requiring Silvergate Capital Corporation to ensure that Silvergate Liquidation Corporation's records are preserved and maintained in a form and accessible by the

Previously named Silvergate Bank.

Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, law enforcement, and other state and federal regulators until July 8, 2031.

- 51. "Data Retention and Production Reserve" means \$2.13 million, which amount shall be determined by the Debtors and the Required Preferred Stockholders, and shall be held in one or more separate accounts from other Liquidation Trust Assets.
- 52. "Debtor and Estate Claims" has the meaning set forth in in Article IX.B of the Plan.
- 53. "*Debtors*" means, collectively, (i) Silvergate Capital Corporation; (ii) Silvergate Liquidation Corporation; and (iii) Spring Valley Lots, LLC.
- 54. "*Dedicated Indemnity Reserves*" means the Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve, the Fraher Dedicated Indemnity Reserve and the Martino Dedicated Indemnity Reserve.
- 55. "*Derivative Action*" means the litigation proceeding captioned *Nkonoki v. Karen F. Brassfield*, No. 2023-0000-8084 (Cal. Super.).
  - 56. "**DFPI**" means the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.
- 57. "**DFPI C&D**" means the Consent Order entered into between the Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation of the DFPI and Silvergate Capital Corporation and Silvergate Liquidation Corporation (previously named Silvergate Bank) on June 26, 2024.
- 58. "*Diem*" means the blockchain-based payment network that the Debtors acquired from Diem Group in January 2022.
- 59. "*Diem Assets*" means Diem and all personal property used or useful with, Diem and all related regulatory documentation.
- 60. "*Disallowed*" means any Claim, or any portion thereof, that (i) has been disallowed by Final Order or settlement; (ii) is listed on the Schedules at an amount of \$0.00 or as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated and as to which a Bar Date has been established but no Proof of Claim has been timely Filed, deemed timely Filed pursuant to either the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Bar Date Order, or otherwise deemed timely Filed under applicable law; or (iii) is not listed on the Schedules and as to which a Bar Date has been established but no Proof of Claim has been timely Filed or deemed timely Filed with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Bar Date Order, or otherwise deemed timely Filed under applicable law, and for which no motion for leave to File a late Claim has been Filed prior to the Effective Date of the Plan. "Disallow" and "Disallowance" shall have correlative meanings.
- 61. "*Disbursing Agent*" means an entity selected to make Distributions at the direction of the Liquidation Trustee, which may include the Claims and Noticing Agent, the Liquidation Trustee, or the Debtors; *provided, however*, that subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens, all Distributions on account of the SC Trusts Claims shall be made to (or at the

direction of) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees for distribution in accordance with the Plan following the procedures specified in the SC Trusts Indentures.

- 62. "Disclosure Statement" means (i) the Disclosure Statement for the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Debtor Affiliates (as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms), including all exhibits and schedules thereto and references therein that relate to the Plan that are prepared and distributed in accordance with applicable law and (ii) any supplement, amendment, or modification thereto.
- 63. "Disputed" means, with respect to a Claim or Interest, (i) a Claim or Interest listed on the Schedules as unliquidated, disputed, or contingent for which no Proof of Claim in a liquidated and non-contingent amount has been filed; (ii) a Claim or Interest that is the subject of an objection or request for estimation Filed by any of the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, or any other party-in-interest in accordance with applicable law and which objection or request has not been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; (iii) a Claim or Interest that is not otherwise Allowed or Disallowed under the Plan and, as to which, the applicable deadline for the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, or any other party-in-interest to object (including any extension to such deadline granted by the Bankruptcy Court) has not yet expired; or (iv) Section 510(b) Claims.
- 64. "Disputed Claims Reserve" means Cash on the Effective Date allocable to, or retained on account of, Disputed Administrative Expense Claims, Disputed Priority Tax Claims, Disputed Other Priority Claims, Disputed Secured Claims, Disputed General Unsecured Claims, and the FTX Disputed Claims Sub-Reserve, which reserve shall (i) be subject to the reasonable consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders, (ii) serve as a cap on available distributions from the Disputed Claims Reserve and (iii) be held in one or more separate accounts from other Liquidation Trust Assets.
- 65. "*Distribution*" means the distributions of Cash (or other property), including by way of dividend, to be made by the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees or their agents (as applicable) to Holders of Allowed Claims or Interests in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
  - 66. "Distribution Record Date" means the Confirmation Date.
  - 67. "**DOJ**" means the United States Department of Justice.
- 68. "DOJ Indemnification Reserve" means \$5 million of the Debtors' or the Estates' Cash to be reserved until September 30, 2028, and thereafter, if the DOJ asserts a claim against an Indemnified Individual prior to September 30, 2028 until such time as all claims have been settled, dismissed, or determined pursuant to a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The DOJ Indemnification Reserve will be preserved as last dollars out, to be used only after the DOJ Insurance Policy has been exhausted.
- 69. "**DOJ Insurance Policy**" means an incremental insurance policy in the amount of \$15 million, the terms of which policy shall be mutually acceptable to applicable Indemnified

Individuals covered thereunder and the Required Preferred Stockholders, which for the avoidance of doubt, shall provide coverage to Lane and Fraher as applicable Indemnified Individuals covered thereunder, which policy shall provide for the payment of Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims that relate to the DOJ; provided that such policy shall provide that (i) the premium for such policy shall be payable upon or after the Confirmation Date, (ii) the premium paid for the DOJ Insurance Policy by the Debtors shall not be fully earned unless and until the occurrence of the Effective Date, (iii) upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the premium paid for the DOJ Insurance Policy shall be fully earned, and (iv) if the Effective Date does not occur and the Debtors cancel the DOJ Insurance Policy by providing notice thereof in accordance therewith, (a) such premium shall only be earned on a per diem basis from the date the premium is first paid through and including the date upon which the Debtors cancel the DOJ Insurance Policy, and (b) the Debtors shall be entitled to a refund of the unearned premium paid for the DOJ Insurance Policy; provided, for the avoidance of doubt, the terms of the DOJ Insurance Policy shall provide that the DOJ Insurance Policy shall not be cancelled or otherwise modified after the Effective Date without the consent of the Indemnified Individuals including, for the avoidance of doubt, Lane and Fraher. In the event that the Required Preferred Stockholders determine not to purchase the DOJ Insurance Policy and in lieu thereof, fund a dedicated reserve of \$15 million (or a combination thereof, as agreed to by the applicable Indemnified Individuals and the Required Preferred Stockholders) to provide for the satisfaction of the applicable Indemnified Individuals' (which for the avoidance of doubt shall include Lane and Fraher) Indemnifiable Claims that relate to a claim asserted by DOJ, the term "DOJ Insurance Policy" shall instead refer to such dedicated reserve, which shall be funded on the Effective Date of the Plan and be deemed an Indemnification Reserve set forth herein and be subject to the Indemnification Procedures set forth in Article V.C.2 hereof and the Debtors shall not be required to purchase the DOJ Insurance Policy (except as otherwise agreed).

- 70. "**DOJ Investigation**" means the DOJ's prepetition investigation of SCC, Silvergate Bank and certain of their directors, officers and employees.
  - 71. "*DTC*" means The Depository Trust Company.
- 72. "Effective Date" means, with respect to the Plan, the date that is the first Business Day on which (i) no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect; (ii) all conditions precedent specified in <a href="Article XI">Article XI</a> have been satisfied or waived (in accordance with <a href="Article XI">Article XI</a>); and (iii) the Plan is declared effective by the Debtors. Without limiting the foregoing, any action to be taken on the Effective Date may be taken on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date.
- 73. "Entity" shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 74. "*Estate*" means, as to a Debtor, the estate of such Debtor in its Chapter 11 Case under sections 301 and 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 75. "Excess DOJ Reserve" means, if any portion of the DOJ Indemnification Reserve is available to be released to the Debtors' estates on September 30, 2028, then \$750,000.00 of the

DOJ Indemnification Reserve (or, if less than \$750,000.00 is available to be released, such lesser amount) shall be added to the Go-Forward Indemnity Reserve; provided, that the Excess DOJ Reserve shall be split (ratably, to the extent necessary) as follows: \$323,000.00 to the Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve and \$427,000.00 to the Shared Indemnity Reserve.

- 76. "Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts" means, subject to the conditions set forth in the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet regarding the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget, any amount of reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Individuals listed on Exhibit C to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet from the period from the Petition Date through the Effective Date in excess of the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget.
- 77. "Exchange Act Class" means all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the publicly traded common stock of SCC from November 7, 2019 through March 21, 2023, inclusive, and were damaged thereby, excluding the Excluded Class Members, as set forth in the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 78. "Excluded Class Members" means the following entities set forth in, and to the extent applicable as defined in, the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement: (a) the Securities Litigation Defendants; (b) directors and officers of the Securities Litigation Defendants (at all relevant times); (c) the Securities Litigation Defendants' immediate family members and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns; and (d) any entity in which any Securities Litigation Defendant has or had a controlling interest, provided, however, that no "Investment Vehicle" shall be excluded from the Securities Litigation Settlement Classes. Investment Vehicle means any investment company or pooled investment fund, including but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange traded funds, fund of funds and hedge funds, in which Securities Litigation Defendants, or any of them, have, has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which their affiliates may act as an investment advisor, but in which any Securities Litigation Defendant alone or together with its, his or her respective affiliates does not hold a majority beneficial interest.
- 79. "Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) all officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, financial advisors, investment bankers, consultants, and other professionals of the Debtors, to the extent such parties are or were acting in such capacity between the Petition Date and the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, any attorneys, financial advisors, investment bankers, consultants, agents, and other professionals that were engaged by the Debtors, but not providing services (whether or not their engagement was terminated or pending) during the Chapter 11 Cases, shall not be an Exculpated Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any individual or category of persons, entities, or parties listed on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action shall not be deemed to be an Exculpated Party by virtue of this definition.
- 80. "Executory Contract" means a prepetition contract or lease to which one or more of the Debtors is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under sections 365 or 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 81. "Exploration Capital" means Exploration Capital Fund, LP.

- 82. "Federal Judgment Rate" means the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, calculated as set forth in section 1961 of the Judicial Code.
- 83. "File," "Filed," or "Filing" means file, filed, or filing in the Chapter 11 Cases with the Bankruptcy Court or, with respect to the filing of a Proof of Claim or proof of Interest with the Claims and Noticing Agent.
- 84. "*Final Decree*" means the decree contemplated under Bankruptcy Rule 3022 closing the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 85. "Final Order" means, as applicable, an order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction with respect to the relevant subject matter, which has not been reversed, stayed, modified, or amended, including any order subject to appeal but for which no stay of such order has been entered, and as to which the time to appeal or seek certiorari has expired and no appeal or petition for certiorari has been timely taken, or as to which any appeal that has been taken or any petition for certiorari that has been or may be Filed has been resolved by the highest court to which the order or judgment was appealed or from which certiorari was sought; provided that the possibility that a request for relief under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Bankruptcy Rules, the local rules of the Bankruptcy Court or applicable non-bankruptcy law, may be Filed relating to such order shall not prevent such order from being a Final Order.
- 86. "First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests" means the beneficial interests issued under the Liquidation Trust for the benefit of Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests that shall entitle the holder thereof to (i) 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust, until the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million, and (ii)(a) if the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, after the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million in Cash, 80% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust until the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition has been exercised, thereafter 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust until the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount. When the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests shall not be entitled to further recovery on account of their First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.
- 87. "First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries" means Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests, as of the Distribution Record Date.
  - 88. "Fraher" means Kathleen Fraher.
- 89. "*Fraher Dedicated Indemnity Reserve*" means a dedicated reserve for Fraher as an Indemnified Individual in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- 90. "FTX" means FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors pending under the case captioned *In re FTX Trading Ltd.*, Case No. 22-11068 (KBO).

- 91. "FTX Disputed Claims Sub-Reserve" means a sub-reserve within the Disputed Claims Reserve, which shall entitle the holder of the FTX Silvergate Claims, solely, to the extent Allowed, to a right of setoff against the Allowed Silvergate FTX Claims, prior to any distribution therefrom to the holders of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.
- 92. "*FTX Silvergate Claims*" means the proofs of claim filed by FTX in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 93. "General Unsecured Claim" means any Claim (including any Claim for indemnification, reimbursement, or otherwise that is not subject to subordination pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code) against any of the Debtors that is not an Administrative Expense Claim, an Other Priority Claim, a Priority Tax Claim, a Secured Claim, a Subordinated Notes Claim, an Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claim, or a Section 510(b) Claim.
- 94. "Global Settlement" means the settlements contemplated by the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet and the Securities Litigation Settlement Term Sheet, each of which is appended to the Global Settlement Approval Order. The terms of the Securities Litigation Settlement Term Sheet have been finally memorialized in and superseded by the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 95. "Global Settlement Approval Order" means that preliminary order of the Bankruptcy Court (including any exhibits thereto) [Docket No. 732] preliminarily authorizing and approving the Global Settlement in accordance with the term of such order.
- "Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget" means (a) up to \$7.45 million of incurred and reasonable and documented fees and expenses of the Indemnified Individuals listed on Exhibit C to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet which shall be paid on the Effective Date, plus (b) the incurred and reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such Indemnified Individuals, if any, through the Effective Date in: (x) responding to any interview requests or other actions taken by the Examiner in the Chapter 11 Cases that are directed at the Indemnified Individuals; (y) responding to written or oral discovery directed at the Indemnified Individuals in the Chapter 11 Cases initiated by any party other than the Indemnified Individuals; and (z) preparing for and participating in any hearings in which the Indemnified Individuals expect to either (i) file briefs or other statements on the issue(s) in dispute, either at the request of the Debtors or the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group or because such filing is reasonably required under the circumstances, or (ii) give testimony, which shall be paid on the Effective Date. Indemnified Individuals listed on Exhibit C to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet are Karen Brassfield, Mona Brunette, Robert C. Campbell, Bernie Chavez, Paul D. Colucci, Steven Dietz, Thomas C. Dircks, Derek J. Eisele, Kathleen Fraher, Dennis S. Frank, Osman Gabiere, Aanchal Gupta, Alan Lane, Christopher Lane, Michael Lempres, Antonio Martino, Gosandy Pang, Tyler Pearson, Scott A. Reed, Ben Reynolds, Michelle Sabins, Natalie Schima Levi Stanley, Colleen Sullivan, and Tiffany Chesnos.
- 97. "Go-Forward Indemnity Reserve" means the \$12.75 million reserve for the reasonable and documented indemnifiable expenses of the Indemnified Individuals, split between

the Dedicated Indemnity Reserves and the Shared Indemnity Reserve as supplemented by the Excess DOJ Reserve, if any.

- 98. "*Governmental Bar Date*" means March 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).
- 99. "Governmental Unit" shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 100. "Holder" means a Person or Entity holding a Claim or an Interest, as applicable, each solely in its capacity as such.
- 101. "*Indenture Trustees*" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee and the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee.
- 102. "Indentures" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Indenture and the SC Trust II Indenture.
- 103. "Indemnified Individuals" means Karen Brassfield, Mona Brunette, Robert C. Campbell, Bernie Chavez, Paul D. Colucci, Steven Dietz, Thomas C. Dircks, Derek J. Eisele, Kathleen Fraher, Dennis S. Frank, Osman Gabiere, Aanchal Gupta, Alan Lane, Christopher Lane, Michael Lempres, Antonio Martino, Gosandy Pang, Tyler Pearson, Scott A. Reed, Ben Reynolds, Michelle Sabins, Natalie Schima, Levi Stanley, Colleen Sullivan, Tiffany Chesnos, Adam Takeda, Andrew Surry, Jesse Avery, Matthew Bush, Paris Cribben, and Elaine Clarke-Hetrick.
- 104. "*Impaired*" means, when used in reference to a Claim or Interest, a Claim or Interest that is impaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 105. "Indemnifiable Claim" means a Claim against a Debtor for (i) indemnification, (ii) advancement of defense costs, (iii) reimbursement of fees, expenses, and/or costs, or (iv) liabilities or losses that an applicable Debtor is required to provide indemnification for, to the fullest extent required under any applicable prepetition contract with a Debtor, organizational document of a Debtor, or applicable non-bankruptcy law.
- 106. "Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest" means the Liquidation Trust's residual interest in the Indemnification Reserves.
- 107. "Indemnification Procedures" means, collectively, the procedures set forth in Article V.C.2 with respect to the invoicing of, review of, objections to, and payment of Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims (including the reasonable and documented fees of the Indemnified Individuals incurred prior to the Effective Date in accordance with the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget, and any Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts).
- 108. "Indemnification Reserves" means, collectively, the Martino SEC Dedicated Reserve, Go-Forward Indemnity Reserve, the DOJ Indemnification Reserve, and the DOJ Insurance Policy, to the extent that in lieu of purchasing the DOJ Insurance Policy a dedicated reserve for the benefit of the applicable Indemnified Individuals in the same amount as the

proposed DOJ Insurance Policy (or a combination thereof, as agreed to by the applicable Indemnified Individuals and the Required Preferred Stockholders) is funded.

- 109. "Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet" means the Final Settlement Term Sheet Resolving Indemnified Individuals' Proofs of Claim for Indemnification, appended to the Global Settlement Approval Order as Exhibit 1 thereto.
- 110. "Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claims" means any and all Indemnifiable Claims held by any Indemnified Individual, including without limitation, Indemnifiable Claims arising from, among other things, the Bhatia Litigation, Word of God Litigation, Derivative Action, the Shareholder Demand, SEC Enforcement Action, Securities Litigation, the DOJ Investigation or other Indemnifiable Claims for governmental investigations or subpoenas related to the Debtors.
- 111. "Insurance Policies" means any and all known and unknown insurance policies or contracts that have been issued at any time to, or that provide coverage in any capacity to, the Debtors or any predecessor, subsidiary, or past or present Affiliate of the Debtors, as an insured (whether as the first named insured, a named insured or an additional insured), or otherwise alleged to afford the Debtors insurance coverage, and all agreements, documents or instruments related thereto and/or any agreements with third-party administrators.
- 112. "*Insurer*" means any company or other entity that issued any Insurance Policies, any third-party administrators of claims against the Debtors or asserted under the Insurance Policies, and any respective predecessors and/or affiliates thereof.
- 113. "Intercompany Claim" means a Claim held by any Debtor against any other Debtor.
  - 114. "Intercompany Interest" means an Interest held by a Debtor in another Debtor.
- security (as defined in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code), equity, ownership, profit interests, unit, or share in any Debtor (including all issued, unissued, authorized, or outstanding shares of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, or capital stock of the Debtors and any other rights, options, warrants, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units, redemption rights, repurchase rights, convertible, exercisable, or exchangeable securities or other agreements, arrangements or commitments of any character relating to, or whose value is related to, any such interest or other ownership interest in any Debtor), whether or not arising under or in connection with any employment agreement, plan or program implemented by the Debtors, and whether or not certificated, transferable, preferred, common, voting, or denominated "stock" or a similar security. In the interest of clarity, Interests include any and all ownership interests in any Debtor arising under or in connection with any employment agreement, plan or program implemented by the Debtors that has vested or that would have vested but for the freezing of any such award as a result of or connection with the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 116. "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable rulings, regulations (including temporary and proposed regulations)

promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, and notices, announcements, and other releases of the United States Treasury Department or the IRS.

- 117. "IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.
- 118. "Judicial Code" means title 28 of the United States Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1–4001.
- 119. "Lane" means Alan J. Lane.
- 120. "Lien" has the meaning set forth in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 121. "Liquidation Trust" means that certain trust established pursuant to Article VI hereof and the Liquidation Trust Agreement to, among other things, hold the Liquidation Trust Assets, and make Distributions to holders of First Priority Beneficial Interests and the Second Priority Beneficial Interest, in accordance with the Common Stock Settlement and the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- 122. "Liquidation Trust Agreement" means the trust agreement governing the Liquidation Trust, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders and the Common Stock Sponsors, which shall be filed with the Plan Supplement.
- 123. "Liquidation Trust Assets" means (a) all remaining Assets of each of the Debtors that have not been sold, abandoned or distributed prior to the Effective Date, other than the Reorganized Silvergate Assets, and following funding of: (i) the Professional Fee Escrow Account, (ii) all distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims in accordance with the terms of the Plan, (iii) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees, (iv) the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses; (v) the Disputed Claims Reserve, (vi) the Data Retention and Production Reserve, (vii) the Indemnification Reserves; (viii) amounts required to be paid from the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget; (ix) the Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts, if any; (x) the Liquidation Trust Initial Funding, (xi) the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund; (xii) the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses; and (xiii) the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount; (b) all assets recovered by the Liquidation Trustee on behalf of the Liquidation Trust on or after the Effective Date through enforcement, resolution, settlement, collection, return, or otherwise; (c); all Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, (d) any proceeds resulting from the Liquidation Trustee's investment of the Liquidation Trust Assets on or after the Effective Date; and (e) all amounts remaining after satisfaction of the applicable Allowed Claims from the Professional Fee Escrow Account, the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Data Retention and Protection Reserve, and the Indemnification Reserves (including the Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest), which shall automatically vest in the Liquidation Trust; provided, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (a) the Indemnification Reserves shall be held in trust by the Liquidation Trustee in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures and shall not constitute Liquidation Trust Assets (provided, that the Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest shall constitute a Liquidation Trust Asset) and (b) the proceeds of the DOJ Insurance Policy shall not constitute Liquidation Trust Assets.
- 124. "*Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests*" means the First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests and Second Priority Liquidation Beneficial Interests.

- 125. "Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries" shall mean holders of First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests and the Second Priority Liquidation Beneficial Interest.
- 126. "Liquidation Trust Board" means the governing body of the Liquidation Trust to be appointed in accordance with Article VI.F and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- 127. "Liquidation Trust Expenses" means any and all reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Liquidation Trust, the Liquidation Trust Board or the Liquidation Trustee (or any Professional or other Person retained by the Liquidation Trustee) on or after the Effective Date in connection with any of their duties under the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement, including any administrative fees, attorneys' fees and expenses, insurance fees, taxes and escrow expenses subject to the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- 128. "Liquidation Trust Initial Funding" means the amount set forth in the Plan Supplement, which amount shall be subject to the consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders, which shall fund the Liquidation Trust Expenses in accordance with the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement.
- Causes of Action of the Debtors, including without limitation, those Claims and Causes of Action listed or described in the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action filed in connection with the Plan Supplement, including (i) Causes of Action against Holders of Claims, vendors, and customers; (ii) any Cause of Action based in whole or in part upon any and all insurance contracts, insurance policies, occurrence and claims made policies, occurrence and claims made contracts, and similar agreements to which any Debtor or the Liquidation Trust is or was a party or pursuant to which any Debtor, or the Liquidation Trust has any rights whatsoever, including the Insurance Policies; and (iii) all other Causes of Action listed or described in the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action filed in connection with the Plan Supplement, but shall not include the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action. For avoidance of doubt, the term Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action shall not include any Causes of Action against the Indemnified Individuals or against any of the Underwriters.
- 130. "Liquidation Trustee" means such Person as designated by the Required Preferred Stockholders, in consultation with the Common Stock Sponsors, and shall be identified in the Plan Supplement.
  - 131. "Martino" means Antonio Martino.
- 132. "*Martino Dedicated Indemnity Reserve*" means a dedicated reserve from the total Go-Forward Reserve for Martino as an Indemnified Individual in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- 133. "*Martino SEC Dedicated Reserve*" means a \$22,500,000.00 dedicated reserve for reasonable and documented indemnifiable fees and expenses of Martino in connection with the SEC Enforcement Action; provided, if the SEC Enforcement Action is settled with respect to Martino, this reserve will be eliminated.

- 134. "Motion to Expand the Examiner's Scope" means the Joint Motion of Exploration Capital Fund LP and Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P., to Expand the Scope of the Examiner's Investigation [Docket No. 676].
- 135. "New Organizational Documents" means the form of the certificates or articles of incorporation, bylaws, or such other applicable formation documents of Reorganized Silvergate which, forms shall be included in the Plan Supplement all in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Common Stock Sponsors.
  - 136. "Opt-Out Condition" has the meaning set forth in Article V.D.6.
- 137. "Other Priority Claim" means any Claim against any Debtor entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, other than (i) an Administrative Expense Claim or (ii) a Priority Tax Claim.
- 138. "*Person*" shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(41) of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 139. "Petition Date" means the date on which the Chapter 11 Cases were commenced.
- 140. "Plan" means this First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors (including the Plan Supplement and all exhibits hereto and thereto), as the same may be amended, modified, supplemented, or amended and restated from time to time, which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders.
- 141. "*Plan Objection Deadline*" means the date established by the Bankruptcy Court by which objections to Confirmation of the Plan must be Filed.
- "Plan Supplement" means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan, as may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, each of which shall be in form and substance materially consistent with this Plan, and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Preferred Stockholders, including but not limited to the Notice of Filing of First Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1012], the Notice of Filing of Second Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1017], the Notice of Filing of Third Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1054], the Notice of Filing of Fourth Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1057], and the Notice of Filing of Fifth Plan Supplement in Connection with First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 1070]. The Debtors shall be entitled to amend such documents in accordance with their respective terms and Article XII of this Plan through and including the Effective Date.

- 143. "*Post-Petition Interest*" means interest, with respect to Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, accruing from the later of (i) the Petition Date and (ii) the date on which such amounts first became due and owing by the applicable Debtor, until the date the applicable Distribution to such Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim is issued.
- 144. "*Preferred Stock*" means the 5.375% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, authorized by the Articles of Incorporation of Silvergate Capital Corporation and governed by the Certificate of Designation.
  - 145. "Preferred Stockholder" means the Holder of Preferred Stock.
- 146. "Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount" means all Cash remaining on the Effective Date, after payment in full of all Allowed Claims in accordance with the terms of the Plan and after giving effect to the funding of the Professional Fee Escrow Account, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses, the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Indemnification Reserves, amounts required to be paid from the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget, the Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts, if any, the Data Retention and Production Reserve, the Preferred Stock Interest Contribution, the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund, the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding, the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses, and the Liquidation Trust Initial Funding.
  - 147. "Preferred Stock Interests" means Interests in Preferred Stock.
- 148. "Preferred Stock Interest Contribution" means \$5,320,000, which, on the Effective Date, will be transferred to the Securities Litigation Escrow Account for the benefit of the Securities Plaintiffs in accordance with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 149. "*Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference*" means the Liquidation Preference set forth and defined in (and in accordance with the terms of) the Certificate of Designation, including under Section 5 thereof, in an amount of \$200,000,000.00.
- 150. "Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount" means \$200,000,000.00 in Cash.
- 151. "Priority Tax Claim" means any Claim of a Governmental Unit of the kind specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 152. "*Pro Rata*" means, the proportion that an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest in a particular Class bears to the aggregate amount of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests in that Class.
- 153. "*Professional*" means an Entity (i) employed pursuant to a Bankruptcy Court order in accordance with sections 327, 363, or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and to be compensated for services rendered before or on the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, or 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (ii) awarded compensation and reimbursement by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 503(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 154. "*Professional Fee Claims*" means all Claims for fees and expenses incurred by a Professional on or after the Petition Date through the Effective Date.
- 155. "*Professional Fee Escrow Account*" means an interest-bearing account funded by the Debtors with Cash on the Effective Date equal to the estimated amount of unpaid Professional Fee Claims to be incurred prior to the Effective Date.
- 156. "*Proof of Claim*" means a proof of Claim or Interest that is Filed against any of the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 157. "Quarterly Fees" means the quarterly fees required to be paid to the Office of the United States Trustee pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code and any interest thereon pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717.
- "Released Party" means each of the following in their capacity as such: (i) the 158. Debtors and their Professionals; (ii) Reorganized Silvergate; (iii) each of the Debtors' Estates; (iv) the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group and each of its members, in their capacity as such, (v) the Liquidation Trustee, (vi) the Liquidation Trust Board (vii) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees; (viii) the Indemnified Individuals; (ix) the Underwriters, and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Entities in clauses (i) through (ix), their respective current and former officers, directors, employees, attorneys, assigns, assignees, heirs, executors, estates, administrators, entities in which they have a controlling interest, partnerships, partners, members, trustees, trusts, immediate family members, each in its capacity as such; provided that, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, any Person or Entity that is entitled to vote on the Plan and (a) votes to accept the Plan and opts out of the releases in the Plan by checking the box on the Ballot indicating that they opt out of granting such releases in the Plan submitted on or before the Voting Deadline or (b) votes to reject the plan or abstains from voting on the Plan and, in each case, does not opt into the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the Ballot indicating that they opt into granting such releases in the Plan submitted on or before the Voting Deadline, shall not be a Released Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing any individual or category of persons, entities, or parties listed on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action shall not be deemed to be a Released Party by virtue of this definition.
- 159. "Releasing Party" means each of the following in their capacity as such: (i) the Released Parties (other than the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, the Debtor's Estates, the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust Board), (ii) all Holders of Claims or Preferred Stock Interests that vote to accept the Plan and do not opt-out of the third party releases provided for in <a href="Article IX.C">Article IX.C</a> by checking the box on the Ballot indicating that they opt out of granting such releases in the Plan submitted on or before the Voting Deadline; (iii) all Holders of Claims or Preferred Stock Interests that are entitled to vote on the Plan who either (a) abstain from voting or (b) vote to reject the Plan and, in each case, opt into the third party releases provided for in <a href="Article IX.C">Article IX.C</a> by checking the box on the Ballot indicating that they opt into granting such releases in the Plan submitted on or before the Voting Deadline, (iv) all Holders of Claims or Interests that are deemed to accept the Plan and opt into the third party releases provided for in <a href="Article IX.C">Article IX.C</a> by checking the box on the applicable form indicating that they opt into granting such releases in the Plan submitted on or before the Voting Deadline; and (v) with respect to each of the foregoing

Entities in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), such Entity and its current and former Affiliates, and such Entities' and their current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, predecessors, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, attorneys, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, each in its capacity as such; provided, however, that the Entities identified in part (v) shall be Releasing Parties only to the extent the corresponding Entities in parts (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) are legally able to bind such Entities in part (v) to the releases contained in the Plan under applicable non-bankruptcy law. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) the Securities Plaintiffs' entry into the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed as having deemed the Securities Plaintiffs or any Securities Litigation Class Members as Releasing Parties or having opted into the third party releases provided in Article IX.C; and (ii) the releases granted by the Securities Plaintiffs and Securities Litigation Class Members, in their capacity as such, in the Securities Litigation pursuant to the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall be governed by and implemented pursuant to the terms thereof and the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order.

- 160. "Releasing Party Claims" has the meaning set forth in in Article IX.C of the Plan.
- 161. "Reorganized Debtor" means any Debtor from and after the Effective Date.
- 162. "*Reorganized Silvergate*" means Silvergate Capital Corporation, from and after the Effective Date, as owned solely by Holders of reinstated Common Stock Interests. The term Reorganized Silvergate shall include the Subsidiary Debtors, as Reorganized Debtors from and after the Effective Date.
- 163. "Reorganized Silvergate Assets" means (a) if the Opt-Out Condition is not exercised, the Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors, the Silvergate NOLs, the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding, the Diem Assets, the SEN Assets, the Silvergate Operational Assets, the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, and the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest, or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, (i) only the Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors, the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest, and the Silvergate NOLs, and (ii) the following shall be transferred to the Liquidation Trust: the Diem Assets, the SEN Assets, the Silvergate Operational Assets, the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, and the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding.
- 164. "Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding" means an amount of Cash equal to \$1.6 million to be retained by Reorganized Silvergate on the Effective Date; provided that, if the Bankruptcy Court determines that NYDIG has an allowed unsecured claim and the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, then such amount shall be reduced by an amount equal to 50% of the allowed amount of the NYDIG claim, but such reduction shall not exceed \$1.1 million.
- 165. "Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action" means (a) so long as the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, all of the Debtors' Claims and Causes of Action against Governmental Units and any regulator other than the State Income Tax Receivables, or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition has been exercised, none of the Debtors' Claims or Causes of Action.

- 166. "*Reserve Step-Downs*" means the step downs in which each of the Dedicated Indemnity Reserves and Shared Indemnity Reserve will be reduced and funds released to the Liquidation Trust in each case for the benefit of the Preferred Stockholders, as described in <u>Article</u> V.C.2.b herein.
- 167. "**RSA**" means that certain Restructuring Support Agreement, dated September 17, 2024, by and among the Debtors and certain Holders of the Preferred Stock Interests that are signatory thereto.
- 168. "*Required Preferred Stockholders*" means Holders of the Preferred Stockholder Interests holding 50% of the Preferred Stockholder Interests held by the holders of the Preferred Stockholder Interests that are parties to the RSA from time to time.
- 169. "SC Trusts Capital Securities Claims" means the SC Trust I Capital Securities Claim and the SC Trust II Capital Securities Claim.
  - 170. "SC Trusts Claims" means the SC Trust I Claim and the SC Trust II Claim.
- 171. "SC Trusts Common Securities Claims" means the SC Trust I Common Securities Claim and the SC Trust II Common Securities Claim.
- 172. "SC Trusts Documents" means the SC Trust I Documents and the SC Trust II Documents.
- 173. "SC Trusts Indentures" means the SC Trust I Indenture and the SC Trust II Indenture.
- 174. "SC Trusts Indenture Trustees" means the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee and the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee.
- 175. "SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees" means the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee Fees and the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee Fees.
- 176. "SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens" means the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee Charging Lien and the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee Charging Lien.
- 177. "SC Trusts Subordinated Debentures" means the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures and the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures.
- 178. "SC Trust I" means Silvergate Capital Trust I, a statutory business trust formed under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act pursuant to the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 27, 2001.

- 179. "SC Trust I Claim" means any Claim arising under or related to the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust I Capital Securities, or any of the SC Trust I Documents.<sup>3</sup>
- 180. "SC Trust I Declaration of Trust" means that certain Declaration of Trust, dated as of June 27, 2001, as amended and restated by that certain Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, by and among Bank of New York, as Institutional Trustee, the Bank of New York (Delaware), as Delaware Trustee, Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Sponsor, and Dennis S. Frank and Derek J. Eisele, as Administrators, dated as of July 16, 2001 (as further amended or supplemented from time to time) relating to SC Trust I.
- 181. "SC Trust I Documents" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Indenture, all documents evidencing SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust, all documents evidencing SC Trust I Capital Securities, the SC Trust I Sponsor Guarantee, and all related and ancillary documents, agreements, and instruments, each as altered, amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and including, without limitation, all exhibits and schedules thereto, together with any agreements executed by any of the Debtors or their Affiliates in connection therewith.
- 182. "SC Trust I Indenture" means that certain Indenture by and between Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Issuer, and the Bank of New York, as Trustee, dated as of July 16, 2001, pursuant to which Silvergate Capital Corporation issued the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures.
- 183. "SC Trust I Indenture Trustee" means the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB and any successors thereto, as permitted by the terms set forth in the SC Trust I Documents, collectively in its capacities as (i) Trustee under the SC Trust I Indenture, (ii) Delaware Trustee and Institutional Trustee under the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust; and (iii) Guarantee Trustee under the SC Trust I Sponsor Guarantee.
- 184. "SC Trust I Indenture Trustee Charging Lien" means any Lien or other priority of payment rights in favor of the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee or to which the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee is entitled under the SC Trust I Documents, on or with respect to Distributions made to or on behalf of Holders of Claims under the SC Trust I Indenture.
- 185. "SC Trust I Indenture Trustee Fees" means all reasonable compensation, costs, advances, fees, expenses, and disbursements, and all claims for indemnity, subrogation, and contribution, including, without limitation, attorneys' and agents' fees, expenses, costs, and disbursements, incurred by or owed to (or estimated to be incurred by or owed to) the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee under the SC Trust I Documents, including, without limitation, all such amounts incurred prior to, on, and after the Petition Date.
- 186. "SC Trust I Securities" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Capital Securities and the SC Trust I Common Securities.

For the purposes of this Plan, the SC Trust I Claims shall be deemed to be held by the Holders of the SC Trust I Securities in accordance with <u>Article V.M</u> of this Plan.

- 187. "SC Trust I Sponsor Guarantee" means that certain Guarantee Agreement by and between Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Guarantor, and the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Guarantee Trustee, dated as of July 16, 2001.
- 188. "SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures" means the Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures due 2031, outstanding under the SC Trust I Indenture.
- 189. "SC Trust I Capital Securities" means those certain undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the SC Trust I comprising twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) Floating Rate Capital Securities, with an aggregate stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust II of twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) and a stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust I of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per capital security, issued pursuant to the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust.
- 190. "SC Trust I Capital Securities Claim" means any Claim arising under or on account of the SC Trust I Capital Securities.
- 191. "SC Trust I Common Securities" means those certain undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the SC Trust I comprising three hundred eighty-seven (387) Floating Rate Common Securities, with an aggregate stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust I of three hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$387,000) and a stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust I of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per common security, issued pursuant to the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust.
- 192. "SC Trust I Common Securities Claim" means any Claim arising under or on account of the SC Trust I Common Securities.
- 193. "SC Trust II" means Silvergate Capital Trust II, a statutory trust formed under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act pursuant to the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust and a Certificate of Trust filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on January 13, 2005.
- 194. "SC Trust II Capital Securities" means those certain undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the SC Trust II comprising three thousand (3,000) Fixed/Floating Rate Capital Securities, with an aggregate stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust II of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) and a stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust II of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per capital security, issued pursuant to the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust.
- 195. "SC Trust II Capital Securities Claim" means any Claim arising under or on account of the SC Trust II Capital Securities.

- 196. "SC Trust II Claim" means any Claim arising under or related to the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust II Capital Securities, or any of the SC Trust II Documents.<sup>4</sup>
- 197. "SC Trust II Common Securities" means those certain undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the SC Trust II comprising ninety-three (93) Fixed/Floating Rate Common Securities, with an aggregate stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust II of ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000) and a stated liquidation amount with respect to the assets of the SC Trust II of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per common security, issued pursuant to the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust.
- 198. "SC Trust II Common Securities Claim" means any Claim arising under or on account of the SC Trust II Common Securities.
- 199. "SC Trust II Declaration of Trust" means that certain Declaration of Trust, dated as of January 13, 2005, as amended and restated by that certain Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, by and among Wilmington Trust Company, as Institutional Trustee, Wilmington Trust Company, as Delaware Trustee, Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Sponsor, and Dennis S. Frank and Derek J. Eisele, as Administrators, dated as of January 27, 2005 (as further amended or supplemented from time to time).
- 200. "SC Trust II Documents" means, collectively, the SC Trust II Indenture, all documents evidencing SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust, all documents evidencing SC Trust II Capital Securities, the SC Trust II Sponsor Guarantee, and all related and ancillary documents, agreements, and instruments, each as altered, amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and including, without limitation, all exhibits and schedules thereto, together with any agreements executed by any of the Debtors or their Affiliates in connection therewith.
- 201. "SC Trust II Indenture" means that certain Indenture by and between Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Issuer, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee, dated as of January 27, 2005, pursuant to which Silvergate Capital Corporation issued the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures.
- 202. "SC Trust II Indenture Trustee" means Wilmington Trust Company and any successors thereto, as permitted by the terms set forth in the SC Trust II Documents, collectively in its capacities as (i) Trustee under the SC Trust II Indenture, (ii) Delaware Trustee and Institutional Trustee under the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust; and (iii) Guarantee Trustee under the SC Trust II Sponsor Guarantee.
- 203. "SC Trust II Indenture Trustee Charging Lien" means any Lien or other priority of payment rights in favor of the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee or to which the SC Trust II

For the purposes of this Plan, the SC Trust II Claims shall be deemed to be held by the Holders of the SC Trust II Securities in accordance with <u>Article V.M</u> of this Plan.

Indenture Trustee is entitled under the SC Trust II Documents, on or with respect to Distributions made to or on behalf of Holders of Claims under the SC Trust II Indenture.

- 204. "SC Trust II Indenture Trustee Fees" means all reasonable compensation, costs, advances, fees, expenses, and disbursements, and all claims for indemnity, subrogation, and contribution, including, without limitation, attorneys' and agents' fees, expenses, costs, and disbursements, incurred by or owed to (or estimated to be incurred by or owed to) the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee under the SC Trust II Documents, including, without limitation, all such amounts incurred prior to, on, and after the Petition Date.
- 205. "SC Trust II Securities" means, collectively, the SC Trust II Capital Securities and the SC Trust II Common Securities.
- 206. "SC Trust II Sponsor Guarantee" means that certain Guarantee Agreement by and between Silvergate Capital Corporation, as Guarantor, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Guarantee Trustee, dated as of January 27, 2005.
- 207. "SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures" means those certain Fixed/Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures between Silvergate Capital Corporation and Wilmington Trust Company, due 2035.
- 208. "S.D. Cal. District Court" means the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.
- 209. "Schedule of Retained Causes of Action" means a schedule of retained Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action and Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action filed in connection with the Plan Supplement, in form and substance acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Preferred Stockholders.
- 210. "Schedules" means, collectively, the schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and statements of financial affairs Filed by the Debtors on October 4 and 7, 2024 pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code, as such schedules and statements may have been, or in the future may be, amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time.
  - 211. "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 212. "SEC Enforcement Action" means the proceeding captioned United States Securities and Exchange Commission v. Silvergate Capital Corporation, et al., No. 1:24-cv-04987-ALC (S.D.N.Y.), any SEC action related to the allegations of that proceeding, and any appeals, if any, thereof.
- 213. "Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest" means the beneficial interest issued under the Liquidation Trust for the benefit of Reorganized Silvergate that shall entitle the holder thereof to, (a) if the Opt-Out Condition is not exercised, (i) 20% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust once the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million and (ii) 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust

once the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust only after the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Liquidation Preference Amount.

- 214. "Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiary" means Reorganized Silvergate.
- 215. "Section 510(b) Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor subject to subordination pursuant to Section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, including claims asserted in connection with the Securities Litigation and any claims for indemnification, advancement or reimbursement arising in connection with the Securities Litigation; for avoidance of doubt, the term Section 510(b) Claim shall not include any Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claim.
- 216. "Secured" means, when referring to a Claim, a Claim secured by a Lien on property in which the applicable Estate has an interest, which Lien is valid, perfected, and enforceable pursuant to applicable law or by a Final Order, or that is subject to setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent of the value of the applicable creditor's interest in such Estate's interest in such property or to the extent of the amount subject to setoff, as applicable, in each case, as determined pursuant to section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 217. "Secured Claim" means any Claim: (a) secured by a Lien on property in which the Estate has an interest, which Lien is valid, perfected, and enforceable pursuant to applicable law or by reason of a Bankruptcy Court order to the extent of the value of the creditor's interest in the Estate's interest in such property as determined pursuant to section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, or (b) subject to setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent of the amount subject to setoff.
- 218. "Securities Act Class" means all persons and entities who purchased Silvergate Capital securities in and/or traceable to any of Silvergate Capital Corporation's securities offerings during 2021, and were damaged thereby, excluding the Excluded Class Members, as set forth in the Securities Litigation Settlement.
- 219. "Securities Litigation" means the litigation proceeding captioned In re Silvergate Capital Corp. Securities Litigation, Case No. 3:22-cv-01936-JES-MSB (S.D. Cal.).
- 220. "Securities Litigation Bankruptcy Court Approval Order" means the Global Settlement Approval Order.
- 221. "Securities Litigation Class Claims" means the claim of all class members in each of the Exchange Act Class and Securities Act Class, as applicable, arising under the Securities Litigation, which shall be deemed Allowed in the amount of the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount upon entry of the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, the treatment of Class 10 Section 510(b) Claims does not impact the Securities Litigation Settlement or any terms thereof, including the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount.

- 222. "Securities Litigation Class Members" means members of the purported Exchange Act Class and Securities Act Class under the Securities Litigation.
- 223. "Securities Litigation Defendants" means the defendants currently named in the Securities Litigation.
- 224. "Securities Litigation Escrow Account" means an interest-bearing account controlled by Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP and Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC for the benefit of the Securities Litigation Settlement Classes, which will receive and hold the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount.
- 225. "Securities Litigation Final Approval Order" means the Final Order of the S.D. Cal. District Court approving the Securities Litigation Settlement [S.D. Cal. District Court Docket No. 150].
- 226. "Securities Litigation Preliminary Approval Order" means the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Authorizing Dissemination of Notice of Settlement [S.D. Cal. District Court Docket No. 140].
- 227. "Securities Litigation Settlement" means the settlement agreed by and between the Securities Plaintiffs, the Securities Litigation Defendants and the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group, which (a) the Bankruptcy Court has preliminarily approved under the Global Settlement Approval Order, (b) the S.D. Cal. District Court has preliminarily approved under the Securities Litigation Preliminary Approval Order, and (c) is subject to final approval by the S.D. Cal. District Court and the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan.
- 228. "Securities Litigation Settlement Term Sheef' means the term sheet which is appended to the Global Settlement Approval Order as Exhibit 2 thereto. The terms of the Securities Litigation Settlement Term Sheet have been finally memorialized in and superseded by the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement. Reference to the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 229. "Securities Litigation Settlement Amount" means Cash consideration, in the amount of \$37,500,000, composed of (a) the remaining \$27.5 million of coverage available under the D&O Liability Insurance Policies, (b) a \$4.68 million payment by the Underwriters, and (c) a \$5.32 million payment from the Cash distributions otherwise due to the Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests, which will be funded on the Effective Date, all made in accordance with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 230. "Securities Litigation Settlement Classes" means the Exchange Act Class and Securities Act Class under the Securities Litigation Settlement.
- 231. "Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement" means the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement filed with the S.D. Cal. District Court resolving the Securities Litigation, preliminarily approved under the Securities Litigation Preliminary Approval Order, and filed with the Bankruptcy Court under the Notice of Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement Filed in the

Securities Litigation Pending Before the United States District Court for the Southern District of California [Docket No. 782] as Exhibit 1 thereto.

- 232. "Securities Plaintiffs" means the lead plaintiffs in the Securities Litigation.
- 233. "Security Depository or Custodian" means a securities depository or custodian or any nominee for such a securities depository or custodian, e.g., DTC and its nominee Cede & Co.
- 234. "Security" shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(49) of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 235. "SEN" means the Silvergate Exchange Network.
- 236. "SEN Assets" means SEN and all personal property used or useful with, SEN and all related regulatory documentation.
- 237. "Shareholder Demand" means that certain derivative demand, dated March 6, 2023, issued to the Company by Nikhil Bhayani, as custodian for Krish Bhayani, a purported Silvergate stockholder.
- 238. "Shared Indemnity Reserve" means a shared reserve in the amount of \$6,773,000.00 for all Indemnified Individuals listed on Exhibit A to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet.
- 239. "Silvergate Operational Assets" means (a) all tradenames, domain names, bank policies and procedures used in the operation of the DIEM Assets and SEN Assets, and Silvergate Bank and (b) the checking accounts maintained at Vista Bank for SCC and Silvergate Bank ending in account numbers X6364 and X6232, but excluding any Cash in such accounts on the Effective Date and any amounts deposited post-Effective Date that reflect Liquidation Trust Assets or recoveries thereof, which shall remain property of the Liquidation Trust.
- 240. "Silvergate Bank" means Silvergate Liquidation Corporation (f/k/a Silvergate Bank).
- 241. "*Silvergate FTX Claims*" means the proofs of claim filed by Silvergate Capital Corporation and Silvergate Liquidation Corporation in the chapter 11 cases of FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors pending under the case captioned *In re FTX Trading Ltd.*, Case No. 22-11068 (KBO).
- 242. "Silvergate NOLs" means any net operating losses belonging to any of the Debtors and all of the Debtors' tax attributes, but excluding the State Income Tax Receivables.
- 243. "State Income Tax Receivables" means the refunds owed to the Debtors by (a) the District of Columbia, State of Michigan, and State of New York for tax year 2023, (b) the District of Columbia and State of Maryland for tax year 2022, and (c) similar state tax refunds and receivables due to the Debtors from Governmental Units, if any, arising prior to the Effective Date of the Plan; provided that any state tax refunds and receivables contemplated by this clause

- (c) shall not be included in this definition to the extent that collecting such state tax refunds and receivables would reduce, impact, or otherwise affect the Silvergate NOLs or any of the Debtors' tax attributes.
  - 244. "Stilwell Activist" means Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P.
- 245. "*Subordinated Notes*" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures and the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures.
- 246. "Subordinated Notes Claims" means, collectively, the SC Trust I Claims and the SC Trust II Claims.
- 247. "Subsidiary Debtors" means (i) Silvergate Liquidation Corporation; and (ii) Spring Valley Lots, LLC.
- 248. "*Underwriters*" means the following defendants in the Securities Litigation: Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., Canaccord Genuity LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., UBS Securities LLC, Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC, Craig-Hallum Capital Group LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, and Wedbush Securities LLC.
- 249. "Underwriter Contribution" means \$4,680,000, which will be paid by the Underwriter to the Securities Litigation Escrow Account for the benefit of the Securities Plaintiffs, in accordance with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement.
- 250. "Unexpired Lease" means a lease to which the Debtor is a party and that is subject to assumption or rejection under sections 365 or 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 251. "Unimpaired" means, with respect to a Claim or a Class of Claims or Interests, a Claim or an Interest that is unimpaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 252. "U.S. Trustee" means the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware.
- 253. "Voting Deadline" means October 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time), which date may be extended by the Debtors.
- 254. "Word of God Litigation" means the litigation proceeding captioned Word of God Fellowship, Inc. v. Silvergate Bank, et al., 2023-00024877.

## B. Interpretation; Application of Definitions; and Rules of Construction

For purposes herein: (i) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender; (ii) except as otherwise provided herein, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and

conditions means that the referenced document shall be substantially in that form or substantially on those terms and conditions; (iii) except as otherwise provided, any reference herein to an existing document or exhibit having been Filed or to be Filed shall mean that document or exhibit, as it may thereafter be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with the Plan; (iv) unless otherwise specified herein, all references herein to "Articles" or "Sections" are references to Articles or "Sections" of the Plan or hereto; (v) unless otherwise stated herein, the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereto" refer to the Plan in its entirety rather than to a particular portion of the Plan; (vi) captions and headings to Articles are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation hereof; (vii) the words "include" and "including," and variations thereof, shall not be deemed to be terms of limitation, and shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (viii) unless otherwise specified, the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply to the Plan; (ix) any term used in capitalized form herein that is not otherwise defined but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as the case may be; (x) any docket number references in the Plan shall refer to the docket number of any document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases; (xi) references to "Proofs of Claim," "Holders of Claims," "Disputed Claims," and the like shall include "Proofs of Interest," "Holders of Interests," "Disputed Interests," and the like as applicable; (xii) references to "shareholders," "directors," and/or "officers" shall also include "members" and/or "managers," as applicable, as such terms are defined under the applicable state limited liability company laws; (xiii) any immaterial effectuating provisions may be interpreted by the Debtors in such a manner that is consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the Plan all without further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and such interpretation shall control, provided that no effectuating provision shall be immaterial or deemed immaterial if it has any substantive legal or economic effect on any party; and (xiv) except as otherwise provided, any references to the Effective Date shall mean the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

# C. Computation of Time

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed herein. If the date on which a transaction may occur pursuant to the Plan shall occur on a day that is not a Business Day, then such transaction shall instead occur on the next Business Day.

## D. Governing Law

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) or unless otherwise specifically stated herein, the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws, shall govern the rights, obligations, construction, and implementation of the Plan, any agreements, documents, instruments, or contracts executed or entered into in connection with the Plan (except as otherwise set forth in those agreements, in which case the governing law of such agreement shall control); provided that corporate or limited liability company governance matters relating to the Debtors, as applicable, not incorporated or formed (as applicable) in the State of Delaware shall be governed by the laws of the state of incorporation or formation (as applicable) of the applicable Debtor.

# E. Reference to Monetary Figures

All references in the Plan to monetary figures shall refer to currency of the United States of America, unless otherwise expressly provided herein. Any conversion required to convert foreign currency to United States dollars shall be done using the applicable exchange rates on the Petition Date.

# F. Reference to the Debtors or Reorganized Silvergate

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan to the contrary, references in the Plan to the Debtors or Reorganized Silvergate shall mean (i) prior to the Effective Date, the Debtors and, (ii) on or after the Effective Date, Reorganized Silvergate.

# G. Controlling Document

In the event of an inconsistency between the Plan, on the one hand, and (i) the Disclosure Statement or (ii) the Plan Supplement, on the other, the terms of the Plan shall control in all respects. In the event of an inconsistency between the Confirmation Order and the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order shall control.

# ARTICLE II: ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRIORITY CLAIMS

In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Expense Claims, including Professional Fee Claims, and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified and, thus, are excluded from the classification of Claims and Interests set forth in <u>Article III</u>.

## A. Administrative Expense Claims

Requests for payment of Administrative Expense Claims must be Filed on or before the Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date. Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, Holders of Administrative Expense Claims that are required to, but do not, file and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Expense Claims by such date shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Expense Claims against the Debtors or their property and such Administrative Expense Claims shall be deemed released against the Debtors as of the Effective Date. Objections to such requests, if any, must be Filed and served on the Liquidation Trustee and the requesting party by the Administrative Claims Objection Deadline.

Except with respect to Administrative Expense Claims that (a) are Professional Fee Claims, (b) have already been paid during the Chapter 11 Case, or (c) for which the Holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim has agreed to less favorable treatment, each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim shall receive in full satisfaction of its Administrative Expense Claim, Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim either: (i) on the Effective Date; (ii) if the Administrative Expense Claim is not Allowed as of the Effective Date, thirty (30) days after the date on which an order Allowing such Administrative Expense Claim becomes a Final Order, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable; or (iii) if the Allowed Administrative Expense Claim is based on a liability incurred by the Debtors in the ordinary course

of business after the Petition Date, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the particular transaction or agreement giving rise to such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim, without any further action by the Holders of such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim and without any further notice to, or action, order, or approval of, the Bankruptcy Court.

Pursuant to Local Rule 3002-1, the governmental entity shall not be required to file any Proof of Claim or applicable for allowance for any Claims covered by section 503(b)(1)(B), (C), or (D).

## B. Professional Fee Claims

- 1. Final Fee Applications. All final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims incurred during the period from the Petition Date through the Effective Date shall be Filed no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. The Bankruptcy Court shall determine the Allowed amounts of such Professional Fee Claims after notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and prior Bankruptcy Court orders. The Liquidation Trust (or the authorized signatories to the Professional Fee Escrow Account, after consultation with the Liquidation Trust) shall pay the amount of the Allowed Professional Fee Claims owing to the Professionals in Cash to such Professionals from funds held in the Professional Fee Escrow Account within two (2) Business Days or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable after such Professional Fee Claims are allowed by entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court. To the extent that funds held in the Professional Fee Escrow Account are insufficient to satisfy the amount of Professional Fee Claims owing to the Professionals, such Professionals shall have an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim for any such deficiency, and the Liquidation Trustee, as applicable, shall pay the full unpaid amount of such Allowed Administrative Expense Claim in Cash.
- 2. Professional Fee Claims Estimate. Professionals shall reasonably estimate their unpaid Professional Fee Claims incurred in rendering services to the Debtors before and as of the Effective Date for the purpose of funding the Professional Fee Escrow Account and shall deliver such estimate to the Debtors no later than five (5) days before the anticipated Effective Date; provided, however, that such estimate shall not be deemed to limit the amount of the fees and expenses that are the subject of any Professional's final request for payment of Professional Fee Claims and such Professionals are not bound to any extent by the estimates. If a Professional does not provide an estimate the Debtors may estimate the unpaid and unbilled fees and expenses of such Professional. Nothing in the Plan shall preclude any objection by any party to the RSA to any Professional Fee Claims that do not comply with the terms of the RSA.
- 3. Professional Fee Escrow Account. Following the Confirmation Date, and no later than the Effective Date, the Debtors shall establish and fund the Professional Fee Escrow Account with Cash equal to the Professional Fee Reserve Amount. The Professional Fee Escrow Account shall be maintained in trust solely for the Professionals and for no other Entities until all Professional Fee Claims Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court have been irrevocably paid in full to the Professionals pursuant to one or more Final Orders of the Bankruptcy Court. No Liens, claims, or interests shall encumber the Professional Fee Escrow Account or Cash held in the Professional

Fee Escrow Account in any way. Funds held in the Professional Fee Escrow Account shall not be considered property of the Estate, the Debtor, Reorganized Silvergate, or the Liquidation Trust.

When all Allowed amounts owing to the Professionals have been irrevocably paid in full pursuant to one or more Final Orders of the Bankruptcy Court, any amount remaining in the Professional Fee Escrow Account shall promptly be paid to the Liquidation Trust, without any further action or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

4. Post-Effective Date Fees and Expenses. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, from and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee shall, in the ordinary course of business and without any further notice to, or action, order, or approval of, the Bankruptcy Court, pay in Cash the reasonable and documented legal, professional, or other fees and expenses incurred by professionals providing services to the Liquidation Trustee or Liquidation Trust Board, as applicable, including the fees and expenses of any of the Debtors' Professionals incurred in addressing or responding to any discovery, trial preparation, or trial in any action, suit, proceeding or audit. From and after the Effective Date, any requirement that professionals comply with sections 327 through 331 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code in seeking retention or compensation for services rendered after the Effective Date shall terminate.

# C. Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses

The Debtors shall pay in Cash all outstanding Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred through the Effective Date, to the extent not previously paid shall be paid on the Effective Date, without the requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court. From and after the Confirmation Date, any outstanding and unpaid Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses shall be paid in full in Cash.

All Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses to be paid on the Effective Date shall be estimated, as necessary, prior to or as of the Effective Date and such estimate shall be delivered to the Debtors; *provided* that such estimate shall not be considered an admission or limitation with respect to such Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses. In addition, the Liquidation Trust is authorized to pay the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses, as necessary, after the Effective Date when due and payable in the ordinary course solely to the extent incurred on or after the Confirmation Order is entered, without any requirement for review or approval by the Bankruptcy Court or any Entity.

#### D. SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees

The Debtors shall pay in Cash the reasonable and documented SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees (including attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred, or estimated to be incurred, up to and including the Effective Date, without any requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court, on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date. The SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees to be paid on the Effective Date shall be presented in an invoice including an itemized description of services rendered and, if necessary, an estimate for unbilled fees and expenses incurred prior to and as of the Effective Date, to the Debtors at least two (2) Business Days prior to the anticipated Effective Date; provided that such estimate shall not be considered an admission or limitation with respect to such SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees. So that the SC Trusts Indenture

Trustees can timely provide such estimate, the Debtors shall provide the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees with five (5) Business Days' prior notice of the anticipated Effective Date. To the extent the Debtors dispute any SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees (including attorneys' fees and expenses) and such dispute cannot be consensually resolved, the Bankruptcy Court may determine the dispute.

In addition, within five (5) business days after presentation of an invoice including an itemized description of services rendered, the Debtors or the Liquidation Trust, as applicable, shall pay all reasonable and documented SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees (including attorneys' fees and expenses) related to implementation of the Plan, including, without limitation, making (or directing) Distributions on account of the SC Trusts Claims. To the extent the Debtors dispute any SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees (including attorneys' fees and expenses) and such dispute cannot be consensually resolved, the Bankruptcy Court may determine the dispute.

## E. Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses

The Debtors shall pay in Cash all outstanding Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses incurred, or estimated to be incurred through the Effective Date, to the extent not previously paid shall be paid on the Effective Date, without the requirement to file a fee application with the Bankruptcy Court.

## F. Statutory Fees

All Quarterly Fees due and payable prior to the Effective Date shall be paid in full in Cash by the Debtors on the Effective Date. The Debtors shall file all reports due prior to the Effective Date when they become due using UST Form 11-MOR. After the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee, for and on behalf of the Liquidation Trust, and Reorganized Silvergate shall pay all Quarterly Fees in full in Cash when due and payable and shall file with the Bankruptcy Court any and all quarterly reports when they become due using UST Form 11-PCR. Each and every one of the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate shall remain obligated to pay Quarterly Fees to the U.S. Trustee until the earliest of the Debtors' cases being closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, (i) Quarterly Fees are Allowed; (ii) the U.S. Trustee shall not be required to file any proof of claim or any other request(s) for payment with respect to Quarterly Fees; and (iii) the U.S. Trustee shall not be treated as providing any release under the Plan.

## G. Priority Tax Claims

Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim and the applicable Debtor agree (whether before or after the Effective Date) to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction of and in exchange for each Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each Holder of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall be treated in accordance with the terms set forth in section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code and, for the avoidance of doubt, Holders of Allowed Priority Tax Claims will receive interest on such Allowed Priority Tax Claims after the Effective Date in accordance with sections 511 and 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# ARTICLE III: CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

## A. Summary of Classification of Claims and Interests

All Claims and Interests, except for Administrative Expense Claims, including Professional Fee Claims, Quarterly Fees and Priority Tax Claims, are classified in the Classes set forth in this Article III for all purposes, including voting, Confirmation, and distributions pursuant to the Plan and pursuant to sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. A Claim or Interest is classified in a particular Class only to the extent that such Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of that Class and is classified in other Classes to the extent that any portion of such Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of such other Classes. A Claim or Interest also is classified in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan only to the extent that such Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in that Class and has not been paid, released, or otherwise satisfied prior to the Effective Date.

The classification of Claims and Interests pursuant to the Plan is as set forth below. All of the potential Classes for the Debtors are set forth herein. The Plan shall constitute a separate Plan for each of the Debtors, provided that, the estates of the various Debtors shall be consolidated for the purpose of effectuating distributions under the Plan. For all purposes under the Plan, where applicable, each Class contains a sub-Class for each Debtor. Certain of the Debtors may not have Holders of Claims or Interests in a particular Class or Classes, and such Classes shall be treated as set forth in <a href="Article III.C">Article III.C</a>. Voting tabulations for recording acceptances or rejections of the Plan shall be conducted on a Debtor-by-Debtor basis as set forth above. Only Debtor Silvergate Capital Corporation has any voting classes.

The classification of Claims and Interests against each Debtor (as applicable) pursuant to the Plan is as follows:

Class	Claim / Interest	Status	Voting Rights
1	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
2	Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
3	General Unsecured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
4	Subordinated Notes Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
5	Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claims	IMPAIRED	ENTITLED TO VOTE
6	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept or Deemed to Reject)

Class	Claim / Interest	Status	Voting Rights
7	Intercompany Interests	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept or Deemed to Reject)
8	Preferred Stock Interests	IMPAIRED	ENTITLED TO VOTE
9	Common Stock Interests	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept or Deemed to Reject)
10	Section 510(b) Claims	Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Reject)
11	Bhatia Litigation Class Claim	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)

# B. Treatment of Claims and Interests

# 1. Class 1 – Other Priority Claims

- a. *Classification*: Class 1 consists of all Other Priority Claims against the Debtors.
- b. *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive on account thereof payment of the full amount of such Allowed Other Priority Claim in Cash or otherwise receive treatment consistent with the provisions of section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, except to the extent the Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim agrees to less favorable treatment.
- c. *Voting*: Class 1 is Unimpaired, and Holders of Other Priority Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Class 1 Secured Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# 2. <u>Class 2 – Secured Claims</u>

- a. *Classification*: Class 2 consists of all Secured Claims against the Debtors.
- b. *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Secured Claim shall receive on account of such Claim at the Liquidation Trustee's exclusive election, except to the extent that any Holder of an Allowed Secured Claim agrees to less favorable treatment therefor, either: (i) Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Secured Claim, including Post-Petition Interest at the Federal Judgment Rate; (ii) the property that serves as security for such Allowed Secured Claim; or (iii) such other treatment that shall render such Allowed Secured Claims Unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code (which may include reinstatement). Any portion of any Secured Claim

- that is not secured by collateral or the proceeds thereof shall constitute a General Unsecured Claim to the extent it is Allowed.
- c. *Voting*: Class 2 is Unimpaired, and Holders of Secured Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Class 2 Secured Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 3. Class 3 – General Unsecured Claims

- a. *Classification*: Class 3 consists of all General Unsecured Claims against the Debtors.
- b. *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive on account of such Claim at the Liquidation Trustee's exclusive election, except to the extent that any Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees to less favorable treatment therefor, either: (i) Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed General Unsecured Claim, including Post-Petition Interest at the Federal Judgment Rate; or (ii) such other treatment that shall render such Allowed General Unsecured Claim unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. To the extent that a General Unsecured Claim is not Allowed and is a Disputed General Unsecured Claim as of the Effective Date, such Disputed General Unsecured Claim, if subsequently Allowed, shall be paid from the Disputed Claims Reserve maintained by the Liquidation Trust.
- c. Voting: Class 3 is Unimpaired, and Holders of General Unsecured Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Class 3 General Unsecured Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# 4. Class 4 – Subordinated Notes Claims

- a. *Classification*: Class 4 consists of all Subordinated Notes Claims.
- b. *Allowance*: The Subordinated Notes Claims shall be Allowed as follows:
  - (i) SC Trust I Claims: The SC Trust I Claims are Allowed in the amount of \$12,887,000.00 in aggregate outstanding principal amount of SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures, plus accrued but unpaid interest to and including the Petition Date in the amount of \$2,006,511.66, plus interest from the Petition Date to and including the Effective Date at the applicable rate specified in the SC Trust I Indenture and related documents, plus all fees, costs, premiums (if any), reimbursement obligations, indemnification obligations, hedging obligations, and other amounts arising and payable under and in accordance with the SC Trust I Indenture and related documents.

- (ii) SC Trust II Claims: The SC Trust II Claims are Allowed in the amount of \$3,093,000.00 in aggregate outstanding principal amount of SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures, plus accrued but unpaid interest to and including the Petition Date in the amount of \$406,128.83, plus interest from the Petition Date to and including the Effective Date at the applicable rate specified in the SC Trust II Indenture and related documents, plus all non-contingent fees, costs, premiums (if any), reimbursement obligations, indemnification obligations, hedging obligations, and other amounts arising and payable as of the Effective Date under and in accordance with the SC Trust II Indenture and related documents and the amount of Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims shall not be subject to challenge, reduction, offset, avoidance, setoff, recharacterization, impairment, subordination (whether equitable, contractual, or otherwise), counterclaim, cross-claim, defense, or disallowance under applicable law.
- c. Treatment: Except to the extent that any Holder of an Allowed Subordinated Notes Claim agrees to less favorable treatment on account of such Claim, on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of all Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, (i) the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee, for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the SC Trust I Preferred Securities and itself, and (ii) the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee, for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the SC Trust II Securities and itself, respectively, shall receive either (x) Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Subordinated Notes Claim; or (y) such other treatment that shall render such Allowed Subordinated Notes Claim Unimpaired pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code; provided, however, that with respect to the Allowed SC Trusts Claims, upon satisfaction in full of the Allowed SC Trusts Capital Securities Claims, all remaining Distributions on account of Allowed SC Trusts Claims shall be received by the Holders of the SC Trusts Common Securities Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, amounts received by the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees on account of the Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims will be subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens.
- d. Voting: Class 4 is Unimpaired, and Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Class 4 Subordinated Notes Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 5. Class 5 – Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims

a. *Classification*: Class 5 consists of the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims against the Debtors.

- b. The Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims are Allowed; provided, that such allowance shall in no way be deemed a determination that any fees, costs, and or expenses submitted for reimbursement and indemnification qualify as an Indemnifiable Claim, payment of the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be subject to the Indemnification Procedures and shall be satisfied exclusively from the DOJ Insurance Policy, the Indemnification Reserves, and the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget (including any amounts payable for "cause" shown in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures), as applicable, and the Indemnifiable Claims shall be deemed amended in all respects to be consistent with the foregoing. Except to the extent that a Holder of an Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claim agrees to less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for its Indemnified Individuals' Indemnification Claim, each such Holder thereof shall receive, the rights and benefits afforded under the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet, as more fully set forth in Article V.C.2. hereof.
- c. *Voting*: Class 5 is Impaired. Holders of Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## 6. Class 6 – Intercompany Claims

- a. *Classification*: Class 6 consists of all Intercompany Claims.
- b. *Treatment*: Each Intercompany Claim shall be, at the option of the Debtors with the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors, reinstated, set off, settled, distributed, contributed, cancelled, or released without any distribution on account of such Intercompany Claim, or such other treatment as is reasonably determined by the Debtors with the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors; provided that the treatment of any Intercompany Claim shall not result in a Cash distribution on the Effective Date or otherwise reduce recoveries to any other Allowed Claim or Interest Holder or entitle the holder of such Intercompany Claim to any amounts from the Liquidation Trust.
- c. *Voting*: Holders of Claims in Class 6 are conclusively deemed to have accepted or rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) or section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively. Therefore, Holders of Intercompany Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## 7. Class 7 – Intercompany Interests

- a. *Classification*: Class 7 consists of all Intercompany Interests.
- b. *Treatment*: On the Effective Date of the Plan, all Intercompany Interests in the Debtors shall be reinstated.

c. Voting: Holders of Interests in Class 7 are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Intercompany Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## 8. Class 8 – Preferred Stock Interests

- a. *Classification*: Class 8 consists of all Preferred Stock Interests in Silvergate Capital Corporation.
- b. Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Preferred Stock Interest agrees to less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for its Allowed Preferred Stock Interest each such Holder thereof shall receive on the Effective Date (a) such Holder's Pro Rata share of First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, and (b) such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount.
- c. *Voting*: Class 8 is Impaired. Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# 9. Class 9 – Common Stock Interests

- a. *Classification*: Class 9 consists of all Common Stock Interests in the Debtors.
- b. *Treatment*: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Common Stock Interest agrees to less favorable treatment, on the Effective Date of the Plan, all Allowed Common Stock Interests in the Debtors shall be reinstated. Holders of Common Stock Interests shall be the owners of Reorganized Silvergate, which shall continue to operate.
- c. Voting: Class 9 is Unimpaired and Holders of Common Stock Interests in Class 9 are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided, however, that if the Opt-Out condition is exercised, Class 9 shall be deemed Impaired and Holders of Common Stock Interests in Class 9 shall be deemed to reject the Plan. Therefore, Holders of Common Stock Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## 10. <u>Class 10 – Section 510(b) Claims</u>

a. Classification: Class 10 consists of all Section 510(b) Claims against the Debtors, which shall include any Bhatia Litigation Class Member that optsout of the Bhatia Litigation Settlement and any Securities Litigation Class Member that optsout of the Securities Litigation Settlement, each as discussed below.

- b. *Allowance*: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Section 510(b) Claim, if any such Section 510(b) Claim exists, may only become Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- c. Treatment: On the Effective Date, all Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, if any, shall be extinguished, cancelled, and released and not entitled to Distribution or any recovery under the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, the treatment of Class 10 Section 510(b) Claims does not impact the Securities Litigation Settlement or any terms thereof, including the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount.
- d. Voting: Class 10 is Impaired, and Holders (if any) of Allowed Section 510(b) Claims are conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders (if any) of Allowed Section 510(b) Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and the votes of such Holders (if any) will not be solicited with respect to such Allowed Section 510(b) Claims.

## 11. Class 11 – Bhatia Litigation Class Claim

- a. *Classification*: Class 11 consists of the Bhatia Litigation Class Claim against the Debtors.
- b. *Allowance*: Upon entry of the Bhatia Litigation Final Approval Order, and without the filing of a proof of claim, the Bhatia Litigation Class Claim shall be Allowed as a single class Claim in the amount of the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund.
- c. *Treatment*: Upon entry of the Bhatia Litigation Final Approval Order, the Bhatia Litigation Class Claim shall be entitled to receive the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund, to be paid by the Debtors and distributed in accordance with the Bhatia Litigation Final Approval Order in full and complete settlement and satisfaction of the Bhatia Litigation Class Claim.
  - The Debtors understand that Bhatia Litigation Class Members have the option to opt-out of the Bhatia Litigation Settlement. Any Claims of putative Bhatia Litigation Class Members that opt-out of the Bhatia Litigation Settlement shall be subject to the Bar Date Order, treated as Section 510(b) Claims and to the extent such 510(b) Claim becomes Allowed, such Section 510(b) Claim shall be extinguished, cancelled, and released and not entitled to Distribution or any recovery under the Plan.
- d. *Voting*: Class 11 is Unimpaired, and Holders of Bhatia Litigation Claims are conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section

1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Class 11 Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## C. Elimination of Vacant Classes

Any Class of Claims or Interests that does not have a Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest or a Claim or Interest temporarily Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court as of the date of the Confirmation Hearing shall be deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class pursuant to section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# D. Separate Classification of Secured Claims

Each Secured Claim, to the extent secured by a Lien on collateral different from the collateral securing another Secured Claim, shall be treated as being in a separate sub-Class for purposes of receiving distributions under this Plan.

## E. Voting Classes; Presumed Acceptance by Non-Voting Classes

If a Class contains Claims or Interests eligible to vote and no Holders of Claims or Interests eligible to vote in such Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, the Plan shall be presumed accepted by such Class.

## F. Controversy Concerning Impairment

If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Interests, or any Class of Claims or Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

#### **ARTICLE IV:**

# ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN; EFFECT OF REJECTION BY ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS

#### A. Classes Entitled to Vote

Holders of Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims (Class 5) and Preferred Stock Interests (Class 8) are entitled to vote on the Plan. Any Holder of a Claim or an Interest that has been objected to may file a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018 for an order temporarily allowing such Interest solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with the procedures to be set forth in the order approving the Disclosure Statement, including any deadlines set forth therein. Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 9 and Class 11 are deemed to have accepted the Plan.

The Debtors have requested that the Bankruptcy Court adopt a presumption that if no Holder of a Claim or Interest in a Class of Claims or Interests eligible to vote in a particular Class timely submits a timely Ballot to accept or reject the Plan, then the applicable Class will be deemed to have accepted the Plan. Accordingly, if any Holder of a Claim or Interest in Class 5 or Class 8

does not wish such a presumption to apply with respect to any Class for which such Holder holds a Claim, then the Holder should timely submit a Ballot accepting or rejecting the Plan for any such Class.

# B. Class Acceptance Requirement

Class 5 shall have accepted the Plan if the Plan is accepted by at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number in such Class that have voted on the Plan

Class 8 shall have accepted the Plan if the Plan is accepted by at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount in such Class that have voted on the Plan.

# C. Cramdown and No Unfair Discrimination

In the event that any impaired Class of Claims or Interests rejects the Plan or is deemed to have rejected the Plan, the Debtors hereby request, without any delay in the occurrence of the Confirmation Hearing or Effective Date, that the Bankruptcy Court confirm the Plan in accordance with section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such non-accepting Class, in which case the Plan shall constitute a motion for such relief.

# ARTICLE V: MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

# A. Consolidation for Distribution Purposes Only

The Plan shall serve as, and shall be deemed to be, a motion for entry of an order substantively consolidating the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases for the limited purpose of making Distributions. For all other purposes, this Plan is being proposed as a joint chapter 11 plan of the Debtors for administrative purposes only and constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan for each Debtor in all respects other than for Distributions. Upon the entry of the Confirmation Order, the claims register maintained in the various Chapter 11 Cases shall be deemed consolidated into a single claims register in respect of the consolidated Estate. Further, Claims asserted against multiple Debtors, including Claims based on joint and several liability and guarantee and/or surety Claims shall be deemed to constitute a single Claim against the consolidated Estate. Notwithstanding the substantive consolidation for the limited purpose of making Distributions contemplated herein, on and after the Effective Date the Debtors will each continue as separate post-effective date entities after emergence from the Chapter 11 Cases.

## B. Sources of Consideration for Distributions

Cash payments or Cash distributions to be made hereunder on the Effective Date shall be funded from the existing Cash of the Debtors. All other assets of the Debtors and property of the Debtors' estates shall vest in either the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, on the Effective Date.

## C. The Global Settlement

The Global Settlement is composed of the Securities Litigation Settlement and the settlement contemplated by the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet, each of which is mutually dependent and nonseverable. Pursuant to the Confirmation Order, the Global Settlement, including the settlement contemplated by the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet and the Securities Litigation Settlement, shall become effective upon the entry of the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan.

#### 1. Securities Litigation Settlement

## a. Securities Litigation Claims

On behalf of themselves and the Settlement Classes, the Securities Plaintiffs have agreed to resolve the Securities Litigation in exchange for the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount consistent with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement. On May 21, 2025, Securities Plaintiffs filed a motion in the Securities Litigation seeking preliminary approval of the Securities Litigation Settlement and certification of the Settlement Classes for settlement purposes, which the S.D. Cal. District Court granted under the Securities Litigation Preliminary Approval Order. Upon entry of the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order, the Securities Litigation Class Claims shall be entitled to receive the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount, to be paid and distributed in accordance with the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order in full and complete settlement and satisfaction of the Securities Litigation Class Claims. The Debtors understand that Securities Litigation Class Members will be provided with the option to opt-out of the Securities Litigation Settlement. Any Claims of putative Securities Litigation Class Members that opt-out of the Securities Litigation Settlement shall be subject to the Bar Date Order, treated as Section 510(b) Claims and to the extent such 510(b) Claim becomes Allowed, such Section 510(b) Claim shall be extinguished, cancelled, and released and not entitled to Distribution or any recovery under the Plan.

As set forth in the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement, the Securities Litigation Settlement Amount shall be paid into the Securities Litigation Escrow Account controlled by Lead Counsel for the Securities Litigation Settlement Classes, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP and Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC as follows: (a) contemporaneously with, or within twenty (20) business days after preliminary approval of the Securities Litigation Class Action Settlement by the S.D. Cal. District Court: (i) \$27,500,000, which will come from the D&O Insurance Contribution; (ii) \$4,680,000, which will come from the Underwriter Contribution; and (iii) subject to and upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, \$5,320,000 which will come from the Preferred Stock Interest Contribution.

#### b. *Underwriters Claims*

Consistent with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement, on the Effective Date of the Plan and consummation of the Global Settlement, all Proofs of Claim filed by the Underwriters in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases will be deemed disallowed and the Debtors and Stretto shall be authorized to note such disallowance on the Claims Register without further order of the Bankruptcy Court. For the avoidance of doubt, no documents or orders entered in

connection with the Plan or the Global Settlement shall disallow or otherwise modify claims of the Underwriters until the Effective Date of the Plan and consummation of the Global Settlement.

## 2. Indemnification Settlement

a. Establishing Indemnification Reserves and Acquiring the DOJ Insurance Policy

On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall, in a manner mutually acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders and the Indemnified Individuals, establish the DOJ Indemnification Reserve, Martino SEC Dedicated Indemnity Reserve, Dedicated Indemnity Reserves and the Shared Indemnity Reserve, in accordance with the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet and shall have acquired the DOJ Insurance Policy or fund a reserve for the benefit of the applicable Indemnified Individuals in the same amount as the proposed DOJ Insurance Policy (or a combination thereof, as agreed to by the applicable Indemnified Individuals and the Required Preferred Stockholders), the terms of which policy shall be mutually acceptable to applicable Indemnified Individuals covered thereunder and the Required Preferred Stockholders.

The Indemnification Reserves shall be funded in the applicable amounts set forth in the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet with Cash from the Debtors' estates held in trust for the Indemnified Individuals in an interest-bearing Cash deposit account managed by the Liquidation Trustee. Indemnified Individuals shall be entitled to submit to the Liquidation Trustee an invoice for reasonable and documented Indemnifiable Claims, which shall include a brief description of the matter to which the invoice relates, detail for expenses incurred and time entries for any professional retained by such Indemnified Individuals (which shall be maintained in no more than .25 increments of an hour). The Liquidation Trustee shall have 30 days to review such invoice (the "Indemnifiable Claim Objection Deadline") and raise any objection that such amounts incurred do not constitute a valid Indemnifiable Claim and/or the amounts incurred are not reasonable (which for the avoidance of doubt shall not include application of sections 330 and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code) (an "Indemnifiable Claim Objection"). Indemnified Individuals shall use reasonable and good-faith efforts to submit all invoices for Indemnifiable Claims within 40 days after the end of the month in which such Indemnifiable Claim is incurred; provided, however, that the failure to submit any such invoice within such period shall not prejudice the right of any Indemnified Individual to payment of any Indemnifiable Claim in accordance with the procedures set forth Only reasonable and documented Indemnifiable Claims shall be paid from the Indemnification Reserve.

In the event that the Liquidation Trustee raises an Indemnifiable Claim Objection, the Liquidation Trustee and the Indemnified Individual shall work in good-faith to resolve such Indemnifiable Claim Objection. In the event that the Liquidation Trustee and the Indemnified Individual are unable to resolve such Indemnifiable Claim Objection within 45 days after the Indemnifiable Claim Objection Deadline (unless extended by mutual consent of the parties), then the Liquidation Trustee shall file a formal objection with the Bankruptcy Court and seek a determination from the Bankruptcy Court on no less than 20 days' notice to such Indemnified Individual or their counsel, as applicable. If the Liquidation Trustee is not the prevailing party in an Indemnifiable Claim Objection that is decided by the Bankruptcy Court, then the applicable

Indemnified Individual is entitled to recover his or her reasonable attorneys' fees incurred with respect to such Indemnifiable Claim Objection from the applicable reserve. For avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall pay the fees and expenses incurred under the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget on the Effective Date, and the Liquidation Trustee shall have no role in that process.

Any decision of the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the validity of an Indemnifiable Claim and/or the reasonableness thereof shall be binding on the Indemnified Individual and the Liquidation Trustee. All undisputed amounts, or subsequently allowed amounts, shall be paid from their applicable reserve within 30 days of the invoice submission if undisputed, and with 10 days of an agreement or determination of the Bankruptcy Court for any amounts that are disputed.

With respect to an amount claimed and allowed against any shared Indemnification Reserve, the Liquidation Trustee will be authorized and have no liability for paying such Allowed Indemnifiable Claims from the applicable shared Indemnification Reserve on a claims made basis. The Liquidation Trustee will send a quarterly notice to the Indemnified Individuals or their counsel, as applicable, of all amounts remaining in the Indemnification Reserves, until such time as the Indemnification Reserves have been exhausted or released.

Indemnified Individuals with Dedicated Indemnity Reserves must exhaust their applicable Dedicated Indemnity Reserves before seeking payment from the Shared Indemnity Reserves.

Subject to the reserve step downs set forth in <u>Article V.C.2.b.</u>, Preferred Stock Interests shall hold the residual interest in the Indemnification Reserves after all Indemnifiable Claims are satisfied.

## b. Reserve Step-Downs

Funds in each of the Dedicated Indemnity Reserves and Shared Indemnity Reserve (but excluding the DOJ Insurance Policy or any Cash reserve maintained in lieu of the DOJ Insurance Policy) will be reduced as follows and released to the Liquidation Trust for Distribution to the holders of First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, in accordance with the Common Stock Settlement:

- (1) Upon the earliest to occur of settlement, dismissal, or final non-appealable resolution of the SEC Enforcement Action regarding Martino:
  - a. the release of all amounts remaining in the Martino SEC Dedicated Reserve (net of amounts required to satisfy the Indemnifiable Claims of Martino related to the SEC Enforcement Action that are submitted within 40 days after such date in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures); and
  - b. the release of \$750,000 from the Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve and \$750,000 from the Shared Indemnity Reserve (in each case, net of amounts required to satisfy the Indemnifiable Claims of the applicable Indemnified Individuals (other

than Martino) related to the SEC Enforcement Action that are submitted within 40 days after such date in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures).

- (2) Upon a final resolution of the Word of God Litigation:
  - a. the release of \$1,900,000 from the Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve and \$900,000 from the Shared Indemnity Reserve (in each case, net of amounts required to satisfy the Indemnifiable Claims of the applicable Indemnified Individuals related to the Word of God Litigation that are submitted within 40 days after such date in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures).
- (3) Upon a final resolution of the Bhatia Litigation (with no opt-outs):
  - a. the release of \$750,000 from the Alan Lane Dedicated Indemnity Reserve and \$250,000 from the Shared Indemnity Reserve (in each case, net of amounts required to satisfy the Indemnifiable Claims of the applicable Indemnified Individuals related to the Bhatia Litigation that are submitted within 40 days after such date in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures).
- (4) Upon final resolution of the SEC Enforcement Action as it relates to Martino, the Word of God Litigation and the Bhatia Litigation:
  - a. If there have been no Indemnifiable Claims asserted in good faith as of each of the following dates, the remaining amount of the Dedicated Indemnity Reserves and the Shared Indemnity Reserve will be reduced by 25% on August 15, 2026, 25% on August 15, 2027, 25% on August 15, 2028 and 25% on August 15, 2029.
  - c. Resolution of the SEC Enforcement Action Regarding Martino, the Word of God Litigation, and the Bhatia Litigation Prior to the Effective Date

In the event that the SEC Enforcement Action, the Word of God Litigation, or the Bhatia Litigation is fully and finally dismissed or otherwise finally resolved, with no further right to appeal, if applicable, prior to the Effective Date, the applicable amounts to be released with respect to such dismissed or resolved action pursuant to the Reserve Step-Downs shall not be funded into the applicable reserve and instead shall remain Cash of the Debtors' estates to be used to satisfy the Debtors' obligations on the Effective Date, including the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount, and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, shall not be transferred to the Liquidation Trust.

## d. Residual Interest in the Indemnification Reserves

As set forth in the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet, Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interest shall maintain the exclusive reversionary interest in the Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest until such time as the Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interest have actually received Cash payments of \$200 million. Consistent with the Common Stock Settlement, amounts to be released to the Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests under the Indemnification

Settlement Term Sheet, including the Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest, shall be released to and distributed by the Liquidation Trust to the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries.

# e. Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Article V.C.2</u>, but without limiting the rights of the Debtors and the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group to challenge (and have determined by the Bankruptcy Court) whether such fees and expenses satisfy the terms of the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget or the Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts, as applicable, on the Effective Date, the Debtors shall pay in Cash the incurred reasonable and documented fees of the Indemnified Individuals consistent with the terms of the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget, plus any Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts (for the avoidance of doubt, the payment of any Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts shall reduce the applicable Indemnification Reserves on a dollar-for-dollar basis). The Indemnified Individuals listed on <u>Exhibit C</u> to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet can request relief from the Bankruptcy Court from the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget for "cause" shown, which shall include, without limitation, additional work required to be completed by counsel for such Indemnified Individuals if the Plan has not gone effective prior to five (5) months from March 27, 2025. The Debtors and the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group shall reserve all rights to challenge the reasonableness of such fees, even if they fall within the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget.

## D. Common Stock Settlement

As announced on the record made at the hearing held before the Bankruptcy Court on May 13, 2025, the Ad Hoc Group of Preferred Stockholders and the Common Stock Sponsors reached agreement in principle regarding the terms to be included in this Plan regarding the proposed treatment to be afforded to the Holders of Preferred Stock Interests and Common Stock Interests pursuant to the Plan, as set forth below in this <u>Article V.D</u>.

## 1. Preferred Stockholder Recoveries

Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests shall receive the following: (a) the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount, and (b) the First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.

Preferred Stock Interests shall be cancelled upon the Effective Date of the Plan, and in exchange therefor, Holders of Allowed Preferred Stock Interests shall receive First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, which shall receive (i) 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust until the Aggregate Preferred Stock Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million, and (ii)(a) if the Opt-Out Condition is not exercised, 80% of the next net distributions from the Liquidation Trust after the Aggregate Preferred Stock Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million until the Aggregate Preferred Stock Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, 100% of net distributions thereafter from the Liquidation Trust until the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount. When the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount, holders of First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests shall not be entitled to further recovery on account of their First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.

#### 2. Common Stockholder Recoveries

Holders of Allowed Common Stock Interests shall have their Common Stock Interests in Silvergate Capital Corporation reinstated and shall be the owners of Reorganized Silvergate. On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall fund the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses and, subject to the Opt-Out Condition, Reorganized Silvergate shall retain the Reorganized Silvergate Assets.

## 3. Reorganized Silvergate Assets, Funding, and Governance

If the Opt-Out Condition is not exercised, Reorganized Silvergate shall be vested with the following: (i) the SEN Assets, (ii) the Diem Assets, (iii) the Silvergate Operational Assets, (iv) the Silvergate NOLs, (v) the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, (vi) the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding, (vii) all Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors, and (viii) the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest. If the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, then only the Silvergate NOLs, the Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors and the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest will vest in Reorganized Silvergate and all other Reorganized Silvergate Assets shall be transferred to, and vest in, the Liquidation Trust.

If (a) the Opt-Out Condition is not exercised, then the Holder of the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest shall receive (i) 20% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust once the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals \$150 million, and (ii) 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust once the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, then the Holder of the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest shall receive 100% of net distributions from the Liquidation Trust once the Aggregate Preferred Stockholder Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount.

Holders of Common Stock Interests shall be the owners of Reorganized Silvergate, which shall continue to operate. The board and management of Reorganized Silvergate shall be selected by mutual agreement of the Common Stock Sponsors.

Reorganized Silvergate shall not assume any liabilities under the Plan; provided that, Reorganized Silvergate shall be responsible for all costs associated with the Reorganized Silvergate Assets that vest with Reorganized Silvergate arising from and after the Effective Date.

## 4. Liquidation Trust Assets, Funding and Governance

The Liquidation Trust Assets shall vest in the Liquidation Trust. In the event the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, then the Liquidation Trust shall also be vested with (i) the SEN Assets, (ii) the Diem Assets, (iii) the Silvergate Operational Assets, (iv) the Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, and (v) the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding.

The Liquidation Trust shall be funded with the Liquidation Trust Initial Funding.

The Liquidation Trust shall be operated pursuant to the Liquidation Trust Agreement, which shall provide that the Liquidation Trust shall be managed by the Liquidation Trustee

selected by the Required Preferred Stockholders in consultation with the Common Stock Sponsors, and that the Liquidation Trustee shall report to the Liquidation Trust Board, two members of which shall be appointed by the Required Preferred Stockholders and one member of which shall be appointed by the Common Stock Sponsors. The Liquidation Trust Agreement shall provide that matters requiring the vote, consent or other approval of the Liquidation Trust Board shall be determined by a majority of the members of the Liquidation Trust Board, and that no matters shall require special voting, consent or other approval of the board or any approval of the holders of Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests. Amounts recovered by the Liquidation Trustee shall be distributed in a manner consistent with the terms of Liquidation Trust Agreement and in accordance with the Common Stock Settlement and this Plan. The Liquidation Trust Agreement shall provide that Reorganized Silvergate shall have access to the Debtors' books and records that are transferred to the Liquidation Trust. After the Aggregate Preferred Distribution paid in Cash equals the Preferred Stock Liquidation Preference Amount, Reorganized Silvergate shall have the right to select and replace the entire Liquidation Trust Board.

# 5. Plan Support

Subject to the Opt-Out Condition discussed below, the Common Stock Sponsors will fully support the Plan (including the releases set forth in <u>Article IX</u> hereof by electing to opt into the third party releases set forth in <u>Article IX.C</u> hereof), including by withdrawing all litigation and discovery pending against the Debtors and withdrawing their Motion to Expand the Examiner's Scope (pending the Effective Date of the Plan).

#### 6. The Opt-Out Condition

The Common Stock Settlement provides the following regarding the Opt-Out Condition: In the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that NYDIG has an allowed unsecured claim that results in a material adverse change, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group (by the Required Preferred Stockholders), shall have the right to opt out of (and to direct the Debtors to opt out of) the Common Stock Settlement (the "Opt-Out Condition"), provided, however, that the exercise of the Opt-Out Condition shall not unwind, modify, or alter the payment of the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses, the reinstatement of the Common Stock Interests in Reorganized Silvergate (which shall not be subject to dilution), and Reorganized Silvergate's retention of the Silvergate NOLs for the sole benefit of the existing Common Stock Interests and the Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors, but for the avoidance of doubt, Reorganized Silvergate shall not be entitled to retain any other Cash, assets, claims, or causes of action. The Opt-Out Condition must be exercised by providing written notice to the Common Stock Sponsors within 14 calendar days of the Bankruptcy Court's issuance of an order determining that NYDIG has an allowed unsecured claim. If the Opt-Out Condition is exercised, all of the Common Stock Sponsors' rights to oppose the Plan, prosecute the Motion to Expand the Examiner' Scope, and challenge whether the allowance of the NYDIG claim results in a material adverse change and the exercise of the Opt-Out Condition is proper, are fully preserved and the Common Stock Sponsors are no longer required to support the Plan. The Debtors, Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group and the Common Stock Sponsors shall use good faith efforts to agree on a reasonable schedule for confirmation of the Plan and

consideration of the Motion to Expand the Examiner' Scope if the Opt-Out Condition is exercised.

In the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that NYDIG has an allowed unsecured claim and the Required Preferred Stockholders have not exercised (and directed the Debtors to exercise) the Opt-Out Condition within 14 calendar days of the Bankruptcy Court's issuance of an order determining that NYDIG has an allowed unsecured claim, then the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding shall be reduced by an amount equal to 50% of the allowed amount of the NYDIG claim, provided, however, such reduction shall not exceed \$1.1 million.

Any settlement of the NYDIG claim that results in an allowed unsecured claim without the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors shall not give rise to a right to exercise the Opt-Out Condition and shall not result in a reduction of the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding.

On August 1, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court sustained the NYDIG Claim Objection and disallowed NYDIG's Claims in their entirety. The Bankruptcy Court Order sustaining the NYDIG Claim Objection became a final non-appealable order on August 15, 2025, and as result the Opt-Out Condition is now moot.

# 7. Right to Withdraw Plan Support

The Common Stock Sponsors' support of the Plan may be withdrawn, and the Common Stock Sponsors shall be entitled to object to confirmation of the Plan on any grounds, if the Plan or any definitive documentation is inconsistent with the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein or, to the extent not addressed in the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein and affecting Reorganized Silvergate or Common Stock Interests' recoveries hereunder, has not been consented to by the Common Stock Sponsors.

# E. Vesting of Reorganized Silvergate Assets in Reorganized Silvergate

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan or the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, (a) if the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, the Reorganized Silvergate Assets shall vest in Reorganized Silvergate, or (b) if the Opt-Out Condition has been exercised, only the payment of the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses, and the Silvergate NOLs, the Interests in the Subsidiary Debtors, and the Second Priority Beneficial Trust Interest shall vest in Reorganized Silvergate, in each case as applicable, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, or other encumbrances unless expressly provided otherwise by the Plan or Confirmation Order. On and after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and may use, acquire, or dispose of property, and compromise or settle any Claims, Interests, or, if the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules.

# F. Reorganized Silvergate's Corporate Governance Documents

To the extent required under the Plan, or applicable non-bankruptcy law, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, Reorganized Silvergate will file such New Organizational Documents as are required to be filed with the applicable Secretary of State and/or

other applicable authorities in the state, province, or country of incorporation in accordance with the corporate laws of the respective state, province, or country of incorporation. Pursuant to section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, the New Organizational Documents will prohibit the issuance of non-voting equity securities. After the Effective Date, Reorganized Silvergate may amend and restate its respective New Organizational Documents, and Reorganized Silvergate may file its respective certificates or articles of incorporation, bylaws, or such other applicable formation documents, and other constituent documents as permitted by the laws of the respective states, provinces, or countries of incorporation and the New Organizational Documents. Additionally, on the Effective Date, each recipient of Reorganized Silvergate Common Interests will be subject to the New Organizational Documents.

# G. Reorganized Silvergate Board

As of the Effective Date, all directors, managers, and other members of existing boards or governance bodies of the Debtors, as applicable, shall cease to hold office or have any authority from and after such time.

Pursuant to section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors will disclose in the Plan Supplement the identity and affiliations of any person proposed to serve on the initial board of directors of Reorganized Silvergate. Each such director and officer shall serve from and after the Effective Date pursuant to the terms of the New Organizational Documents, and other constituent documents of Reorganized Silvergate. The directors and officers of Reorganized Silvergate shall be disclosed in the Plan Supplement and shall be selected by the Common Stock Sponsors.

# H. Board of Directors, Officers and Remaining Employees

On the Effective Date, all of the Debtors' board members, directors, officers, managers, and, unless otherwise provided in any Plan Supplement filed on or before the Effective Date, any remaining employees shall be deemed to have resigned without the need to take any further action.

# I. Exemption from Registration

The Debtors believe that, subject to certain exceptions described below, various provisions of the Securities Act, the Bankruptcy Code and applicable state securities laws ("<u>Blue Sky Laws</u>") exempt from federal and state securities registration requirements (i) the offering, issuance, exchange, distribution or sale of securities (to the extent Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are considered "securities" under applicable law) pursuant to the Plan and (ii) subsequent transfers of such securities.

The Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests to be distributed to the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries pursuant to this Plan shall be transferrable as set forth in the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests shall not be listed on any national securities exchange and shall have the consent and voting rights provided in the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Liquidation Trust shall have no obligation to take any steps to facilitate the development of a trading market in the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.

1. Section 1145. Except with respect to any Person that is an underwriter as defined in section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise issued in reliance on section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act ("Section 4(a)(2)") as elected by the Debtor, the issuance of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests to Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries under the Plan (to the extent the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are considered "securities" under applicable law) shall be exempt from registration under section 5 of the Securities Act (and any applicable Blue Sky Laws) under section 1145(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Section 1145(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code exempts the issuance, offer, sale, and distribution of securities under a chapter 11 plan from registration under section 5 of the Securities Act and state or local securities laws if the following three principal requirements are satisfied: (a) the securities must be offered and sold under a chapter 11 plan must be securities of the debtor, of an affiliate participating in a joint plan with the debtor, or of a successor to the debtor under the plan; (b) the recipients of the securities must hold prepetition or administrative expense claims against the debtor or interests in the debtor; and (c) the securities must be issued entirely in exchange for the recipient's claim against or interest in the debtor, or principally in exchange for such claim or interest and partly for Cash or property.

To the extent the issuance and distribution of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are made under the requirements of section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code (and, to the extent such Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are deemed securities under applicable law), such issuance and distribution are exempt from registration under the Securities Act and any state or local law requiring registration. The availability of the exemptions under section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable securities laws shall not be a condition to occurrence of the Effective Date of the Plan. To the extent section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code is applicable, the securities to be issued under the Plan (a) are not "restricted securities" as defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, and (b) in general are freely tradable and transferable by any initial recipient thereof that (i) is not an "affiliate" of the Debtors as defined in Rule 144(a)(1) under the Securities Act, (ii) has not been such an "affiliate" within 90 days of such transfer, and (iii) is not an entity that is an "underwriter" as defined in section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. In addition, securities governed by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code generally may be able to be resold without registration under applicable Blue Sky Laws pursuant to various exemptions provided by the respective Blue Sky Laws of the various states; however, the availability of such exemptions cannot be known unless individual states' Blue Sky Laws are examined, and recipients of securities are advised to consult with their own legal advisors as to the availability of any such exemption from registration in any given instance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any securities or instruments issued under the Plan in reliance on section 1145(a) of the Bankruptcy Code remain subject to: (x) compliance with any rules and regulations of the SEC, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such securities or instruments; (y) the restrictions in the Liquidation Trust Agreement on the transferability of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests and (z) any other applicable regulatory approval.

2. Section 4(a)(2). To the extent securities are issued pursuant to the Plan in reliance on Section 4(a)(2), the offering, issuance, exchange, or distribution of such securities pursuant to the Plan shall be conducted in a manner that is exempt from, among other things, the registration

requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act. Section 4(a)(2) exempts from section 5's registration requirements transactions not involving a public offering, and Regulation D under the Securities Act ("Regulation D") provides a safe harbor under Section 4(a)(2) for transactions that meet certain requirements, including that the investors participating therein qualify as "accredited investors" within the meaning of Rule 501 under Regulation D ("Accredited Investors"). Such offering, issuance, exchange or distribution shall be structured to be available only to Holders who certify that they are Accredited Investors and who submit documentation allowing verification of their status as Accredited Investors. Any such securities shall be "restricted securities" as defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act and shall only be transferable if registered under the Securities Act or if transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws.

3. *DTC*. Should the Liquidation Trust elect on or after the Effective Date to reflect any ownership of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests through the facilities of DTC, it need not provide any further evidence other than the Plan or the Confirmation Order with respect to the treatment of transfers, exercise, removal of restrictions, or conversion of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests under applicable U.S. federal, state or local securities laws.

DTC shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan and Confirmation Order in lieu of a legal opinion regarding whether the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC book-entry delivery, settlement and depository services.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no Entity (including, for the avoidance of doubt, DTC) may require a legal opinion regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests are exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC book-entry delivery, settlement and depository services.

# J. Deemed Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims

The SC Trust I Declaration of Trust provides that SC Trust I will automatically terminate upon the bankruptcy of Silvergate Capital Corporation. <sup>5</sup> Upon such termination of SC Trust I, the terms of the SC Trust I Securities require the administrative trustee of the SC Trust I to distribute to Holders of the SC Trust I Securities the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures having a principal amount equal to the liquidation amount per security plus accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of payment, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of SC Trust I as provided by applicable law. <sup>6</sup> For purposes of this Plan, Holders of the SC Trust I Securities shall be deemed to hold the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures and thus such Holders shall be deemed to hold the SC Trust I Claims; *provided*, *however*, that the Holder of the SC Trust I Common Securities Claim shall not receive any Distributions pursuant to this Plan unless and until the SC Trust I Capital Securities Claim shall have been satisfied in full.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Section 7.1(a)(ii) of the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Annex I, Section 3 of the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust.

The SC Trust II Declaration of Trust provides that SC Trust II will dissolve upon the bankruptcy of Silvergate Capital Corporation. Upon such dissolution of SC Trust II, the terms of the SC Trust II Securities require the institutional trustee of the SC Trust II to distribute to Holders of the SC Trust II Securities the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures on a Pro Rata basis, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of SC Trust II as provided by applicable law. For purposes of this Plan, Holders of the SC Trust II Securities shall be deemed to hold the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures and thus such Holders shall be deemed to hold the SC Trust II Claims; provided, however, that the Holder of the SC Trust II Common Securities Claim shall not receive any Distributions pursuant to this Plan unless and until the SC Trust II Capital Securities Claim shall have been satisfied in full.

# K. Preservation of Insurance

Nothing in the Plan or the Confirmation Order alters the rights and obligations of the Debtors (and their Estates), the beneficiaries of the Insurance Policies, under the Insurance Policies or modifies the coverage or benefits provided thereunder, or the terms and conditions thereof, or diminishes or impairs the enforceability of the Insurance Policies.

All of the Debtors' rights and their Estates' rights under any Insurance Policies to which the Debtors and/or the Debtors' Estates may be beneficiaries shall vest with the Liquidation Trust for the benefit of the beneficiaries of such policies, including the current and former directors and officers and any Holder entitled to recover from such policies pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors' rights to any recoveries from any of the Insurance Policies and the proceeds thereof, shall be deemed Liquidation Trust Assets and shall be distributed directly to the Liquidation Trust for distribution to the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article V.K shall affect (i) the D&O Insurance Contribution in accordance with the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement, and (ii) the DOJ Insurance Policy acquired pursuant to the Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet.

# L. Indemnification Obligations

The Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be Allowed and shall survive confirmation of the Plan; provided, that (a) such Allowance shall in no way be deemed a determination that any fees, costs, and or expenses submitted for reimbursement and indemnification qualify as an Indemnifiable Claim, (b) the payment of the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be subject to the Indemnification Procedures and shall be satisfied exclusively from the DOJ Insurance Policy, the Indemnification Reserves, and the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget (including any amounts payable for "cause" shown in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures), as applicable, and (c) the Indemnifiable Claims shall be deemed amended in all respects to be consistent with the foregoing. Subject to compliance with the Indemnification Procedures and the maintenance of the Indemnification Reserves and the DOJ Insurance Policy in the manner required by this Plan, none of Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trust, the Liquidation Trustee, nor any of their respective assets shall be liable for any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Section 7.1(a)(ii) of the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Annex I, Section 3 of the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust.

Indemnifiable Claims in any manner whatsoever other than in accordance with this Plan. Upon satisfaction of applicable Indemnifiable Claims in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures, the Indemnification Reserve Residual Interest (including any amounts released in accordance with the Reserve Step-Downs) shall vest in the Liquidating Trust and the Liquidating Trustee shall be authorized and directed to distribute such funds to the Holders of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests in accordance with the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

## M. Cancellation of Existing Securities and Agreements

Except for the reinstatement of the Common Stock Interests and as otherwise provided in the Plan, or any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan, or the Plan Supplement, on the Effective Date, all certificates, shares, notes, bonds, indentures, agreements, purchase rights, or other instruments or documents (including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Documents), directly or indirectly evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest or equity in the Debtors or any warrants, options, or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for, or convertible into, debt, equity, ownership, or profits interests in the Debtors giving rise to any Claim or Interest (and the obligations of the Debtors and the Indenture Trustees, as applicable, thereunder) shall be deemed automatically cancelled, terminated, surrendered, and of no further force or effect, without further act or action under any applicable agreement, law, regulation, order, or rule, and the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees shall be discharged and released and fully relieved of any duties or responsibilities under or related to the SC Trusts Documents; provided, however, that notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date, such cancelled certificates, shares, notes, bonds, indentures, agreements, purchase rights, or other instruments or documents (including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Documents) shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of (a) allowing Holders of Claims or Interests (including, without limitation, Allowed SC Trusts Claims and Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims) to receive and accept their respective Distributions under the Plan on account of such Claims and Interests (with all Allowed SC Trusts Claims being distributed to (or at the direction of) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees), if any, subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens (for the avoidance of doubt, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens shall not attach to any amounts distributed on account of the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims); and (b) allowing and preserving the rights of the Disbursing Agent and the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees to (1) receive and make Distributions on account of such Claims or Interests, subject to (as applicable) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens; (2) assert or maintain any rights the Disbursing Agent, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees may have against any money or property distributable or allocable to Holders of such Allowed SC Trust Claims, including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens; (3) receive compensation and reimbursement for any reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of the Plan (including, without limitation, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees); and (4) preserve the rights of the Disbursing Agent and the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees to appear and be heard in the Chapter 11 Cases or in any proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court or any other court, including, without limitation, to enforce any obligations owed to the Disbursing Agent, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees, as applicable, under the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order, or other documents incorporated therein. Except as provided in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, or as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of the Plan, on the Effective Date, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees and their respective agents, successors, and assigns, shall

be automatically and fully discharged and released of all of their duties and obligations associated with the SC Trusts Documents.

All Distributions made under the Plan or on account of Allowed SC Trusts Claims shall be made to (or at the direction) of the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees. Upon the final distribution on account of the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures, (i) the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures shall thereafter be deemed to be null, void, and worthless, and (ii) at the request of the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee, the applicable Security Depository or Custodian shall take down the relevant position relating to the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures without any requirement of indemnification or security on the part of the Debtors or the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee. Upon the final distribution on account of the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures, (i) the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures shall thereafter be deemed to be null, void, and worthless, and (ii) at the request of the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee, the applicable Security Depository or Custodian shall take down the relevant position relating to the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures without any requirement of indemnification or security on the part of the Debtors or the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee.

In connection with the SC Trust I Declaration of Trust, upon the final distribution on account of the SC Trust I Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust I shall thereafter be deemed to be cancelled and dissolved without any requirement of the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee to file any required documentation under applicable state law; *provided*, *however*, that the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee is authorized (but not required) to file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

In connection with the SC Trust II Declaration of Trust, upon the final distribution on account of the SC Trust II Subordinated Debentures, the SC Trust II shall thereafter be deemed to be cancelled and dissolved without any requirement of the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee to file any required documentation under applicable state law; *provided*, *however*, that the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee is authorized (but not required) to file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

## N. Exemption from Certain Taxes and Fees

To the maximum extent permitted pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, (i) the issuance, transfer or exchange of any Securities, instruments, or documents, (ii) the creation of any Lien, mortgage, deed of trust or other security interest, (iii) any transfers (directly or indirectly) of property or transfer of beneficial ownership of property pursuant to the Plan or the Plan Supplement, (iv) any assumption, assignment, or sale by the Debtors of their interests in Executory Contracts pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (v) the issuance, renewal, modification or securing of indebtedness by such means, and the making, delivery or recording of any deed or other instrument of transfer under in furtherance of, or in connection with, the Plan, including the Confirmation Order, shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, stamp act, real estate transfer tax, sale or use tax, mortgage recording tax, or other similar tax or governmental assessment, and upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and accept for filing and

recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents pursuant to such transfers of property without the payment of any such tax, recordation fee, or governmental assessment.

# O. Establishing Disputed Claims Reserve

On the Effective Date, the Debtors, subject to the reasonable consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders, shall establish the Disputed Claims Reserve. As part of the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Debtors shall establish the FTX Disputed Claims Sub-Reserve, which shall entitle the holder of the FTX Silvergate Claims, solely to the extent Allowed, to a right of setoff against the Allowed Silvergate FTX Claims, prior to any distribution therefrom to the holders of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests. The Debtors reasonably and in good faith believe that the Silvergate FTX Claims exceed the FTX Silvergate Claims.

# ARTICLE VI: LIQUIDATION TRUST

# A. Liquidation Trust Agreement

On or prior to the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust will be established pursuant to the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Liquidation Trust Agreement may provide powers, duties, and authorities in addition to those explicitly stated herein, but only to the extent that such powers, duties and authorities do not affect the status of the Liquidation Trust as a "liquidating trust" for United States federal income tax purposes.

## B. Purpose of the Liquidation Trust

The Liquidation Trust shall be established for the sole purpose of liquidating and distributing the Liquidation Trust Assets, in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business, except to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the liquidating purpose of the Liquidation Trust. The Liquidation Trust shall be deemed a successor-in-interest of the Debtors to the maximum extent necessary for the Liquidation Trust to execute its purpose, and shall not otherwise be deemed a successor-in-interest to the Debtors for any purpose other than as specifically set forth in the Plan or in the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

The Liquidation Trust shall be established in accordance with the Liquidation Trust Agreement to administer post-Effective Date responsibilities of the Debtors, including, but not limited to, (a) being vested with and liquidating the Liquidation Trust Assets, (b) making Distributions to Holders of subsequently Allowed Claims (which for the avoidance of doubt shall not include Distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims as of the Effective Date, including with respect to all Distributions on account of the SC Trusts Claims, which shall be made to (or at the direction of) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees, which shall be made on the Effective Date) in accordance with the terms of this Plan, (c) making Distributions in accordance with the terms of this Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement (other than the Preferred Stock Initial Distributable Amount, which shall be made on the Effective Date) to Holder(s) of (i) Allowed Preferred Stock Interests, (ii) First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, and (iii) Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest, (d) resolving all Disputed Claims and effectuating the Claims

reconciliation process pursuant to the procedures prescribed in this Plan, (e) prosecuting, settling, and resolving the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, (f) recovering, through enforcement, resolution, settlement, collection, or otherwise, assets on behalf of the Liquidation Trust (which such assets shall become part of the Liquidation Trust Assets), (g) performing all actions and executing all agreements, instruments and other documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Liquidation Trust, and (h) complying with the Indemnification Procedures and maintaining the Indemnification Reserves and the DOJ Insurance Policy in the manner required by this Plan. Distributions from the Liquidation Trust to holders of Allowed Claims, First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, and the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest shall be made in Cash only.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Article VI</u>, the Liquidation Trust's primary purpose is liquidating the Liquidation Trust Assets, with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business except to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the Liquidation Trust's liquidating purpose and reasonably necessary to conserve and protect the Liquidation Trust Assets and provide for the orderly liquidation thereof. Liquidation Trust Assets held by the Debtors as of the Effective Date shall vest in the Liquidation Trust on such date, to be administered by the Liquidation Trustee, in accordance with this Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Debtors may take all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Plan that are consistent with and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

## C. Liquidation Trust Assets

On the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust Assets shall be deemed irrevocably transferred to the Liquidation Trust, without further action from the Debtors or any of their respective managers, employees, officers, directors, members, shareholders, agents, advisors, or representatives. Except as set forth in this Plan, the Liquidation Trust Assets shall vest in the Liquidation Trust, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, rights, or other encumbrances subject to and in accordance with the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement. For purposes of section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, the transfer of the Liquidation Trust Assets to the Liquidation Trust shall not affect the mutuality of obligations that otherwise may have existed prior to the effectuation of such transfer. Such transfer shall be exempt from any stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage reporting, sales, use or other similar tax, pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Upon delivery of the Liquidation Trust Assets to the Liquidation Trust, the Debtors and their predecessors, successors and assigns, and each other Entity released pursuant to Article IX.C herein shall be discharged and released from all liability with respect to the delivery of such distributions. Upon the transfer of the Liquidation Trust Assets and pursuant to the Liquidation Trust Agreement, the Debtors will have no reversionary or further interest in or with respect to the Liquidation Trust Assets.

## D. Interests in the Liquidation Trust

There shall be two classes of Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries. On the Effective Date:

a. Holders of Preferred Stock Interests shall be deemed to be First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries, each with a Pro Rata interest in the First

Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries' Interests in the Liquidation Trust; and

b. Reorganized Silvergate shall be deemed to be the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiary with 100% interest in the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest.

The Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests shall be subject to the limitations on transferability and other matters as set forth in this Plan or the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

## E. Liquidation Trustee

The Liquidation Trustee shall be selected by the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group in consultation with the Common Stock Sponsors. The Liquidation Trustee shall serve as the initial trustee of the Liquidation Trust. The Liquidation Trustee shall have no duties until the occurrence of the Effective Date, and on and after the Effective Date shall be a fiduciary and representative of the Liquidation Trust. The powers, rights and responsibilities of the Liquidation Trustee shall be as specified in the Liquidation Trust Agreement and the Plan and shall include the authority and responsibility to fulfill the items identified in this <u>Article VI.E</u> of the Plan. Other rights and duties of the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries shall be as set forth in the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

# F. Liquidation Trust Board

On the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust Board will be established and consist of three persons. Two of the initial Liquidation Trust Board members will be selected by the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group and one will be selected by the Common Stock Sponsors. The Plan Supplement will identify the initial Liquidation Trust Board. Upon its formation, the duties of the Liquidation Trust Board will be limited to the following: (a) overseeing the Claims reconciliation and settlement process conducted by or on behalf of the Liquidation Trustee; (b) overseeing the distributions to the Holders of Allowed Claims and Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries under the Plan; (c) selecting, in consultation with the Liquidation Trustee, professionals to prosecute the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action; (d) overseeing the liquidation, prosecution, settlement, and/or collection of the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action; (e) appearing before and being heard by the Bankruptcy Court and other courts of competent jurisdiction in connection with the above limited duties; (g) overseeing the Liquidation Trustee; and (h) such other matters as may be agreed on between the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust Board or specified in the Plan or the Liquidation Trust Agreement. Any decision made by the Liquidation Trust Board will be made by majority vote of the members of the Liquidation Trust Board, and no matters shall require special voting, consent or other approval of the board or any approval of the holders of Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests.

## G. Functions of the Liquidation Trustee

On and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee shall carry out the functions set forth in this <u>Article VI.G</u> and may take such actions without further approval by the Bankruptcy

Court, in accordance with the Liquidation Trust Agreement. Such functions may include any and all powers and authority to:

- 1. take all steps and execute all instruments and documents necessary to make Distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests and to perform the duties assigned to the Liquidation Trustee under the Plan or the Liquidation Trust Agreement;
  - 2. comply with and effectuate the Plan and the obligations hereunder;
- 3. employ, retain, or replace professionals to represent him or her with respect to his or her responsibilities;
- 4. take any actions necessary to (i) resolve all matters related to the Liquidation Trust Assets and (ii) vest such assets in the Liquidation Trust;
- 5. pursue liquidation of the Liquidation Trust Assets and prosecute the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action of the Debtors' estates that are not otherwise released pursuant to the Plan;
- 6. make Distributions of the Liquidation Trust Assets and any proceeds thereof, in excess of any amounts necessary to pay Liquidation Trust Expenses, in accordance with the terms of this Plan:
- 7. prepare and file appropriate tax returns and other reports on behalf of the Debtors and pay taxes or other obligations owed by the Debtors (including, without limitation, any Allowed Administrative Expense Claims and Allowed Priority Tax Claims);
  - 8. file, prosecute, settle, or dispose of any and all objections to asserted Claims;
- 9. enter into and consummate any transactions for the purpose of dissolving the Debtors;
- 10. comply with data retention obligation and legal obligations to produce documents in accordance with the DFPI C&D;
- 11. administer the Indemnification Reserves and the DOJ Insurance Policy, if applicable, in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures and this Plan;
- 12. take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to close any of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases;
  - 13. maintain the books and records and accounts of the Debtors; and
- 14. take any other actions not inconsistent with the provisions hereof that the Liquidation Trustee deems reasonably necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing functions.

## H. Preservation of Rights of Action

Other than Causes of Action against an Entity that are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or by a Bankruptcy Court order, the Debtors reserve any and all Causes of Action. For avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall not retain any Causes of Action against the Indemnified Individuals.

On and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee shall have sole and exclusive discretion to pursue, prosecute, settle, and/or dispose of any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action that are or become Liquidation Trust Assets. All Causes of Action that are or become Liquidation Trust Assets shall vest in the Liquidation Trust as provided for herein and the Liquidation Trustee may pursue any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action that are or become Liquidation Trust Assets in its sole discretion.

If the Opt-Out Condition has not been exercised, on and after the Effective Date, Reorganized Silvergate shall have sole and exclusive discretion to pursue and dispose of any Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action that are or become Reorganized Silvergate Assets, and all Claims and Causes of Action that are or become Reorganized Silvergate Assets shall vest in Reorganized Silvergate as provided for herein and Reorganized Silvergate may pursue any Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action that are or become Reorganized Silvergate Assets in its sole discretion; provided, however, that if the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group (by the Required Preferred Stockholders) exercises the Opt-Out Condition and directs the Debtors to exercise the Opt-Out Condition, Reorganized Silvergate shall not retain, and shall not have the authority to, pursue any Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action.

No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement to any Cause of Action against them as any indication that the Debtors, and on and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action against them. No preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of the Confirmation or the occurrence of the Effective Date and consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Plan. Prior to the Effective Date, subject to the other terms of this Plan, the Debtors (and on and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee or Reorganized Silvergate) shall retain and shall have, including through its authorized agents or representatives, the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to determine and to initiate, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, withdraw, or litigate to judgment any such Causes of Action and to decline to do any of the foregoing without the consent or approval of any third party (except for, on and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee) or further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Other than with respect to the release of all Claims and Causes of Action against the Indemnified Individuals provided for in this Plan, any settlement, release, or other resolution of Claims or Cause of Action held by or against the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases shall be subject to the consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Article VI.H</u> or <u>Article IX</u> hereof to the contrary, the release of Claims against the Indemnified Individuals shall in no way be deemed to limit the Debtors', the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group's, or the Liquidation Trustee's rights consistent with the Indemnification Procedures to challenge or object to any claims for fees, expenses, losses or other amounts incurred and submitted by the Indemnified Individuals for reimbursement or payment as Indemnifiable Claims on the basis that such amounts are not Indemnifiable Claims, including that the Debtors are not required to indemnify such individuals under the applicable governing arrangement for such amounts arising in connection with or related to certain acts or omissions even if such acts or omissions have otherwise been released by the Debtors or third-parties.

### I. Substitution in Pending Legal Actions

On the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust shall be deemed to be substituted as the party to any pending litigation, including the Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action, in which the any Debtor is a party and shall be authorized, but not required, to file notices or other pleadings in such actions to effectuate its substitution for such Debtor. Such substitution shall not result in Holders of Claims, including litigation Claims, against the Debtors receiving greater rights in or against the Liquidation Trust than they are otherwise entitled to under the Plan and Liquidation Trust Agreement on account of such Claims

## J. Fees and Expenses of the Liquidation Trust.

From and after the Effective Date, Liquidation Trust Expenses shall be paid in accordance with the Liquidation Trust Agreement. Without any further notice to any party or action, order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, the Liquidation Trustee, on behalf of the Liquidation Trust, may employ and pay in the ordinary course of business, the reasonable fees of any professional (including professionals previously employed by the Debtors) for services rendered or expenses incurred on and after the Effective Date that, in the discretion of the Liquidation Trustee, are necessary to assist the Liquidation Trustee in the performance of the Liquidation Trustee's duties under the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

## K. Data Retention and Production Obligations

The Liquidation Trustee will comply with the Data Retention and Production Obligations. The Data Retention and Production Reserve will be established on or prior to the Effective Date to ensure the Liquidation Trustee has sufficient resources to comply with the Data Retention and Production Obligations. If, in the reasonable judgment of the Liquidation Trustee, the funds in the Data Retention and Production Reserve exceed the expected cost of complying with the Data Retention and Production Obligations, then the Liquidation Trustee may distribute the amount of such excess in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement to the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries. Any funds remaining in the Data Retention and Production Reserve on July 9, 2031, shall be promptly distributed in accordance with the Plan.

## L. Creation and Maintenance of Trust Accounts

On or prior to the Effective Date, appropriate trust accounts will be established and maintained in one or more federally insured domestic banks in the name of the Liquidation Trust. Cash deposited in the trust accounts will be invested, held and used solely as provided in the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Liquidation Trustee is authorized to establish additional trust accounts after the Effective Date, consistent with the terms of the Liquidation Trust Agreement. After the initial funding of the trust accounts on or after the Effective Date, the trust accounts will be funded, as applicable, by Cash proceeds obtained through litigation or the disposition of Liquidation Trust Assets. Upon obtaining an order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing final Distribution or closure of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, any funds remaining in the trust accounts shall be distributed in accordance with this Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement, and the trust accounts may be closed.

## M. Indemnification of Liquidation Trustee

The Liquidation Trustee (and its agents and professionals) shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement for fees and expenses in defending any and all of its or their actions or inactions in its or their capacity as, or on behalf of, the Liquidation Trustee or the Liquidation Trust, except for any actions or inactions involving gross negligence, actual fraud or willful misconduct, each as determined by a Final Order from a court of competent jurisdiction. Any indemnification claims of the Liquidation Trustee and the other parties entitled to indemnification under this subsection shall be satisfied from the Liquidation Trust Assets, as provided in the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The Liquidation Trustee shall be entitled to rely, in good faith, on the advice of its professionals.

#### N. Insurance

The Liquidation Trustee shall be authorized, but not required, to obtain any reasonably necessary insurance coverage, at the Liquidation Trust's sole expense, for itself and its respective agents, including coverage with respect to the liabilities, duties and obligations of the Liquidation Trustee, which insurance coverage may, at the sole option of the Liquidation Trustee, be extended for a reasonable period after the termination of the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

#### O. Records

The Liquidation Trustee shall be provided with originals or copies of or access to all documents and business records of the Debtors necessary for the disposition of Liquidation Trust Assets, prosecution of the Retained Causes of Action, reconciliation of Disputed Claims and compliance with the Data Retention and Production Obligations.

The Liquidation Trustee shall not destroy or otherwise abandon any documents or records without providing advance notice to the SEC (c/o Neal Jacobson, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 Pearl Street, Suite 20-100, New York, NY 10004, jacobsonn@sec.gov) and seeking further authorization from the Bankruptcy Court.

The Liquidation Trustee shall provide Reorganized Silvergate with access to all documents and business records of the Debtors that are transferred to the Liquidation Trust in accordance with the provisions of the Litigation Trust Agreement.

## P. Liquidation Trust Tax Matters

- 1. Tax Treatment; No Successor in Interest. The Liquidation Trust is intended to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a liquidating trust described in Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d) and, if applicable, as one or more Disputed Claims Reserves treated as disputed ownership funds described in Treasury Regulation section 1.468B-9. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the transfer of assets by the Debtors to the Liquidation Trust is expected to be treated (a) as a taxable transfer of assets by the Debtors to the Holders of Allowed Interests, subject to any liabilities of the Debtors or the Liquidation Trust payable from the proceeds of such assets, followed by the tax-free transfer of such assets (subject to such liabilities) by such Holders to the Liquidation Trust in exchange for the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests, and (b) to the extent applicable, as a tax-free transfer of assets by the Debtors to one or more Disputed Claims Reserves.
- 2. Liquidation Purpose of the Liquidation Trust. The Liquidation Trust shall be established for the primary purpose of liquidating and distributing the assets transferred to it, in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 301.7701-4(d), with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business, except to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the liquidating purpose of the Liquidation Trust. Accordingly, the Liquidation Trustee shall, in an expeditious but orderly manner, liquidate and convert to Cash the Liquidation Trust Assets, make timely Distributions to the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries, and not unduly prolong the duration of the Liquidation Trust. The Liquidation Trust shall not be deemed a successor-in-interest of the Debtors for any purpose other than as specifically set forth in the Plan or the Liquidation Trust Agreement. The record holders of Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests shall be recorded and set forth in a register maintained by the Liquidation Trustee expressly for such purpose.
- 3. Cash Investments. The right and power of the Liquidation Trustee to invest the Liquidation Trust Assets, the proceeds thereof or any income earned by the Liquidation Trust, shall be limited to the right and power that a liquidating trust, within the meaning of section 301.7701-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations, is permitted to hold, pursuant to the Treasury Regulations, or any modification in the IRS guidelines, including Revenue Procedure 94-45, whether set forth in IRS rulings or other IRS pronouncements, and to the investment guidelines of section 345 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Liquidation Trustee may expend Liquidation Trust Cash (a) as reasonably necessary to meet contingent liabilities and to maintain the value of the respective assets of the Liquidation Trust during liquidation, (b) to pay the respective reasonable administrative expenses of the Liquidation Trust (including, but not limited to, any taxes imposed on the Liquidation Trust) and (c) to satisfy other respective liabilities incurred by the Liquidation Trust in accordance with the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement (including, without limitation, the payment of any taxes).

- 4. Liquidation Trust as Grantor Trust. The Liquidation Trust is intended to qualify as a "grantor trust" for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries treated as grantors and owners of the Liquidation Trust. For all U.S. federal income tax purposes, all parties (including the Debtors, the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries) shall treat the transfer of the Liquidation Trust Assets by the Debtors to the Liquidation Trust, as set forth in the Liquidation Trust Agreement, as a transfer of such assets by the Debtors to the Holders of Allowed Interests, followed by a transfer by such Holders to the Liquidation Trust. Thus, the Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries shall be treated as the grantors and owners of a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
  - 5. Tax Reporting and Tax Payments.
    - a. The Liquidation Trustee shall file tax returns for the Liquidation Trust treating the Liquidation Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to section 1.671-4(a) of the Treasury Regulations and in accordance with <a href="Article VI.P.5">Article VI.P.5</a> of the Plan. The Liquidation Trustee also shall annually send to each holder of a Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interest a separate statement regarding the receipts and expenditures of the Liquidation Trust as relevant for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will instruct all such holders to use such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns or to forward the appropriate information to such holders' underlying beneficial holders with instructions to utilize such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns.
    - b. As soon as practicable after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee shall make a good faith determination of the fair market value of the Liquidation Trust Assets as of the Effective Date. This valuation shall be used consistently by all parties for all U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Bankruptcy Court shall resolve any dispute regarding the valuation of the assets of the Liquidation Trust. The Liquidation Trustee may elect to treat any Disputed Claims Reserve as a "disputed ownership fund" governed by Treasury Regulation section 1.468B-9 (and make any appropriate elections consistent with such tax treatment). The Liquidation Trustee shall be the administrator of any such applicable Disputed Claims Reserve within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.468B-9(b)(2) and shall be responsible for all tax reporting and withholding required by any such Disputed Claims Reserve.
    - c. The Liquidation Trust shall be responsible for payment, out of Liquidation Trust Assets, of any taxes imposed on the Liquidation Trust (including any Disputed Claims Reserve) or the Liquidation Trust Assets. More particularly, any taxes imposed on any Disputed Claims Reserve or its assets will be paid out of the assets of the Disputed Claims Reserve, and netted against any subsequent Distributions in respect of the allowance or disallowance of such Claims. In the event, and to the extent, any Cash in any Disputed Claims Reserve is insufficient to pay the portion of any taxes

attributable to taxable income arising from assets of the Disputed Claims Reserve (including any income that may arise upon an actual or constructive Distribution of the assets of the reserve in respect of the resolution of Disputed Claims), assets of the Disputed Claims Reserve (including those otherwise distributable) may be sold to pay such taxes.

a. The Liquidation Trustee may request an expedited determination of taxes of the Liquidation Trust, including any Disputed Claims Reserve, and, in the case of the Liquidation Trustee, of the Debtors, under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for all tax returns filed for, or on behalf of, the Liquidation Trust or the Debtors for all taxable periods through the dissolution of the Liquidation Trust.

## ARTICLE VII: PROVISIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTIONS

## A. Distributions Generally

The Disbursing Agent shall make all Distributions under the Plan to the appropriate Holders of Allowed Claims and Interests in accordance with the terms of the Plan; *provided, however*, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, (i) all Distributions on account of the SC Trust I Claims shall be made to (or at the direction of) the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee for further distribution in accordance with the terms of the SC Trust I Indenture, (ii) all Distributions on account of the SC Trust II Claims shall be made to (or at the direction of) the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee for further distribution in accordance with the terms of the SC Trust II Indenture and (iii) all payments made on account of the Indemnified Individuals Indemnifiable Claims shall be made from the applicable Indemnification Reserves and Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures (including any amounts payable for "cause" shown in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures), as applicable.

### B. Distributions to Liquidation Trust Beneficiaries

The Disbursing Agent shall remit to each First Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiary any Distributions to which such First Priority Distribution Trust Beneficiary would have been entitled under this Plan on account of its Interest had such Interest been Allowed as of the Effective Date, in accordance with the terms of the Liquidation Trust.

The Disbursing Agent shall remit to the Second Priority Liquidation Trust Beneficiary any Distributions to which such Second Priority Distribution Trust Beneficiary would have been entitled under this Plan on account of its Interest had such Interest been Allowed as of the Effective Date, in accordance with the terms of the Liquidation Trust.

#### C. Distribution Record Date

Distributions shall only be made to the record Holders of Allowed Claims and Interests as of the Distribution Record Date. On the Confirmation Date, the Disbursing Agent shall be authorized and entitled to recognize only those Holders of Claims and Interests listed on the

register of Claims maintained by Stretto in these Chapter 11 Cases and/or the registered holders of Preferred Stock Interests and Common Stock Interests as of the close of business on the Confirmation Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Claim or Interest is transferred twenty (20) or fewer days before the Confirmation Date, the Disbursing Agent, at the direction of the Debtors or, after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust, shall make distributions to the transferee (rather than the transferor) only to the extent practical, and, in any event, only if the relevant transfer form contains an unconditional and explicit certification and waiver of any objection to the transfer by the transferor. The Distribution Record Date shall not apply to publicly held securities deposited with any Security Depository or Custodian and, in connection with any Distribution under the Plan to be effected through the facilities of any Security Depository or Custodian (whether by means of book-entry exchange, free delivery, or otherwise), the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, the SC Trust I Indenture Trustee or the SC Trust II Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall be entitled to recognize and deal for all purposes under the Plan with Holders of Claims and Interests in each Class to the extent consistent with the customary practices of the applicable Security Depository or Custodian used in connection with such distributions.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Distribution Record Date shall not apply to Holders of SC Trusts Subordinated Debentures, which shall receive a Distribution from the Disbursing Agent in accordance with the terms of this Plan and the customary practices of the applicable Security Depository or Custodian, in each case subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens.

### D. Disbursing Agent

All Distributions under this Plan shall be made by the Disbursing Agent on and after the Effective Date as provided herein. The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of its duties. The Liquidation Trustee shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Disbursing Agent (if other than the Liquidation Trustee) with the amounts of Claims and Interests and the identities and addresses of Holders of Claims and Interests, in each case, as set forth in the Debtors' books and records. The Liquidation Trustee shall cooperate in good faith with the applicable Disbursing Agent (if other than the Liquidation Trustee) to comply with the reporting and withholding requirements outlined in Article VII.S of the Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, distributions to the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims shall be made to (or at the direction of) the applicable Indenture Trustee, which shall act as Disbursing Agent (or direct the Disbursing Agent) for distributions to the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims, respectively, in accordance with the Plan and the applicable Indenture.

## E. Rights and Powers of Disbursing Agent

No Holder of a Claim or Interest or other party in interest shall have or pursue any claim or Cause of Action against the Disbursing Agent, solely in its capacity as Disbursing Agent, for making distributions in accordance with the Plan or for implementing provisions of the Plan, except for actions or omissions to act arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct, fraud, malpractice, criminal conduct, or ultra vires acts of such Disbursing Agent.

The Disbursing Agent shall be empowered to (a) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties hereunder; (b) make all Distributions contemplated hereby; and (c) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Disbursing Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Disbursing Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions hereof.

### F. Post-Petition Interest

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or another order of the Bankruptcy Court or required by the Bankruptcy Code (including postpetition interest in accordance with sections 506(b) and 726(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code), interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Claims on or after the Petition Date; *provided*, that if interest is payable pursuant to the preceding sentence, interest shall, except as provided in <u>Article III.B.4</u> of the Plan, accrue at the Federal Judgment Rate on a non-compounded basis from the date the obligation underlying the Claim becomes due and is not timely paid through the date of payment.

## G. Delivery of Distributions

The Disbursing Agent shall make all distributions, allocations, and/or issuances required under the Plan. In the event that any Distribution to any Holder or permitted designee is returned as undeliverable, no further distributions shall be made to such Holder or such permitted designee unless and until such Disbursing Agent is notified in writing of such Holder's or permitted designee's, as applicable, then-current address, at which time all currently-due, missed distributions shall be made to such Holder as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter without interest.

All Distributions to Holders of SC Trusts Claims shall be deemed completed when made to (or at the direction of) the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees, which shall be deemed to be the single Holders of all SC Trusts Claims for purposes of Distributions to be made hereunder. Subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees may transfer or direct the transfer of such Distributions (and may rely upon information received from the Debtors for purposes of such transfer(s)) through the facilities of the applicable Security Depository or Custodian in accordance with the applicable Security Depository or Custodian's customary practices. For the avoidance of doubt, the applicable Security Depository or Custodian shall be considered a single Holder with respect to Distributions made on account of the SC Trusts Subordinated Debentures. The SC Trusts Indenture Trustees shall not incur any liability whatsoever on account of any Distributions under the Plan. If the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees are unable to make (or consents to the Debtors making) such Distributions through the facilities of the applicable Security Depository or Custodian, the Debtors shall make such Distributions (subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens) directly to the applicable Security Depository or Custodian. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the SC Trusts Indenture Trustees shall have no duties, obligations, responsibilities, or liability with respect to any form of Distribution to Holders of SC Trusts Claims that are not eligible to be distributed through the facilities of the applicable Security Depository or Custodian, and the Debtors shall make such Distributions (subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens).

## H. Distributions after the Effective Date

Distributions made after the Effective Date to Holders of Disputed Claims that are not Allowed Claims as of the Effective Date, but which later become Allowed Claims shall be deemed to have been made on the Effective Date.

### I. Unclaimed Property

Undeliverable Distributions shall remain in the possession of the Liquidation Trust until such time as a Distribution becomes deliverable or the Holder accepts Distribution, or such Distribution reverts back to the Liquidation Trust and shall not be supplemented with any interest, dividends, or other accruals of any kind. Such Distributions shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and forfeited at the expiration of one hundred and twenty (120) days from the applicable date of Distribution. After such date, all unclaimed property or interest in property shall revert to and vest in Liquidation Trust and the Claim of any other holder to such property or interest in property shall be discharged and forever barred.

## J. Time Bar to Cash Payments

Checks issued by the Disbursing Agent in respect of Allowed Claims and Interests shall be null and void if not negotiated within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of issuance thereof. Thereafter, the amount represented by such voided check shall immediately and irrevocably revert to the Liquidation Trust and any Claim or Interest in respect of such voided check shall be discharged and forever barred, notwithstanding any federal or state escheat laws to the contrary. Requests for reissuance of any check prior to the expiration of the one hundred and twenty (120) day period from the date of issuance shall be made to the Disbursing Agent by the Holder of the Allowed Claim or Interest to whom such check was originally issued.

### K. Manner of Payment under Plan

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, at the option of the Liquidation Trustee, any Cash payment to be made hereunder may be made by a check or wire transfer or as otherwise required or provided in applicable agreements or customary practices of the Debtors.

## L. Satisfaction of Claims

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, any Distributions and deliveries to be made on account of Allowed Claims under the Plan shall be in complete and final satisfaction, settlement, and discharge of and exchange for such Allowed Claims.

#### M. Minimum Cash Distributions

The Disbursing Agent shall not be required to make any Distribution of Cash less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to any Holder of an Allowed Claim; *provided*, that if any Distribution is not made pursuant to this <u>Article VII.M</u>, such Distribution shall be added to any subsequent Distribution to be made on behalf of the Holder's Allowed Claim.

## N. Setoffs and Recoupments

The Debtors or the Liquidation Trustee, as applicable, or such Entity's designee (including, without limitation, the Disbursing Agent) may, but shall not be required to, set off or recoup against any Claim or Interest, and any Distribution to be made on account of such Claim or Interest, any and all claims, rights, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever that the Debtors or the Liquidation Trustee may have against the Holder of such Claim or Interest pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law (other than the released Causes of Action in favor of the Released Parties); *provided*, that neither the failure to do so nor the allowance of any Claim or Interest hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by a Debtor, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee, or its successor of any claims, rights, or Causes of Action that a Debtor, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee, or its successor or assign may possess against the Holder of such Claim (other than the released Causes of Action in favor of the Released Parties).

## O. Claims or Interests Paid by Third Parties

No distributions under the Plan shall be made on account of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest that is payable under one of the Debtor's Insurance Policies until the Holder of such Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest has exhausted all remedies with respect to such Insurance Policy.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, payments to Holders of Claims or Interests covered by an Insurance Policy and otherwise payable under the Plan shall be made from the proceeds of such Insurance Policy in accordance with the provisions of any such applicable Insurance Policy. Nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any Cause of Action that the Debtors or any Entity may hold against any other Entity, including Insurers, nor shall anything contained herein constitute or be deemed a waiver by such insurers of any rights or defenses, including coverage defenses, held by Insurers.

To the extent a Holder of Claims or Interests receives a payment on account of a Claim or Interest from a party that is not the Debtor, the Liquidation Trust or a Disbursing Agent on account of such Claim or Interest, the Debtors or the Liquidation Trust, as applicable, shall be authorized to reduce, for the purposes of Distribution, the Allowed amount of such Claim or Interest by the amount of the third-party payment, and such Claim or Interest shall be disallowed or deemed satisfied, as applicable, to the extent of such third party payment without an objection having to be filed, but subject to the filing of a notice with the Bankruptcy Court and service of such notice on any affected Holder. Any Holder of Claims or Interests that receives full or partial payment on account of such Claim from an Entity that is not the Debtor, the Liquidation Trust or a Disbursing Agent shall provide notice of the date and amount of such payment to the Debtors or, after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust within five (5) Business Days of receipt of such payment. Such Holder of Claims or Interests shall repay and/or return to the Debtors or, after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust any Distribution received on account of the portion of its Claim that was satisfied by such third-party payment within thirty (30) days.

## P. Allocation of Distributions between Principal and Interest

Except as otherwise required by law (as reasonably determined by the Liquidation Trust), Distributions with respect to an Allowed Claim shall be allocated first to the principal amount of such Allowed Claim (as determined for United States federal income tax purposes) and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds the principal amount of such Allowed Claim, to any portion of such Allowed Claim for accrued but unpaid interest.

## Q. No Distribution in Excess of Allowed Claim

Except as provided in <u>Article VII.F</u> of the Plan, no Holder of an Allowed Claim shall receive, on account of such Allowed Claim, distributions in excess of the Allowed amount of such Claim.

#### R. Distributions Free and Clear

Except as provided herein, and subject to the SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Charging Liens, any distributions under the Plan shall be free and clear of any Liens, Claims, and encumbrances, and no other Entity, including the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trust, or the Liquidation Trustee, shall have any interest, legal, beneficial, or otherwise, in Assets transferred pursuant to the Plan.

## S. Compliance with Tax Requirements

In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all Distributions pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust shall be authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to comply with such withholding and reporting requirements, including liquidating a portion of the distribution to be made under the Plan to generate sufficient funds to pay applicable withholding taxes, withholding distributions pending receipt of information necessary to facilitate such distributions or establishing any other mechanisms they believe are reasonable and appropriate. The Liquidation Trustee and the Liquidation Trust reserve the right to allocate all distributions made under the Plan in compliance with applicable wage garnishments, alimony, child support, and other spousal awards, Liens, and encumbrances.

## ARTICLE VIII: PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTED CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

#### A. Objections to Claims

As of the Effective Date, objections to, and requests for estimation of, Claims against the Debtors may only be interposed and prosecuted by the Liquidation Trustee. Such objections and requests for estimation shall be served and filed on or before the Claims Objection Deadline.

## B. Allowance of Claims

After the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust shall have and shall retain any and all rights and defenses that the Debtors had with respect to any Claim against a Debtor, except with respect to any Claim deemed Allowed under this Plan. Except as expressly provided in this Plan or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date (including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order), no Claim shall become an Allowed Claim unless and until such Claim is deemed Allowed under this Plan or the Bankruptcy Court has entered a Final Order, including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order, in the Chapter 11 Cases allowing such Claim.

### C. Resolution of Claims

Except as otherwise provided herein (including the release provisions hereof) or in the Confirmation Order, or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with this Plan, in accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, on and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee may enforce, sue on, settle, or compromise (or decline to do any of the foregoing) all Claims, Disputed Claims, rights, Causes of Action, suits and proceedings, whether in law or in equity, whether known or unknown, that the Liquidation Trust may hold against any Person, and any contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement entered into in connection herewith. From and after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee may settle or compromise any Disputed Claim without the approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

## D. Adjustment to Claims Register Without Objection

Any duplicate Claim or Interest, any Claim (Filed or scheduled) or Interest that has been paid or satisfied, or any Claim that has been amended or superseded, may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register by the Debtors or the Liquidation Trustee, as applicable, upon stipulation or any agreement in writing, including email correspondence, between the parties in interest without a Claims objection having to be Filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

### E. Disallowance of Claims

All Proofs of Claim must be Filed on or before the applicable Bar Date. If Proofs of Claim are not Filed on or before the applicable Bar Date, except in the case of certain exceptions explicitly set forth in the Bar Date Order, the Holders of the underlying Claims shall, absent further Order of the Bankruptcy Court Allowing such Claims, be barred from asserting such Claims against the Debtors and precluded from voting on the Plan and/or receiving Distributions from the Debtors on account of such Claims in the Chapter 11 Cases.

## F. Estimation of Claims

The Debtors or the Liquidation Trustee may at any time request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate any contingent, unliquidated, or Disputed Claim pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code regardless of whether the Debtors previously objected to such Claim or whether the Bankruptcy Court has ruled on any such objection. The Bankruptcy Court will retain

jurisdiction to estimate any Claim at any time during litigation concerning any objection to any Claim, including, without limitation, during the pendency of any appeal relating to any such objection. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court estimates any contingent, unliquidated, or Disputed Claim, the amount so estimated shall constitute either the Allowed amount of such Claim or a maximum limitation on such Claim, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court. If the estimated amount constitutes a maximum limitation on the amount of such Claim, the Debtors, or the Liquidation Trustee, as applicable, may pursue supplementary proceedings to object to the allowance of such Claim; provided, that such limitation shall not apply to Claims requested by the Debtors to be estimated for voting purposes only. For avoidance of doubt, the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be Allowed and not subject to estimation; provided, that such allowance shall in no way be deemed a determination that any fees, costs, and or expenses submitted for reimbursement and indemnification qualify as an Indemnifiable Claim, payment of the Indemnified Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be subject to the Indemnification Procedures and shall be satisfied exclusively from the DOJ Insurance Policy, the Indemnification Reserves, and the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget (including any amounts payable for "cause" shown in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures), as applicable, the Indemnifiable Claims shall be deemed amended in all respects to be consistent with the foregoing and such Individuals' Indemnifiable Claims shall be subject to the limitations set forth in Article V.C.2 of the Plan and shall not otherwise be subject to estimation.

### G. Amendments to Proofs of Claim

On or after the Effective Date, except as provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, and unless the Bar Date with respect to a Claim has not passed, a Claim or Proof of Claim may not be Filed or amended without the prior authorization of the Bankruptcy Court or the Liquidation Trustee, and any such new or amended Claim or Proof of Claim Filed after the Effective Date shall be deemed Disallowed in full and expunged without any further action or notice to the Bankruptcy Court; *provided that* the filing of an unauthorized amendment shall not affect the underlying Claim or Proof of Claim. Nothing in this paragraph shall remove any claimant's ability to seek leave from the Bankruptcy Court to amend a Claim or Proof of Claim.

### H. No Distributions Pending Allowance and Disputed Interest Reserves

If an objection, motion to estimate, or other challenge to a Claim is filed, no payment or distribution provided under the Plan shall be made on account of such Claim unless and until (and only to the extent that) such Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

## I. Allowed and Disputed Claims Reserves

The Liquidation Trustee shall, administer the Disputed Claims Reserve, which will be established by the Debtors on or prior to the Effective Date. As part of the Disputed Claims Reserve, the Debtors shall establish the FTX Disputed Claims Sub-Reserve, which shall entitle the holder of the FTX Silvergate Claims, solely to the extent Allowed, to a right of setoff against the Allowed Silvergate FTX Claims, prior to any distribution therefrom to the holders of the Liquidation Trust Beneficial Interests. The Debtors reasonably and in good faith believe that the Silvergate FTX Claims exceed the FTX Silvergate Claims.

## J. Distributions After Allowance

Subject to <u>Article VII.H</u> hereof, after such time as a Disputed Claim or Interest becomes, in whole or in part, an Allowed Claim or Interest, the Liquidation Trustee (or Disbursing Agent) shall distribute to the Holder thereof Distributions, as applicable, if any, to which such Holder is then entitled under the Plan, within thirty (30) days of such Claim or Interest becoming Allowed. Any such Distributions shall be made in accordance with the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement. To the extent such Disputed Claim or Interest is Disallowed, any corresponding reserved amount shall be distributed to other Allowed Claims or Interests as provided for in the Plan and the Liquidation Trust Agreement.

# ARTICLE IX: SETTLEMENT, RELEASE, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS

## A. Compromise and Settlement of Claims, Interests, and Controversies

The entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the compromise or settlement of all such Claims, Interests, and controversies, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such compromise or settlement is in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests and is fair, equitable, and reasonable. The compromises, settlements, and releases described herein shall be deemed nonseverable from each other and from all other terms of the Plan. In accordance with the provisions of and except as set forth in the Plan, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trustee may compromise and settle Claims against, and Interests in, the Debtors and their Estates and Causes of Action against other Entities.

### B. Releases by the Debtors

Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, as of the Effective Date, the Debtors and their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate and each of their respective current and former Affiliates (with respect to non-Debtors, to the extent permitted by applicable nonbankruptcy law), the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board, the Liquidation Trust, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition (including any derivative Claims asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors, their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate or the Liquidation Trust), whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the conduct of their business (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition), the issuance, distribution, purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security or other debt instrument of the Debtors, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation of the

RSA, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition) related or relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "Debtor and Estate Claims"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing and subject to the provisos later in the paragraph, the releases set forth in this Article IX.B shall not release (i) any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, (ii) any Released Party (other than any Indemnified Individual) from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (iii) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, and in accordance with the terms of the Global Settlement, the Debtors and their Estates are waiving and releasing all Debtor and Estate Claims against all Indemnified Individuals.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the releases described in this Article IX.B by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article IX.B is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to implementing the Plan; (ii) a good-faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Debtor; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (vi) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (vii) a bar to any of the Debtors, their respective Estates, the Liquidation Trustee on behalf of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, asserting any claim or Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

## C. Releases by Holders of Claims and Interests

As of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Releasing Party shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged each Debtor, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee, the Liquidation Trust Board, the Liquidation Trust and each other Released Party from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition up until the Effective Date), including any derivative Claims asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors, their Estates, Reorganized Silvergate, the Liquidation Trustee or the Liquidation Trust that such Releasing Party would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen

or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the issuance, distribution, purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security or other debt instrument of the Debtors, the Debtors or the conduct of their business (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition), the formulation, preparation, dissemination, or negotiation of the RSA, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date (in each case, whether prepetition or postpetition up until the Effective Date) related or relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "Releasing Party Claims"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, and subject to the provisos later in this paragraph, the releases set forth in this Article IX.C shall not release (i) any Liquidation Trust Retained Causes of Action or Reorganized Silvergate Retained Causes of Action, (ii) any Released Party (other than any Indemnified Individual) from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud. willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (iii) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, (x) and in accordance with the terms of the Global Settlement, the Releasing Parties are waiving and releasing all Releasing Party Claims against all Indemnified Individuals; and (y)(i) the Securities Plaintiffs' entry into the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed as having deemed the Securities Plaintiffs or any Securities Litigation Class Members as Releasing Parties or having opted into the third party releases provided in Article IX.C; and (ii) the releases granted by the Securities Plaintiffs and Securities Litigation Class Members, in their capacity as such, in the Securities Litigation pursuant to the Securities Litigation Stipulation of Settlement shall be governed by and implemented pursuant to the terms thereof and the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the releases described in this <u>Article IX.C</u> by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this <u>Article IX.C</u> is: (i) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, without limitation, the Released Parties' contributions to implementing the Plan; (ii) a good-faith settlement and compromise of the Claims released by the Holders of Claims and Interests; (iii) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (iv) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (v) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (vi) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (vii) a bar to any of the Debtors, their respective Estates, the Liquidation Trustee on behalf of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, asserting any claim or Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

## D. Exculpation

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission from the Petition Date to the Effective Date in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan or the distribution of Cash under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to the fullest extent permitted by law to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Consummation of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of, and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

#### E. Injunction

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR FOR DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE PAID OR DELIVERED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OR THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, ALL ENTITIES THAT HAVE HELD, HOLD, OR MAY HOLD CLAIMS OR INTERESTS THAT HAVE (1) BEEN RELEASED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.B OR ARTICLE IX.C OR (2) ARE SUBJECT TO EXCULPATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.D, ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED, FROM AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, FROM TAKING ANY OF THE **FOLLOWING ACTIONS** AGAINST, AS APPLICABLE, THE DEBTORS, REORGANIZED SILVERGATE, THE LIQUIDATION TRUST OR THE RELEASED PARTIES (TO THE EXTENT OF THE RELEASES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.B OR ARTICLE IX.C WITH RESPECT TO THE RELEASED PARTIES), OR THE EXCULPATED PARTIES (TO THE EXTENT OF THE EXCULPATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX.D WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCULPATED PARTIES): (I) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; (II) ENFORCING, ATTACHING, COLLECTING, OR RECOVERING BY ANY MANNER OR MEANS ANY JUDGMENT, AWARD, DECREE, OR ORDER AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; (III) CREATING, PERFECTING, OR ENFORCING ANY LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE OF ANY KIND AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES OR THE

PROPERTY OR THE ESTATES OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; AND (IV) ASSERTING ANY RIGHT OF SETOFF OR SUBROGATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY OBLIGATION DUE FROM SUCH ENTITIES OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS UNLESS SUCH ENTITY HAS TIMELY ASSERTED SUCH SETOFF RIGHT IN A DOCUMENT (WHICH MAY BE A PROOF OF CLAIM) FILED WITH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PLAN EXPLICITLY PRESERVING SUCH SETOFF.

## F. Protection Against Discriminatory Treatment

Constitution, all Entities, including Governmental Units, shall not discriminate against the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate or deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to, condition such a grant to or discriminate with respect to such a grant against the Liquidation Trust, Reorganized Silvergate or another Entity with whom the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate has been associated, solely because the Debtors have been a debtor under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, may have been insolvent before the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case (or during the Chapter 11 Case), or have not paid a debt that is dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Case.

## G. Setoffs

In no event shall any Holder of a Claim be entitled to set off against such Claim any claim, right, or Cause of Action of the Debtors or the Liquidation Trust, as applicable, unless such Holder actually has provided notice of such setoff in writing to the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date, which notice may be provided in a timely filed Proof of Claim; provided that this provision is without prejudice to any Governmental Units' ability to assert setoff rights, if any, provided that such applicable Governmental Unit provides notice of such setoff in writing by no later than Governmental Bar Date, which notice may be provided in a timely filed Proof of Claim.

#### H. SEC Carve Out

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the Disclosure Statement, Plan and/or Confirmation Order, no provision shall (i) preclude the SEC from enforcing its police or regulatory powers; or, (ii) enjoin, limit, impair or delay the SEC from commencing or continuing any claims, causes of action, proceedings or investigations against any non-Debtor person or non-Debtor entity in any appropriate forum.

## ARTICLE X: EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

## A. Rejection of Executory Contracts

As of and subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to which any of the Debtors are parties shall be deemed rejected, unless such contract or lease (a) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume filed by the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date; (d) is a contract, release, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan, (e) is an Insurance Policy; or (f) is identified for assumption on the Assumption Schedule included in the Plan Supplement, which schedule shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Preferred Stockholders.

Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of the assumptions, assumptions and assignments, or rejections provided for in the Plan pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and a determination by the Bankruptcy Court that the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, has provided adequate assurance of future performance under such assumed Executory Contract and Unexpired Leases. Each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease assumed or assumed and assigned pursuant to the Plan shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan, any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption, or applicable law.

### B. Rejection Damages Claims

In the event that the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease hereunder results in damages to the other party or parties to such contract or lease, any Claim for such damages shall be classified and treated in Class 3 (General Unsecured Claims). Such Claim shall be forever barred and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors, their respective Estates, or the Liquidation Trust, or their respective properties or interests in property as agents, successors, or assigns, unless a proof of Claim is filed with the Claims and Noticing Agent and served upon counsel for the Debtors or Liquidation Trust, as applicable, by the later of (a) thirty (30) days after the filing and service of the notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date; and (b) thirty (30) days after entry of an Order rejecting such contract or lease if such contract or lease is the subject of a pending Assumption Dispute.

## C. Cure of Defaults for Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Any Cure Amount due under each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease to be assumed or assumed and assigned pursuant to the Plan shall be satisfied, pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by payment in Cash on the Effective Date (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), subject to the limitation described below, by the Debtors, the Liquidation

Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases may otherwise agree.

In the event of a dispute regarding (a) the amount of the Cure Amount, (b) the ability of the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, or any other applicable assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, or (c) any other matter pertaining to assumption or assumption and assignment (as applicable), the obligations of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be deemed satisfied following the entry of a Final Order or orders resolving the dispute and approving the assumption or assumption and assignment (as applicable); *provided*, that the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate (as applicable) may settle any dispute regarding the amount of any Cure Amount without any further notice to any party or any action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Assumption or assumption and assignment of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan, or otherwise, shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any defaults, subject to satisfaction of the Cure Amount, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time before the Effective Date of assumption and/or assignment. Any prepetition default amount set forth in the Schedules and/or any Proofs of Claim filed with respect to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that has been assumed or assumed and assigned shall be deemed Disallowed and expunged, without further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity.

### D. Assignment

To the extent provided under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease transferred and assigned hereunder shall remain in full force and effect for the benefit of the transferee or assignee in accordance with its terms, notwithstanding any provision in such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease (including those of the type set forth in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) that prohibits, restricts, or conditions such transfer or assignment. To the extent provided under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, any provision that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the assignment or transfer of any such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that terminates or modifies such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to terminate, modify, recapture, impose any penalty, condition renewal or extension, or modify any term or condition upon any such transfer and assignment, constitutes an unenforceable anti-assignment provision and is void and of no force or effect with respect to any assignment pursuant to the Plan.

### E. Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements, or Other Agreements

Unless otherwise provided herein or by separate order of the Bankruptcy Court, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease that is listed in the Assumption Schedule shall include any and all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements made directly or indirectly by any agreement, instrument, or other document that in any manner affects

such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, without regard to whether such agreement, instrument, or other document is listed in the notice of assumed contracts.

## F. Reservation of Rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Debtors reserve the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the Assumption Schedule to add or remove any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease from the Assumption Schedule at any time through and including the Effective Date, subject to any review and consent rights of certain parties as set forth in the Plan and the Plan Supplement; provided that after the date of the Confirmation Date and through the Effective Date, the Debtors shall provide notice of any amendments to the Assumption Schedule to the parties to the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases affected thereby.

Neither the exclusion nor inclusion of any contract or lease by the Debtors on any exhibit, schedule, or other annex to the Plan or in the Plan Supplement, nor anything contained in the Plan, will constitute an admission by the Debtors that any such contract or lease is or is not in fact an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, or their respective affiliates have any liability thereunder.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing herein shall waive, excuse, limit, diminish, or otherwise alter any of the defenses, Claims, Causes of Action, or other rights of the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, under any executory or non-Executory Contract or any unexpired or expired lease.

Nothing in the Plan will increase, augment, or add to any of the duties, obligations, responsibilities, or liabilities of the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, under any executory or non-Executory Contract or any unexpired or expired lease.

## ARTICLE XI: CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CONFIRMATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE

### A. Conditions to Confirmation of the Plan

Confirmation of the Plan shall not occur unless and until each of the following conditions has occurred or has been waived pursuant to <u>Article XI.C</u> of the Plan:

- 1. The Global Settlement Approval Order shall have been entered and remain in full force and effect.
  - 2. The Order approving the Disclosure Statement shall have been entered;
- 3. The Plan Supplement and all of the schedules, documents and exhibits contained therein shall have been filed;
  - 4. The RSA shall not have been terminated and shall be in full force and effect; and

5. The Disputed Claims Reserve shall have been set by agreement with the Required Preferred Stockholders or as set forth in Article V.O of the Plan;

## B. Conditions to Occurrence of the Effective Date

The Effective Date of the Plan shall not occur unless and until each of the following conditions has occurred or has been waived pursuant to Article XI.C of the Plan:

- 1. the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order, in form and substance materially consistent with the Plan and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Preferred Stockholders and, with respect to any terms that materially affect the terms set forth in the (i) Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet or the treatment of the Indemnified Individuals, the Indemnified Individuals and (ii) the Securities Litigation Settlement, the Indemnified Individuals, the Underwriters, and the Securities Plaintiffs, which shall not be stayed pending appeal, and shall be a Final Order;
- 2. the Professional Fee Escrow Account shall have been established and fully funded as set forth herein;
- 3. All Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group Expenses invoiced in accordance with Article II.C shall have been paid in full in Cash;
- 4. All SC Trusts Indenture Trustee Fees invoiced in accordance with <u>Article II.D</u> shall have been paid in full in Cash;
- 5. the Debtors shall have established and funded such reserves for Allowed and Disputed Claims, as required pursuant to <u>Article V.O.</u> and <u>Article VIII.I</u> of the Plan, and the Indemnification Reserves, as required pursuant to <u>Article V.C.2</u>, of the Plan;
- 6. the DOJ Insurance Policy shall have been acquired, be in effect, and be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the applicable Indemnified Individuals or the Debtors shall have funded a reserve for the benefit of the applicable Indemnified Individuals in the same amount as the proposed DOJ Insurance Policy (or a combination thereof, as agreed to by the applicable Indemnified Individuals and the Required Preferred Stockholders);
- 7. the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Final Approval Order shall have been entered and be a Final Order in form and substance materially consistent with the Bhatia Litigation Settlement, and the Bhatia Litigation Settlement Fund shall be funded in accordance with the Bhatia Litigation Settlement;
- 8. the Securities Litigation Final Approval Order shall have been entered and be a Final Order in form and substance materially consistent with the Securities Litigation Settlement, the proceeds under the D&O Contribution shall have been released and the Underwriter Contribution and the Preferred Stock Interest Contribution shall have been funded, each in accordance with the Securities Litigation Settlement;

- 9. the Debtors shall have paid in Cash the incurred reasonable and documented fees of the Indemnified Individuals consistent with the terms of the Go-Forward Chapter 11 Budget (including any amounts payable for "cause" shown in accordance with the Indemnification Procedures), as applicable, plus any Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts (for the avoidance of doubt, the payment of any Excess Go-Forward Fee Amounts shall reduce the applicable Indemnification Reserves on a dollar-for-dollar basis);
- 10. the Common Stock Sponsors' Expenses shall have been paid in accordance with the Common Stock Settlement;
- 11. the Reorganized Silvergate Cash Funding shall be funded in accordance with the Common Stock Settlement;
- 12. all documents, agreements and other instruments which are exhibits to the Plan or included in any Plan Supplement shall be acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Preferred Stockholders and with respect to any terms that materially affect the terms set forth in the (i) Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet or the treatment of the Indemnified Individuals, the Indemnified Individuals, (ii) the Securities Litigation Settlement, the Indemnified Individuals, the Underwriters, and the Securities Plaintiffs, and (iii) the Common Stock Settlement to the extent not addressed in the Common Stock Settlement Term Sheet, the Common Stock Sponsors; and shall have been executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- 13. all actions, documents and agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall have been effected or executed;
- 14. all appropriate notices shall have been given and all other appropriate actions shall have been taken to preserve all applicable Insurance Policies, including any "tail policy," notices required to be provided.

### C. Waiver of Conditions to Confirmation and Effective Date

The Debtors may not waive the conditions to Confirmation of the Plan set forth in Article XI.A., other than Article XI.A.3, without the consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders (email of counsel being sufficient) and Article XI.A.1 without the consent of the Indemnified Individuals and the Underwriters (e-mail of counsel being sufficient). The conditions to the Effective Date set forth in Article XI.B of the Plan may be waived by the Debtors, without notice, leave, or order of the Bankruptcy Court or any formal action other than proceedings to confirm or consummate the Plan; provided, that the Debtors may not waive the conditions set forth in (i) Article XI.B.8 without the consent of the Underwriters and the Securities Plaintiffs (e-mail of counsel being sufficient), and (ii) Article XI.B.1, Article XI.B.5 through Article XI.B.9, and Article XI.B.12 without the consent of the Indemnified Individuals (e-mail of counsel being sufficient) and (iii) Article XI.B.10 through Article XI.B.12 without the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors (e-mail of counsel being sufficient).

## D. Effect of Failure of Conditions to the Effective Date

In the event the conditions specified in Article XI. B of the Plan have not been satisfied or waived in accordance with Article XI.C of the Plan, and upon notification submitted by the Debtors to the Bankruptcy Court (a) the Confirmation Order shall be vacated; (b) no Distributions shall be made; (c) the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests shall be restored to the status quo ante as of the day immediately preceding the Confirmation Date as though the Confirmation Date never occurred; and (d) all of the Debtors' obligations with respect to the Claims and Interests shall remain unchanged and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against the Debtors or any other Person or to prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors or any other Person in any proceedings further involving the Debtors. Neither the Disclosure Statement, any statement contained in the Disclosure Statement nor the Plan may be used in these Chapter 11 Cases, or in any action, other than in connection with confirmation of the Plan. In the event that the Plan is not confirmed, or is confirmed but does not become effective, the Disclosure Statement, any statements contained in the Disclosure Statement and the Plan shall have no force or effect, and neither the Disclosure Statement, any statements contained in the Disclosure Statement nor the Plan shall be admissible in any court or legal forum for any purpose whatsoever.

## ARTICLE XII: MODIFICATION OF THE PLAN

#### A. Plan Modifications

Subject to certain restrictions and requirements set forth in section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019 and those restrictions on modifications set forth in the Plan, the Debtors may alter, amend or modify the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, with the consent of the Required Preferred Stockholders, and (a) with respect to any terms that materially affect the terms set forth in the (i) Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet or the treatment of the Indemnified Individuals, with the consent of the Indemnified Individuals and (ii) the Securities Litigation Settlement, with the consent of the Indemnified Individuals, the Underwriters, and the Securities Plaintiffs, and (b) if the alteration, amendment or modification of the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, is inconsistent with the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein or, to the extent not addressed in the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein and affecting Reorganized Silvergate or Common Stock Interests' recoveries hereunder, with the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors, without additional disclosure pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code prior to the Confirmation Date. After the Confirmation Date and before substantial consummation of the Plan, the Debtors may institute proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, or the Confirmation Order, relating to such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects of the Plan.

After the Confirmation Date, but before the Effective Date, the Debtors may make appropriate technical adjustments and modifications to the Plan with the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, of the Required Preferred Stockholders, including the Plan Supplement,

and (a) with respect to any terms that materially affect the terms set forth in the (i) Indemnification Settlement Term Sheet or the treatment of the Indemnified Individuals, with the consent of the Indemnified Individuals and (ii) the Securities Litigation Settlement, with the consent of the Indemnified Individuals, the Underwriters, and the Securities Plaintiffs, and (b) if the alteration, amendment or modification of the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, is inconsistent with the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein or, to the extent not addressed in the Common Stock Settlement set forth herein and affecting Reorganized Silvergate or Common Stock Interests' recoveries hereunder, with the consent of the Common Stock Sponsors, without further order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court; *provided*, that such adjustments and modifications do not materially and adversely affect the treatment of Holders of Claims or Interests and are otherwise permitted under section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## B. Effect of Confirmation on Modification

Entry of a Confirmation Order shall mean that all modifications and amendments to the Plan since the solicitation thereof are approved pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and do not require additional disclosure or resolicitation under Bankruptcy Rule 3019.

## ARTICLE XIII: EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION

#### A. Deemed Consent

By (i) voting to accept the Plan and failing to opt out of the releases, or (ii) opting into the releases, as applicable and set forth in the Plan, each such Holder of a Claim or Interest will be deemed, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to have specifically consented to the exculpations, releases and injunctions set forth in the Plan; provided that this <u>Article XIII.A</u>. shall not limit or impact the enforceability of any exculpation, release, or injunction provisions of the Plan in accordance with their terms.

#### B. Disallowed Claims and Disallowed Interests

On and after the Effective Date, Reorganized Silvergate and the Liquidation Trust shall be fully and finally discharged of any and all liability or obligation on a Disallowed Claim or a Disallowed Interest. The Confirmation Order, except as otherwise provided herein, shall constitute an Order: (a) disallowing all Claims against and Interests in the Debtors to the extent such Claims and Interests are not allowable under any provision of section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, including, but not limited to, time-barred Claims and Interests, and Claims for unmatured interest and (b) disallowing or subordinating to all other Claims, as the case may be, any Claims against the Debtors for penalties, punitive damages or any other damages not constituting compensatory damages.

## ARTICLE XIV: RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

On and after the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain and have jurisdiction over all matters arising in, arising under, or related to the Chapter 11 Cases, or that relate to any of the following:

- 1. To Allow, Disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate, or establish the priority, Secured or unsecured status, or amount of any Claim or Interest, including the resolution of any request for payment of any Administrative Expense Claim and the resolution of any and all objections to the Secured or unsecured status, priority, amount, or Allowance of Claims or Interests.
- 2. To hear and determine any application to modify the Plan in accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Confirmation Order, in such a manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects thereof.
  - 3. To hear and determine all applications for the payment of Professional Fee Claims.
- 4. To resolve any matters related to (i) the assumption, assumption and assignment or rejection of any Executory Contract to which a Debtor is a party or with respect to which a Debtor may be liable in any manner and to hear, determine, and, if necessary, liquidate, any Claims arising therefrom, including Claims related to the rejection of an Executory Contract or any other matter related to such Executory Contract; (ii) any potential contractual obligation under any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed; and (iii) any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired.
- 5. To adjudicate controversies, if any, with respect to distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims.
- 6. To hear and determine any dispute or reconcile any inconsistency arising in connection with the Plan, including any Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order or the interpretation, implementation or enforcement of the Plan, any Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order, any transaction or payment contemplated hereby or any agreement, instrument or other document governing or relating to any of the foregoing.
- 7. To hear and determine any matter concerning state, local and federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 8. To adjudicate, decide, or resolve any and all matters related to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. To hear and determine any other matters related hereto and not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code and title 28 of the United States Code.

- 10. To hear and determine any rights, Claims or Causes of Action, including without limitation Claims or Causes of Action identified on the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, held by, transferred to or accruing to the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, including any settlement or compromise thereof.
- 11. To issue injunctions, enter and implement other orders, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Person (and any government, governmental agency or any subdivision, department or other instrumentality thereof) with the consummation, implementation or enforcement of the Plan, the Confirmation Order or any other order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 12. To take any action, and issue such orders as may be necessary or appropriate, to construe, enforce, implement, execute and consummate the Plan or to maintain the integrity of the Plan following consummation.
- 13. To resolve any cases, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action that may arise in connection with the Consummation, interpretation, or enforcement of the Plan or any Entity's obligations incurred in connection with the Plan.
  - 14. To ensure that all Distributions are accomplished as provided herein.
- 15. To allow, disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate or establish the priority or secured or unsecured status of any Claim.
- 16. To enter, implement or enforce such orders as may be necessary or appropriate in the event the Confirmation Order is for any reason stayed, reversed, revoked, modified or vacated.
- 17. To enforce any order for the sale of property pursuant to sections 363, 1123, or 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 18. To recover all Assets of the Estates, wherever located.
- 19. To hear and determine matters concerning exemptions from state and federal registration requirements in accordance with section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 20. To determine requests for the payment of Claims entitled to priority pursuant to section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code.
  - 21. To enter a Final Decree closing the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 22. To determine any motion, adversary proceeding, application, contested matter and other litigated matter pending on or commenced after the Confirmation Date.
- 23. To enforce all orders, judgments, injunctions, releases, exculpations, indemnifications, and rulings entered in connection with the Plan and these Chapter 11 Cases.

- 24. To determine any other matters that may arise in connection with or are related to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Confirmation Order, any Plan Supplement or any other contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document related to the Plan or the Disclosure Statement.
- 25. To adjudicate any adversary proceedings pending before the Bankruptcy Court on or after the Petition Date or any other disputes relating to any Retained Cause of Action that the Liquidation Trust or Reorganized Silvergate, as applicable, may bring thereafter.
  - 26. To hear and determine any dispute or suit regarding setoff or recoupment.
  - 27. Adjudicate all other matters over which the Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE XV: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### A. Notices

Any notices, requests, and demands to or upon the Debtors, to be effective, shall be in writing and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when actually delivered to the following:

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Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP 375 Ninth Avenue New York, NY 10001 Attn: George E. Zobitz Paul H. Zumbro

> jzobitz@cravath.com pzumbro@cravath.com

## B. Headings

The headings and other captions used in the Plan are for reference purposes only, and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the Plan in any way.

## C. Governing Law

Except to the extent that the Bankruptcy Code or other federal law is applicable, or to the extent an exhibit hereto or a document in the Plan Supplement provides otherwise, the rights, duties and obligations arising under the Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws thereof.

## D. Notice of Entry of Confirmation Order and Relevant Dates

Promptly upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors shall file on the docket and serve upon parties who have entered their appearance a notice of the entry of the Confirmation Order and all relevant deadlines and dates under the Plan.

## E. Revocation, Withdrawal or Non-Consummation of Plan

If the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan with respect to any one or more of the Debtors, or if confirmation or consummation of the Plan does not occur as to any Debtor, then, as to such Debtor, (a) the Plan shall be null and void in all respects and (b) any settlements and compromises embodied in the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant the Plan and not otherwise approved by a separate Final Order shall be deemed null and void and nothing contained in the Plan and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of the Plan shall (i) constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims against or Interests in such Debtor or any other Person, (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of any of the Debtors or any other Person in any other further proceedings involving such Debtor or (iii) constitute or be deemed to constitute an admission of any sort by the Debtors or any other Person. None of the filing of the Plan, the taking by the Debtors or other party in interest of any action with respect to the Plan or any statement or provision contained herein shall be or be deemed to be an admission by the Debtors or other party in interest against interest, or be or be deemed to be a waiver of any rights, Claims or remedies that the Debtors or other party in interest may have, and until the Effective Date all such rights and remedies are and shall be specifically reserved. In the event the Plan is not confirmed and the Confirmation Order is not entered, the Plan and any Plan Supplement, and any statement contained herein or therein, may not be used by any Person (and any government, governmental agency or any subdivision, department or other instrumentality thereof) against the Debtors and other parties in interest. The Debtors shall consult with the Required Preferred Stockholders with respect to the revocation or withdrawal of the Plan with respect to any one or more of the Debtors.

## F. Binding Effect

The Plan shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, Reorganized Silvergate and the Holders of all Claims and Interests and their respective successors and assigns.

### G. Severability of Plan Provisions

Subject to Article XI.A and B., if, prior to the Effective Date, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court, at the request of the Debtors with the consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, of the Required Preferred Stockholders, shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated by such holding, alteration or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms.

#### H. No Admissions

AS TO CONTESTED MATTERS, ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER CAUSES OF ACTION OR THREATENED CAUSES OF ACTION, THE PLAN SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACT OR LIABILITY, STIPULATION, OR WAIVER, BUT RATHER AS A STATEMENT MADE IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

#### I. Time

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by the Plan, unless otherwise set forth in the Plan or determined by the Bankruptcy Court, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006 as in effect on the Petition Date shall apply. With regard to all dates and the periods of time set forth or referred to in the Plan, time is of the essence.

## J. Successors and Assigns

The rights, benefits and obligations of any Person (and any government, governmental agency or any subdivision, department or other instrumentality thereof) named or referred to in the Plan shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, any heir, executor, administrator, successor or assign of such Person (and any government, governmental agency or any subdivision, department or other instrumentality thereof).

## K. Conflict between Plan, Disclosure Statement and Plan Documents

In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions in the Plan and the terms and provisions in the Disclosure Statement, or any Plan Supplement, the terms and provisions of the Plan shall control and govern.

#### L. Substantial Consummation

On the Effective Date, the Plan shall be deemed to be substantially consummated under sections 1101 and 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### M. Plan Exhibits

Any and all exhibits to the Plan or other lists or schedules not filed with the Plan shall be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court at least seven (7) Business Days prior to the Plan Objection Deadline, unless the Plan provides otherwise. Upon such filing, such documents may be inspected in the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court during normal court hours. Holders of Claims or Interests may obtain a copy of any such document upon written request to the Debtors or online at https://cases.stretto.com/silvergate. The Debtors explicitly reserve the right to, in the exercise of its sole and absolute discretion, modify or make additions to or subtractions from any schedule to the Plan and to modify any exhibit to the Plan prior to the Plan Objection Deadline.

[Signature on following page.]

Respectfully Submitted, as of November 12, 2025

Silvergate Capital Corporation on behalf of itself and each Debtor

By: /s/ Elaine Hetrick

Name: Elaine Hetrick

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

## Exhibit B

**Notice of Effective Date** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION, et al.1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12158 (KBO)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket Nos. 1058 & \_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF (I) EFFECTIVE DATE AND ENTRY OF ORDER CONFIRMING FIRST AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS, (II) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS BAR DATE, (III) REJECTION DAMAGES BAR DATE, (IV) PROFESSIONAL FEE CLAIM BAR DATE, AND (V) REQUIREMENT TO FILE RENEWED REQUESTS FOR NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing to consider confirmation of the *First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and its Affiliated Debtors* [Docket No. 1058] (as amended, modified or supplemented, the "Plan")<sup>2</sup> was held on November 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on November [●], 2025, the Court entered the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Confirming the First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Silvergate Capital Corporation and its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. [●]] (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, the Effective Date of the Plan occurred on [●], 2025.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are as follows: Silvergate Capital Corporation (7337), Silvergate Liquidation Corporation (4449) and Spring Valley Lots, LLC (0474). The Debtors' mailing address is 4225 Executive Square, Suite 600, La Jolla, CA 92037.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Declaration have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, requests for payment of Administrative Expense Claims must be Filed on or before [\_\_\_], 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET). Such request for payment of Administrative Expense Claim must include at a minimum: (i) the name of the holder of the Administrative Expense Claim; (ii) the asserted amount of the Administrative Expense Claim; (iii) the basis of the Administrative Expense Claim; and (iv) supporting documentation for the Administrative Expense Claim. FAILURE TO TIMELY AND PROPERLY FILE AND SERVE SUCH REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM ARISING IN THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THE PETITION DATE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL RESULT IN SUCH CLAIM BEING FOREVER BARRED AND DISALLOWED. IF FOR ANY REASON ANY SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM IS INCAPABLE OF BEING FOREVER BARRED AND DISALLOWED, THEN THE HOLDER OF SUCH CLAIM NEVERTHELESS SHALL NOT HAVE RECOURSE TO ANY PROPERTY TO BE DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE INJUNCTION PROVISION.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, in accordance with Article X.A of the Plan, on the Effective Date all Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to which any of the Debtors are parties shall be deemed rejected, unless such contract or lease (a) was previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms or by agreement of the parties thereto; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume filed by the Debtors on or before the Confirmation Date; (d) is a contract, release, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan; (e) is an Insurance Policy; or (f) is identified for assumption on the Assumption Schedule included in the Plan Supplement. In accordance with Article X.B of the Plan, all claims arising from the

order, if any, must be filed and served upon counsel to the Liquidation Trust by the later of (a) [\_\_\_], 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET), or (b) thirty (30) days after entry of an Order rejecting such contract or lease if such contract or lease is the subject of a pending Assumption Dispute. Any Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not filed in a proof of Claim within such time will be automatically disallowed, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, the Estates, the Liquidation Trust or their property, without the need for any objection by the Debtors, Reorganized Silvergate, or the Liquidation Trust, as applicable, or further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, and be subject to the permanent injunction set forth in Article IX.E of the Plan, notwithstanding anything in a proof of Claim to the contrary, unless leave to file a late Claim is obtained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with Article II.B of the Plan, all Professionals seeking an award by the Court of Professional Fee Claims shall file and serve on the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust and such other Persons who are designated by the applicable Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order, the Interim Compensation Order, or any other applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court, their respective final applications for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in the Chapter 11 Cases by [\_\_\_], 2025. Objections to any Professional Fee Claims must be filed and served on the Debtors, the Liquidation Trust, the U.S. Trustee, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group, and the requesting party no later than twenty calendar days after the filing of the final applications for compensation or reimbursement (unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors or Liquidation Trust, as

applicable, the Ad Hoc Preferred Stockholder Group and the party requesting compensation of a Professional Fee Claim).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, after the Effective Date, the Liquidation Trust is authorized to (a) limit the list of Entities receiving documents pursuant to a pre-Effective Date request under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 to those Entities who have filed renewed requests pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 after the Effective Date, and (b) require that such parties file a renewed request to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 to continue receiving documents. To continue to receive pleadings and other documents filed in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002, you must file a renewed request to receive documents pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plan and Confirmation Order may be viewed for free on the Debtors' case website at <a href="https://cases.stretto.com/Silvergate/">https://cases.stretto.com/Silvergate/</a> or for a fee on the Bankruptcy Court's website at <a href="http://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a>.

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Dated: [●], 2025

Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully Submitted,

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