



Except as otherwise provided herein, Buyer, pursuant to Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Section 1445”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (“Regulations”), shall be required to withhold such amount as is necessary to comply with the Regulations and shall timely remit to the Internal Revenue Service the amount so withheld along with properly completed remittance forms. If, however, on or before closing, Seller provides Buyer with (1) an Affidavit of Non-Foreign Status regarding Seller, (2) a Notice of Non-Recognition Treatment, or (3) a Withholding Certificate establishing that no, or a reduced, amount of federal income tax is required to be withheld under Section 1445 (collectively “Withholding Document”) in proper form as required by the Regulations, and Buyer has no knowledge or notice that the Withholding Documents furnished by Seller is false, as determined in accordance with the Regulations, then Buyer shall not be required to withhold any portion of the amount payable to Seller or shall be allowed to withhold such lesser amount as is required by the applicable Withholding Document, as the case may be, and shall submit the amount so withheld to the Internal Revenue Service along with properly completed remittance forms.

In addition, if Seller, prior to closing, satisfies those Regulations which concern the filing of an application for a Withholding Document with the Internal Revenue Service and gives notice of such pursuant to the Regulations to Buyer and said application is still pending as of the date of closing, then Buyer shall cooperate with Seller’s reasonable request to escrow any amount withheld at closing pursuant to the Regulations, at Seller’s expense, until a final determination is made regarding said application at which time said amount shall be disbursed in accordance with said final determination.

In the event insufficient cash is paid by Buyer at closing to fund the Buyer’s withholding obligation, Seller shall deliver to Buyer at closing the amount of additional cash necessary to satisfy the withholding obligation. In the event Buyer determines after the closing that the Withholding Document provided by Seller to Buyer relieving Buyer entirely of Buyer’s duty to withhold or reducing the amount required to be withheld by Buyer was false, Buyer shall have the authority to withhold from any additional amounts due to Seller in accordance with the Regulations, all or such portion of said additional amount due to Seller as Buyer deems necessary to comply with Section 1445 and to remit the amount so withheld and report such information as required under the Regulations to the Internal Revenue Service.