

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **February 20, 2013**

Generac Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-34627
(Commission File Number)

20-5654756
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

S45 W29290 Hwy. 59
Waukesha, Wisconsin
(Address of principal
executive offices)

53189
(Zip Code)

(262) 544-4811
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 20, 2013, Generac Holdings Inc. (the "Company") entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (the "Underwriter") and the selling stockholders named therein (the "Selling Stockholders"), pursuant to which the Selling Stockholders agreed to sell 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "Shares") to the Underwriter (the "Offering"). The Offering is expected to close on February 26, 2013, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Company is not selling any shares in the Offering and will not receive any proceeds from the Offering.

The Offering is being made pursuant to a prospectus supplement, dated February 20, 2013, to the prospectus, dated November 26, 2012, included in the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-185136), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 26, 2012.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants and includes the terms and conditions for the sale of the Shares by the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriter, indemnification and contribution obligations and other terms and conditions customary in agreements of this type.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto. The above description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2013.
5.1	Opinion of Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP.
23.1	Consent of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

SIGNATURES

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

GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.

Date: February 22, 2013

By: /s/ York Ragen
Name: York Ragen
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.

10,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

Underwriting Agreement

February 20, 2013

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Certain stockholders named in Schedule 1 hereto (the "Selling Stockholders") of Generac Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), propose to sell to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (the "Underwriter"), an aggregate of 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company (the "Shares"). The shares of Common Stock of the Company to be outstanding after giving effect to the sale of the Shares are referred to herein as the "Stock."

The Company and each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, hereby confirms its agreement with the Underwriter concerning the purchase and sale of the Shares (in the case of each Selling Stockholder, to be sold by such Selling Stockholder), as follows:

1. Registration Statement. The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), an "automatic shelf registration statement" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) on Form S-3 (File No. 333-185136), including a prospectus, relating to the Stock, including the Shares, to be offered and sold from time to time by the Selling Stockholders named therein. Such registration statement, at the time it became effective, including the information, if any, deemed pursuant to Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act to be part of the registration statement at the time of its effectiveness ("Rule 430 Information"), is referred to herein as the "Registration Statement"; and as used herein, the term "Preliminary Prospectus" means each prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act and the prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time of its effectiveness that omits Rule 430 Information, and the term "Prospectus" means the prospectus in the form first used (or made available upon request of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) in connection with confirmation of sales of the Shares. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement or the date of such

Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, and any reference to "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed after such date under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act") that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

At or prior to the Applicable Time (as defined below), the Company had prepared the following information (collectively with the pricing information set forth on Item (b) of Annex A hereto, the "Pricing Disclosure Package"): a Preliminary Prospectus dated February 20, 2013 and each "free-writing prospectus" (as defined pursuant to Rule 405 under the Securities Act) listed on Item (a) of Annex A hereto.

"Applicable Time" means 4:30 P.M., New York City time, on February 20, 2013.

2. Purchase of the Shares.

(a) Each of the Selling Stockholders agrees, severally and not jointly, to sell the Shares to the Underwriter as provided in this Agreement, and the Underwriter, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein and subject to the conditions set forth herein, agrees to purchase from each of the Selling Stockholders the Shares at a purchase price per share of \$34.60 (the "Purchase Price").

(b) The Selling Stockholders understand that the Underwriter intends to make a public offering of the Shares as soon after the effectiveness of this Agreement as in the judgment of the Underwriter is advisable, and initially to offer the Shares on the terms set forth in the Prospectus. The Selling Stockholders acknowledge and agree that the Underwriter may offer and sell Shares to or through any affiliate of the Underwriter.

(c) Payment for the Shares shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the accounts specified by each of the Selling Stockholders to the Underwriter at the offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on February 26, 2013, or at such other time or place on the same or such other date, not later than the fifth business day thereafter, as the Underwriter and the Selling Stockholders may agree upon in writing. The time and date of such payment for the Shares is referred to herein as the "Closing Date."

Payment for the Shares to be purchased on the Closing Date shall be made against delivery to the Underwriter of the Shares to be purchased on such date with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of such Shares duly paid by each Selling Stockholder. Delivery of the Shares shall be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") unless the Underwriter otherwise instructs. The certificates for the Shares, if applicable, will be made available for inspection and packaging by the Underwriter at the office of DTC or its designated custodian not later than 1:00 P.M., New York City time, on the business day prior to the Closing Date.

(d) Each of the Company and each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriter is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to each Selling Stockholder with respect to the offering of Shares contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of the offering) and not as a financial advisor or a fiduciary to, or an agent of, the Company, such Selling Stockholder or any other person. Additionally, the Underwriter is not advising the Company, any Selling Stockholder or any other person as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction. The Company and the Selling Stockholders shall consult with their own advisors concerning such matters and shall be responsible for making their own independent investigation and appraisal of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Underwriter shall have no responsibility or liability to the Company or the Selling Stockholders with respect thereto. Any review by the Underwriter of the Company, and the transactions contemplated hereby or other matters relating to such transactions will be performed solely for the benefit of the Underwriter and shall not be on behalf of the Company or the Selling Stockholders or any other person.

3. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to the Underwriter and the Selling Stockholders that:

(a) *Preliminary Prospectus.* No order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus has been issued by the Commission, and each Preliminary Prospectus included in the Pricing Disclosure Package, at the time of filing thereof, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, and no Preliminary Prospectus included in the Pricing Disclosure Package, at the time of filing thereof, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Underwriter expressly for use in any Preliminary Prospectus, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 9(c) hereof.

(b) *Pricing Disclosure Package.* The Pricing Disclosure Package as of the Applicable Time did not, and as of the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Underwriter expressly for use in such Pricing Disclosure Package, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 9(c) hereof.

(c) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.* Other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, the Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Underwriter in its capacity as such) has not prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or refer to any "written communication" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) that constitutes

an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Shares (each such communication by the Company or its agents and representatives (other than a communication referred to in clause (i) below) an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus") other than (i) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the Securities Act or Rule 134 under the Securities Act or (ii) the documents listed on Item (a) of Annex A hereto, each electronic road show or other written communications approved in writing in advance by the Underwriter. Each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Pricing Disclosure Package, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act, has been or will be (within the time period specified in Rule 433) filed in accordance with the Securities Act (to the extent required thereby) and, when taken together with the Preliminary Prospectus accompanying, or delivered prior to delivery of, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, did not, and as of the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or Preliminary Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Underwriter expressly for use in such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or Preliminary Prospectus, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 9(c) hereof.

(d) *Registration Statement and Prospectus.* The Registration Statement is an "automatic shelf registration statement" as defined under Rule 405 of the Securities Act that has been filed with the Commission not earlier than three years prior to the date hereof; such Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, became effective on filing; and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act has been received by the Company. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued by the Commission, and no proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act against the Company or related to the offering of the Shares has been initiated or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission; as of the applicable effective date of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, the Registration Statement and any such post-effective amendment complied and will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act, and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and as of the date of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto and as of the Closing Date the Prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that the Company makes no representation and warranty with respect to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 9(c) hereof.

(e) *Incorporated Documents.* The documents or portions of documents incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conformed or will conform, as the case may be, in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(f) *Financial Statements.* The financial statements (including the related notes thereto) of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and the changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, and any supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement present fairly in all material respects the information required to be stated therein; and the other financial information included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and presents fairly in all material respects the information shown thereby.

(g) *No Material Adverse Change.* Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (i) there has not been any change in the capital stock (other than (x) the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of stock options outstanding under the Company's Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), (y) the forfeiture of restricted stock under the Omnibus Plan and (z) the grant of options and restricted stock awards under the Omnibus Plan), short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, rights, assets, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; (ii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any transaction or agreement (whether or not in the ordinary course of business) that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (iii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained any loss or interference with its business that is material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole and that is either from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except in each case as otherwise disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

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(h) *Organization and Good Standing.* The Company and each of its subsidiaries have been duly organized and are validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization, are duly qualified to do business and are in good standing in each jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct the businesses in which they are engaged, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing or have such power or authority would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, rights, assets, management, financial position, stockholders' equity, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or on the performance by the Company of its obligations under this Agreement (a "Material Adverse Effect"). The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

(i) *Capitalization.* The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the heading "Description of Capital Stock"; all the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders) have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and are not subject to any pre-emptive or similar rights; except as otherwise described in or expressly contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no outstanding rights (including, without limitation, pre-emptive rights), warrants or options to acquire, or instruments convertible into or exchangeable for, any shares of capital stock or other equity interest in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any contract, commitment, agreement, understanding or arrangement of any kind relating to the issuance of any capital stock of the Company or any such subsidiary, any such convertible or exchangeable securities or any such rights, warrants or options; the capital stock of the Company (including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders) conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and all the outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each subsidiary owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable (and except as otherwise described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus) and are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of any lien, charge, encumbrance, security interest, restriction on voting or transfer or any other claim of any third party, except for liens pursuant to (i) the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2012, among Generac Acquisition Corp., as guarantor, Generac Power Systems, Inc. ("Generac Power"), as borrower, the lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and (ii) the Credit Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2012, among Generac Acquisition Corp., as guarantor, Generac Power and certain of its domestic subsidiaries, as borrowers, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent (collectively, the "Credit Facilities").

(j) *Due Authorization.* The Company has full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; and all action required to be taken for the due and proper authorization, execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby has been duly and validly taken.

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(k) *Underwriting Agreement.* This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(l) *No Violation or Default.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and, to the knowledge of the Company, no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is

bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such default or violation that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(m) *No Conflicts.* The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, result in the termination, modification or acceleration of, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any property, right or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (other than any lien or encumbrance created or imposed pursuant to the collateral documents relating to the Credit Facilities), (ii) result in any violation of the provisions of the charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or (iii) result in the violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii) above, for any such conflict, breach, violation, default, lien, charge or encumbrance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(n) *No Consents Required.* No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for (i) the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act and (ii) such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders and registrations or qualifications as may be required by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) and under applicable state securities laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriter.

(o) *Legal Proceedings.* Except as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, actions, claims, litigations, suits or proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property rights or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject that, individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse

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Effect; to the knowledge of the Company, no such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings are threatened or contemplated by any governmental or regulatory authority or threatened by others; and (i) there are no current or pending legal, governmental or regulatory actions, suits or proceedings that are required under the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not so described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and (ii) there are no statutes, regulations or contracts or other documents that are required under the Securities Act to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement or described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not so filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement or described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(p) *Independent Accountants.* Ernst & Young LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and as required by the Securities Act.

(q) *Title to Real and Personal Property.* Each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries has good and marketable title in fee simple (in the case of real property) to, or has valid and marketable rights to lease or otherwise use, all items of real and personal property and assets that are material to the respective businesses of the Company and its subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and defects and imperfections of title except those that (i) are described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus relating to the Company’s assets subject to security interests in connection with its senior secured credit facilities, (ii) do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries or (iii) could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(r) *Intellectual Property.* Except as described in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus with respect to the Company’s assets subject to security interests in connection with its Credit Facilities, (i) subject to clause (iii) below, each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries owns or possesses rights to use all patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names and other indicia of origin, copyrights, works of authorship, all applications and registrations for the foregoing, domain names, know-how, trade secrets and other proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures and other intellectual property (“Intellectual Property”), necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses as currently conducted, free and clear of all material liens, (ii) to the knowledge of the Company, the conduct of their respective businesses does not and will not violate, misappropriate or infringe any Intellectual Property of any third party in any material respect, (iii) to the knowledge of the Company, no third party misappropriates, infringes or violates the Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in any material respect and (iv) none of the Company and its subsidiaries has received any written notice of any claim of infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property of any third party that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(s) *No Undisclosed Relationships.* No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the directors,

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officers or stockholders of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and that is not so described in such documents and in the Pricing Disclosure Package.

(t) *Investment Company Act.* The Company is not an “investment company” or an entity “controlled” by an “investment company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the “Investment Company Act”).

(u) *Taxes.* Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries has paid or, with respect to amounts contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings, made provisions in conformity with GAAP for all federal, state, local

and foreign taxes and filed all tax returns required to be paid or filed through the date hereof, and (ii) except as otherwise disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no tax deficiency that has been, or could reasonably be expected to be, asserted against the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets.

(v) *Licenses and Permits.* Each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries possesses all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by, and has made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the failure to possess or make the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received notice of any revocation or modification of any such license, certificate, permit or authorization or has any reason to believe that any such license, certificate, permit or authorization will not be renewed in the ordinary course of its business.

(w) *No Labor Disputes.* No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is contemplated or threatened, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by, or dispute with, the employees of any of the Company's or any of the Company's subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(x) *Compliance with and Liability under Environmental Laws.* (i) Each of the Company and each of its subsidiaries (a) is, and at all prior times was, in compliance with any and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, requirements, decisions, judgments, decrees, orders and the common law relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health or safety to the extent related to environmental protection or to occupational exposure to hazardous substances, including those relating to the generation, storage, treatment, use, handling, transportation, Release (as defined below) or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials (as defined below) (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (b) has received and is in compliance with all permits, licenses, certificates or other authorizations or approvals required of it under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct its business, (c) has not received notice of any actual or potential liability under

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or relating to, or actual or potential violation of, any Environmental Laws, including for the investigation or remediation of any Release or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials, and has no knowledge of any existing condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice, (d) is not conducting or paying for, in whole or in part, any investigation, remediation or other corrective action pursuant to any Environmental Law at any location, and (e) is not a party to any order, decree or agreement that imposes any obligation or liability under any Environmental Law, and (ii) there are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries, except in the case of each of (i) and (ii) above, for any such matter, as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) except as described in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (a) there are no proceedings that are pending, or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Laws in which a governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceedings regarding which it is reasonably believed that a monetary sanction of \$100,000 or more will not be imposed against the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (b) neither the Company nor its subsidiaries knows of any existing conditions regarding compliance with Environmental Laws, or liabilities or other obligations under Environmental Laws, including the Release or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (c) neither Company nor any of its subsidiaries currently anticipates material capital expenditures to comply with any existing Environmental Laws.

(y) *Hazardous Materials.* There has been no storage, generation, transportation, use, handling, treatment, Release or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials by, relating to or caused by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or, to the knowledge of the Company, any other entity (including any predecessor) for whose acts or omissions the Company or any of its subsidiaries is or could reasonably be expected to be liable) at, on, under or from any property or facility now or, to the knowledge of the Company and its subsidiaries, previously owned, operated or leased by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or at, on, under or from any other property or facility, in violation of any Environmental Laws or in a manner or amount or to a location that could reasonably be expected to result in any liability under any Environmental Law, except for any violation or liability which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. "Hazardous Materials" means any material, chemical, substance or waste that is classified, characterized or otherwise regulated under any Environmental Law as hazardous, toxic, a pollutant or contaminant, or any compound, mixture, or constituent thereof, in any form or amount, including petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof) and petroleum products, natural gas liquids, asbestos and asbestos containing materials and any other substance that can give rise to liability under any Environmental Law. "Release" means any spilling, leaking, seepage, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, disposing, depositing, dispersing, or migrating in, into or through the environment.

(z) *Compliance With ERISA.* (i) Each employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), for which the Company or any member of its "Controlled Group" (defined as any organization which is a member of a controlled group of corporations within the meaning of Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) would have any liability (each, a "Plan") has been maintained in compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable

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statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Code, except for noncompliance that could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred with respect to any Plan (excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption) that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; (iii) for each Plan that is subject to the funding rules of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, the minimum funding standard of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, as applicable, has been satisfied (without taking into account any waiver thereof or extension of any amortization period) and is reasonably expected to be satisfied in the future (without taking into account any waiver thereof or extension of any amortization period), except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (iv) the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) of all underfunded Plans subject to Title IV of ERISA ("Pension Plans") did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than \$25,000,000 the fair market value of the assets of all such underfunded Pension Plans; (v) no "reportable event" (within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that either has resulted, or could reasonably be expected to result, in a Material Adverse Effect; (vi) neither the Company nor

any member of the Controlled Group has incurred, nor reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA (other than contributions to the Plan or premiums to Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”), in the ordinary course and without default) in respect of a Plan (including a “multiemployer plan,” within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA), except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (vii) there is no pending audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (x) an increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans by the Company or its subsidiaries in the current fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such contributions made in the Company and its subsidiaries’ most recently completed fiscal year, except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (y) an increase in the Company’s and its subsidiaries’ “accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations” (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) compared to the amount of such obligations in the Company’s and its subsidiaries’ most recently completed fiscal year, except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(aa) *Disclosure Controls.* The Company and its subsidiaries maintain an effective system of “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that has been designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

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(bb) *Accounting Controls.* The Company and its subsidiaries maintain systems of “internal control over financial reporting” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company and its subsidiaries maintain internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and is prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as disclosed in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no material weaknesses in the Company’s internal controls. The Company’s auditors and the Audit Committee of the board of directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which have adversely affected or are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company’s internal controls over financial reporting.

(cc) *Insurance.* Each of the Company and its subsidiaries have insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and businesses, including business interruption insurance, which insurance is in amounts and insures against such losses and risks as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has (i) received notice from any insurer or agent of such insurer that capital improvements or other expenditures are required or necessary to be made in order to continue such insurance or (ii) any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage at reasonable cost from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.

(dd) *No Unlawful Payments.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, controlled affiliate or other person associated with or acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977; or (iv) made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment.

(ee) *Compliance with Money Laundering Laws.* The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial

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recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the “Money Laundering Laws”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(ff) *Compliance with OFAC.* None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“OFAC”), including without limitation, the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012; and the Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering of the Shares hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(gg) *No Restrictions on Subsidiaries.* No subsidiary of the Company is prohibited, directly or indirectly, under any agreement or other instrument to which it is a party or is subject, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary’s capital stock or similar ownership interest, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of

such subsidiary's properties or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, except for any such restrictions contained in the Credit Facilities or as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(hh) *No Broker's Fees.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against any of them or the Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(ii) *No Registration Rights.* Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and except as exercised or waived in writing in connection with the offering of the shares pursuant to this Agreement, as of the Closing Date no person has the right to require the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register any securities for sale under the Securities Act by reason of the filing of the Registration Statement with the Commission or, to the knowledge of the Company, the sale of the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders hereunder.

(jj) *No Stabilization.* The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Shares.

(kk) *Forward-Looking Statements.* No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) included or incorporated by reference in any of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus

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has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.

(ll) *Statistical and Market Data.* The statistical and market-related data included or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company reasonably believes are reliable and accurate in all material respects.

(mm) *Sarbanes-Oxley Act.* There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications.

(nn) *Status under the Securities Act.* At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, the Company was not an "ineligible issuer" and was and is a "well-known seasoned issuer," in each case as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

(oo) *Adjusted EBITDA.* The adjustments to calculate Adjusted EBITDA, as set forth in the documents incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply with Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K of the Commission and the interpretations of the Staff of the Commission thereunder.

(pp) *No Rated Debt Securities.* Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any debt securities or preferred stock that are rated by a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act.

(qq) *XBRL.* The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

4. Representations and Warranties of the Selling Stockholders. Each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to the Underwriter and the Company that:

(a) Such Selling Stockholder is the record owner of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities and claims and has duly endorsed such Shares in blank, and assuming that the Underwriter acquires its interest in the Shares it has purchased from such Selling Stockholder without notice of any adverse claim (within the meaning of Section 8-105 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code (the "UCC")), the Underwriter that has purchased such Shares delivered on the Closing Date to DTC or other securities intermediary by making payment therefor as provided herein and that has had such Shares credited to the securities account or accounts of the Underwriter maintained with DTC or such other securities intermediary will have acquired a security entitlement (within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) to such Shares purchased by the Underwriter, and no action based on an adverse claim (within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC) may be

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successfully asserted against the Underwriter under the UCC as in effect in the State of New York with respect to such Shares.

(b) Such Selling Stockholder has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares during the distribution of the Shares by the Underwriter.

(c) Certificates in negotiable form representing all of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder have been deposited with Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the "Transfer Agent"). Such Selling Stockholder specifically agrees that the Shares represented by the certificates so deposited are subject to the interests of the Underwriter hereunder, and that the arrangements made by such Selling Stockholder for such deposit will not be revoked prior to the sales of such Shares hereunder. Such Selling Stockholder specifically agrees that the obligations of such Selling Stockholder hereunder shall not be terminated by operation of law by the dissolution of such partnership, corporation or organization, or by the occurrence of any other event. If any such partnership, corporation or similar organization should be dissolved, or if any other such event should occur, before the delivery of the Shares hereunder, certificates representing such Shares shall be delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(d) No consent, approval, authorization or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required for the consummation by such Selling Stockholder of the transactions contemplated herein, except for (i) the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act, (ii) such consents, approvals, authorization or orders as may be required by FINRA and under the blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriter or (iii) those as to which the failure to obtain will affect in any material respect such Selling Stockholder's ability to perform its obligations hereunder.

(e) Neither the sale of the Shares being sold by such Selling Stockholder nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated by such Selling Stockholder will conflict with, result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, (i) any law applicable to such Selling Stockholder, (ii) certificate of formation or the limited partnership or limited liability company agreement, as applicable, of such Selling Stockholder, (iii) the terms of any indenture or other agreement or instrument to which such Selling Stockholder is a party or bound or (iv) any judgment, order or decree applicable to such Selling Stockholder of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over such Selling Stockholder, except in the case of clauses (i), (iii) and (iv), for any such conflict, breach, violation or default that would not impair in any material respect the ability of such Selling Stockholder to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(f) In respect of any statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information related to such Selling Stockholder furnished in writing to the Company by such Selling Stockholder expressly for use therein in connection with the disclosure required by Form S-3 (such

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information, the "Selling Stockholder Information"), such information does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. It is understood and agreed that the only Selling Stockholder Information furnished by any Selling Stockholder consists solely of the name and address of such Selling Stockholder and the number of Shares owned by such Selling Stockholder under the caption "Selling Stockholders" in the Pricing Disclosure Package and Prospectus.

(g) The sale of the Shares by such Selling Stockholder pursuant hereto is not prompted by any information concerning the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not set forth in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto.

(h) Other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, such Selling Stockholder (including its agents and representatives, other than the Underwriter in its capacity as such) has not prepared, used, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, use, authorize, approve or refer to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, other than (i) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the Securities Act or Rule 134 under the Securities Act or (ii) the documents listed on Item (a) of Annex A hereto, each electronic road show or other written communications approved in writing in advance by the Company and the Underwriter.

(i) With respect to each Selling Stockholder named on Schedule 3 hereto, it has delivered a "lock-up" agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of Stock or certain other securities, on or prior to the date hereof, and such agreement is in full force and effect.

5. Further Agreements of the Company. The Company covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

(a) *Required Filings.* The Company will file the final Prospectus with the Commission within the time periods specified by Rule 424(b) and Rule 430A, 430B or 430C under the Securities Act, will file any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act; will file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares; and will furnish copies of the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (to the extent not previously delivered) to the Underwriter in New York City prior to 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on the second business day succeeding the date of this Agreement in such quantities as the Underwriter may reasonably request. The Company will pay the registration fee for this offering within the time period required by Rule 456(b)(1) under the Securities Act and in any event prior to the Closing Date.

(b) *Delivery of Copies.* The Company will deliver, without charge, to the Underwriter (i) one signed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto, in each case including all exhibits and consents filed therewith; and (ii)

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during the Prospectus Delivery Period (as defined below), as many copies of the Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto) and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as the Underwriter may reasonably request. As used herein, the term "Prospectus Delivery Period" means such period of time after the first date of the public offering of the Shares as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriter a prospectus relating to the Shares is required by law to be delivered (or required to be delivered but for Rule 172 under the Securities Act) in connection with sales of the Shares by the Underwriter or any dealer.

(c) *Amendments or Supplements, Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.* Before making, preparing, using, authorizing, approving, referring to or filing any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and before filing any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, the Company will furnish to the Underwriter and counsel for the Underwriter a copy of the proposed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, amendment or supplement for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve, refer to or file any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Underwriter reasonably objects.

(d) *Notice to the Underwriter.* The Company will advise the Underwriter promptly, and confirm such advice in writing, (i) when the Registration Statement has become effective (if not automatically effective upon filing); (ii) when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective; (iii) when any supplement to the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any amendment to the Prospectus has been filed; (iv) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or the

receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to the Registration Statement or any other request by the Commission for any additional information; (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus, any of the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act; (vi) of the occurrence of any event within the Prospectus Delivery Period as a result of which the Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading; (vii) of the receipt by the Company of any notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act; and (viii) of the receipt by the Company of any notice with respect to any suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; and the Company will use its best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus, any of the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or suspending any such qualification of the Shares and, if any such order is issued, will obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

(e) *Ongoing Compliance.* (1) If during the Prospectus Delivery Period (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or

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supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with law, the Company will immediately notify the Underwriter thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission and furnish to the Underwriter and to such dealers as the Underwriter may designate such amendments or supplements to the Prospectus (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented (including such document to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with law and (2) if at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Pricing Disclosure Package as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Pricing Disclosure Package is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Pricing Disclosure Package to comply with law, the Company will immediately notify the Underwriter thereof and forthwith prepare and, subject to paragraph (c) above, file with the Commission (to the extent required) and furnish to the Underwriter and to such dealers as the Underwriter may designate such amendments or supplements to the Pricing Disclosure Package (or any document to be filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference therein) as may be necessary so that the statements in the Pricing Disclosure Package as so amended or supplemented (including such document to be incorporated by reference therein) will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Pricing Disclosure Package is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Pricing Disclosure Package will comply with law.

(f) *Blue Sky Compliance.* The Company will qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriter shall reasonably request and will continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for distribution of the Shares; provided that the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or other entity or as a dealer in securities in any such jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to so qualify, (ii) file any general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction or (iii) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction if it is not otherwise so subject.

(g) *Earning Statement.* The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the Exchange Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its security holders and the Underwriter as soon as practicable an earning statement that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

(h) *Clear Market.* For a period of 45 days after the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not (i) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act relating to, any shares of Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Stock or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing or (ii) enter into any swap or other

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agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Stock or any such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, other than (a) the registration of the offer and sale of the Shares under the Securities Act to be sold hereunder, (b) any shares of Stock of the Company or shares issued pursuant to stock options granted under Company stock plans that are in effect as of the Closing Date or (c) the filing of any registration statement on Form S-8 (or any successor form) with respect to any stock incentive plan, stock ownership plan or dividend reinvestment plan of the Company described or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(i) *No Stabilization.* The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Stock.

(j) *Reports.* For a period of three years from the date of this Agreement, the Company will furnish to the Underwriter, as soon as they are available, copies of all reports or other communications (financial or other) furnished to holders of the Shares, and copies of any reports and financial statements furnished to or filed with the Commission or any national securities exchange or automatic quotation system; provided the Company will be deemed to have furnished such reports and financial statements to the Underwriter to the extent they are filed on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system.

(k) *Record Retention.* The Company will, pursuant to reasonable procedures developed in good faith, retain copies of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

(l) Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Company will comply with all applicable securities and other laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and use its best efforts to cause the Company's directors and officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

6. Further Agreements of the Selling Stockholders. Each Selling Stockholder, severally and not jointly, covenants and agrees with the Underwriter that:

Tax Form. It will deliver to the Underwriter prior to or at the Closing Date, as applicable, a properly completed and executed U.S. Treasury Department Form W-9 (or other applicable form or statement specified by the U.S. Treasury Department regulations in lieu thereof) in order to facilitate the Underwriter's documentation of its compliance with the reporting and withholding provisions of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 with respect to the transactions herein contemplated.

7. Certain Agreements of the Underwriter. The Underwriter hereby represents and agrees that it:

(a) It has not used, authorized use of, referred to or participated in the planning for use of, and will not use, authorize use of, refer to or participate in the planning for use of, any

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“free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act (which term includes use of any written information furnished to the Commission by the Company and not incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and any press release issued by the Company) other than (i) a free writing prospectus that contains no “issuer information” (as defined in Rule 433(h)(2) under the Securities Act) that was not included (including through incorporation by reference) in the Preliminary Prospectus or a previously filed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, (ii) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed on Item (a) of Annex A or prepared pursuant to Section 3(c) or Section 5(c) above (including any electronic road show), or (iii) any free writing prospectus prepared by the Underwriter and approved by the Company in advance in writing (each such free writing prospectus referred to in clauses (i) or (iii), an “Underwriter Free Writing Prospectus”).

(b) It has not and will not, without the prior written consent of the Company, use any free writing prospectus that contains the final terms of the Shares unless such terms have previously been included in a free writing prospectus filed with the Commission.

(c) It is not subject to any pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act with respect to the offering (and will promptly notify the Company if any such proceeding against it is initiated during the Prospectus Delivery Period).

8. Conditions of Underwriter's Obligations. The obligation of the Underwriter to purchase the Shares on the Closing Date as provided herein is subject to the performance by the Company and each of the Selling Stockholders of their respective covenants and other obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) Registration Compliance; No Stop Order. No order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall be in effect, and no proceeding for such purpose or pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or Section 8A under the Securities Act shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission; the Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been timely filed with the Commission under the Securities Act (in the case of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, to the extent required by Rule 433 under the Securities Act) and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; and all requests by the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Underwriter.

(b) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Stockholders contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date; and the statements of the Company and its officers and of each of the Selling Stockholders made in any certificates delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date.

(c) No Material Adverse Change. For the period from and after the Applicable Time and through the Closing Date, no Material Adverse Effect or any other event or condition of a type described in Section 3(g) hereof shall have occurred or shall exist, which event or condition is not described in each of the Pricing Disclosure Package (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto) the effect of which in the judgment of the Underwriter makes it impracticable or inadvisable to

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proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Shares on the Closing Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(d) Officers' Certificate and Selling Stockholders' Certificates. (i) The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date, a certificate of York A. Ragen, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and one additional senior executive officer of the Company who is satisfactory to the Underwriter (A) confirming that each such officer has carefully reviewed the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and, to the knowledge of such officer, the representations set forth in Sections 3(b) and 3(d) hereof are true and correct, (B) confirming that the other representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct and that the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to the Closing Date and (C) to the effect set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) above; and (ii) a certificate of each of the Selling Stockholders, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, (A) confirming that the representations of such Selling Stockholder set forth in Sections 4(f), 4(g) and 4(h) hereof is true and correct, (B) confirming that the other representations and warranties of such Selling Stockholder in this agreement are true and correct and that the such Selling Stockholder has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder at or prior to such Closing Date and (C) confirming such Selling Stockholder holds its interest in the Shares free of any adverse claim.

(e) Comfort Letters. On the date of this Agreement and on the Closing Date, Ernst & Young LLP shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, containing statements and information of the type customarily included in accountants' “comfort letters” to underwriters with

respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained or incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; provided that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a “cut-off” date no more than three business days prior to the Closing Date.

(f) *Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Company.* Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, its written opinion and 10b-5 statement, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect set forth in Annex B hereto.

(g) *Opinion of Local Counsel and General Counsel.* (i) Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Wisconsin counsel for the Company, Magnum Power Products, LLC and Generac Power, shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, its written opinion, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect set forth in Annex C hereto; and (ii) Rod Rogahn, Vice President and General Counsel for Generac Power, shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Company, his written opinion, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect set forth in Annex D hereto.

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(h) *Opinion of Counsel for the Selling Stockholders.* (i) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel for the Selling Stockholders, shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of the Selling Stockholders, its written opinion, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect set forth in Annex E hereto; and (ii) Walkers, counsel to CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P., shall have furnished to the Underwriter, at the request of such Selling Stockholder, its written opinion dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Underwriter, in form an substance reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter, to the effect set forth in Annex F hereto.

(i) *Opinion and 10b-5 Statement of Counsel for the Underwriter.* The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date, an opinion and 10b-5 statement, addressed to the Underwriter, of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Underwriter, with respect to such matters as the Underwriter may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

(j) *No Legal Impediment to Sale.* No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any federal, state or foreign governmental or regulatory authority that would, as of the Closing Date prevent the sale of the Shares; and no injunction or order of any federal, state or foreign court shall have been issued that would, as of the Closing Date prevent the sale of the Shares.

(k) *Good Standing.* The Underwriter shall have received on and as of the Closing Date, satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the Company and its subsidiaries in their respective jurisdictions of organization and their good standing as foreign entities in such other jurisdictions as the Underwriter may reasonably request, in each case in writing or any standard form of telecommunication, from the appropriate governmental authorities of such jurisdictions.

(l) *Exchange Listing.* The Shares to be delivered on the Closing Date shall be listed on The New York Stock Exchange.

(m) *Lock-up Agreements.* The “lock-up” agreements, each substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, from each director, executive officer and Selling Stockholder of the Company listed on Schedule 3 hereto, relating to sales and certain other dispositions of shares of Stock or certain other securities, delivered to you on or before the date hereof, shall be full force and effect on the Closing Date.

(n) *Additional Documents.* On or prior to the Closing Date the Company shall have furnished to the Underwriter such further certificates and documents as the Underwriter may reasonably request.

All opinions, letters, certificates and evidence mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriter.

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9. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) *Indemnification of the Underwriter by the Company.* The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with any suit, action or proceeding or any claim asserted, as such fees and expenses are incurred), joint or several, that arise out of, or are based upon, (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any “issuer information” filed or required to be filed pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act or any Pricing Disclosure Package (including any Pricing Disclosure Package that has subsequently been amended), or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by the Underwriter expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriter consists of the information described as such in subsection (c) below.

(b) *Indemnification of the Underwriter by the Selling Stockholders.* Each of the Selling Stockholders, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) above, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liabilities that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission

made in reliance upon and in conformity with such Selling Stockholder's Selling Stockholder Information; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of a Selling Stockholder under this Section 9(b) and Section 9(e) shall not exceed the aggregate net proceeds, after underwriting discounts but before deducting expenses, received by such Selling Stockholder from such Underwriter for the Shares hereunder.

(c) *Indemnification of the Company and the Selling Stockholders.* The Underwriter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement, the Selling Stockholders and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any of the Selling Stockholders within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in paragraph (a) above, but only with respect to any losses, claims, damages or liabilities that arise out of, or are based upon, any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with any information relating to the Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Pricing Disclosure Package, it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the following: the third, fourth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth paragraphs found under the heading

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"Underwriting" in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the third, tenth, eleventh and twelfth paragraphs found under the heading "Underwriting" in the Prospectus.

(d) *Notice and Procedures.* If any suit, action, proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation), claim or demand shall be brought or asserted against any person in respect of which indemnification may be sought pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) above, such person (the "Indemnified Person") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnification may be sought (the "Indemnifying Person") in writing; provided that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 9 except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided, further, that the failure to notify the Indemnifying Person shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an Indemnified Person otherwise than under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 9. If any such proceeding shall be brought or asserted against an Indemnified Person and it shall have notified the Indemnifying Person thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person (who shall not, without the consent of the Indemnified Person, be counsel to the Indemnifying Person) to represent the Indemnified Person and any others entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Section 9 that the Indemnifying Person may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel related to such proceeding, as incurred. In any such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the Indemnifying Person has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Person; (iii) the Indemnified Person shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it that are different from or in addition to those available to the Indemnifying Person; or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the Indemnifying Person and the Indemnified Person and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood and agreed that the Indemnifying Person shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Indemnified Persons, and that all such fees and expenses shall be paid or reimbursed as they are incurred. Any such separate firm for the Underwriter, its affiliates, directors and officers and any control persons of the Underwriter shall be designated in writing by the Underwriter and any such separate firm for the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement and any control persons of the Company shall be designated in writing by the Company. The Indemnifying Person shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the Indemnifying Person agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an Indemnified Person shall have requested that an Indemnifying Person reimburse the Indemnified Person for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this paragraph, the Indemnifying Person shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by the Indemnifying Person of such request and (ii) the Indemnifying Person shall not have reimbursed the Indemnified Person in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No Indemnifying Person shall,

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without the written consent of the Indemnified Person, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Person is or could have been a party and indemnification could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Person, unless such settlement (x) includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (y) does not include any statement as to or any admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any Indemnified Person.

(e) *Contribution.* If the indemnification provided for in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above is unavailable to an Indemnified Person or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each Indemnifying Person under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Person thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Person as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) but also the relative fault of the Company and the Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds (before deducting expenses) received by the Company from the sale of the Shares and the total discounts and commissions received by the Underwriter in connection therewith, as provided in this Agreement, bear to the aggregate offering price of the Shares; provided, however, that for the purposes of this Section 9(e), the relative benefits received by the Company from the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to equal the relative benefits received by the Selling Stockholders as a group as determined in accordance with this Section 9(e). The relative fault of the Company and the Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or any Selling Stockholder or by the Underwriter and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

(f) Limitation on Liability. The Company, the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriter agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriter were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (e) above. The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Person as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in paragraph (e) above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses incurred by such Indemnified Person in connection with any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, in no event shall the Underwriter be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriter with respect to the offering of the Shares exceeds the amount of any damages that the Underwriter has otherwise been

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required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. In no event shall the aggregate liability of a Selling Stockholder under Section 9(b) and Section 9(e) exceed the limit set forth in Section 9(b). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(g) Non-Exclusive Remedies. The remedies provided for in this Section 9 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Person at law or in equity.

10. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated in the absolute discretion of the Underwriter, by notice to the Company and the Selling Stockholders, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and on or prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on The New York Stock Exchange or The NASDAQ Stock Market; (ii) trading of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Company shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by federal or New York State authorities; or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis, either within or outside the United States, that, in the judgment of the Underwriter, is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Shares on the Closing Date on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

11. Payment of Expenses.

(a) Whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, the Company agrees to pay or cause to be paid (1) all costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder, including without limitation, (i) the costs incident to the sale, preparation and delivery of the Shares and any taxes payable in that connection; (ii) the costs incident to the preparation, printing and filing under the Securities Act of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (including all exhibits, amendments and supplements thereto) and the distribution thereof; (iii) the fees and expenses of the Company's counsel and independent accountants; (iv) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration or qualification and determination of eligibility for investment of the Shares under the state or foreign securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriter may designate and the preparation, printing and distribution of a Blue Sky Memorandum (including the related fees and expenses of counsel for the Underwriter under this clause (iv) not to exceed \$15,000); (v) the cost of preparing stock certificates; (vi) the costs and charges of any transfer agent and any registrar; (vii) all expenses and application fees (including the reasonable legal fees of counsel to the Underwriter) incurred in connection with any filing with, and clearance of the offering by, FINRA; and (viii) all expenses incurred by the Company in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors, except as set forth in the following sentence; and (2) all costs and expenses incident to the sales and delivery of the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders as provided in the Shareholders' Agreement, dated November 10, 2006, among the Company and the stockholders of the Company party thereto. It is understood that, except as

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specifically provided in this Section 11, the Underwriter will pay all of its own costs and expenses, including the fees of its counsel, stock transfer taxes on resale of any Shares by it, any advertising expense connected with any offers it makes and one-half the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with any "road show" presentation to potential investors.

(b) If (i) this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 10, (ii) any Selling Stockholder for any reason fails to tender the Shares for delivery to the Underwriter or (iii) the Underwriter declines to purchase the Shares for any reason permitted under this Agreement, the Company agrees to reimburse the Underwriter for all out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees and expenses of their counsel) reasonably incurred by the Underwriter in connection with this Agreement and the offering contemplated hereby.

12. Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and any controlling persons referred to herein, and the affiliates, officers and directors of the Underwriter referred to in Section 9 hereof. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any other person any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision contained herein. No purchaser of Shares from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor merely by reason of such purchase.

13. Survival. The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, representations, warranties and agreements of the Company, the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriter contained in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of the Company, the Selling Stockholders or the Underwriter pursuant to this Agreement or any certificate delivered pursuant hereto shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Shares and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of the Company, the Selling Stockholders or the Underwriter.

14. Certain Defined Terms. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) except where otherwise expressly provided, the term "affiliate" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; (b) the term "business day," means any day other than a day on which banks are permitted or required to be closed in New York City; (c) the term "subsidiary," has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act; and (d) the term "written communication" has the meaning set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

15. Compliance with USA Patriot Act. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriter is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies its clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriter to properly identify its clients.

16. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Notices.* All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted and confirmed by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriter shall be given to Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk, with a

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copy to the Legal Department. Notices to the Company shall be given to it at Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin (Fax: (262) 968-3374); Attention: York A. Ragen. Notices to the Selling Stockholders shall be given to them at the address set forth in Schedule 2 hereto.

(b) *Governing Law.* This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

(c) *Submission to Jurisdiction.* CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P. has the power to submit, and pursuant to this Section 16(c) has legally, validly, effectively and irrevocably submitted, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any U.S. federal or New York state court located in The City of New York. CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P. hereby appoints CCMP Capital Advisors, LLC as its authorized agent for service of process in any suit or proceeding based on or arising under this Agreement in any U.S. federal or New York state court located in The City of New York.

(d) *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be signed in counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(e) *Amendments or Waivers.* No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor any consent or approval to any departure therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

(f) *Headings.* The headings herein are included for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be part of, or to affect the meaning or interpretation of, this Agreement.

(g) *Integration.* (i) This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) among the Company and the Underwriter, and (ii) this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) among the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriter, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please indicate your acceptance of this Agreement by signing in the space provided below.

Very truly yours,

GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ York A. Ragen

Name: York A. Ragen

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Selling Stockholders:

CCMP CAPITAL INVESTORS II, L.P.

By: CCMP Capital Associates, L.P., its General Partner

By: CCMP Capital Associates GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Stephen P. Murray

Name: Stephen P. Murray

Title: President & CEO

CCMP CAPITAL INVESTORS (CAYMAN) II, L.P.

By: CCMP Capital Associates, L.P., its General Partner

By: CCMP Capital Associates GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Stephen P. Murray

Name: Stephen P. Murray

Title: President & CEO

By: CCMP Generac Co-Invest GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Stephen P. Murray
Name: Stephen P. Murray
Title: President & CEO

Accepted: February 20, 2013

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Kenneth Pott
Name: Kenneth Pott
Title: Managing Director

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Schedule 1

<u>Selling Stockholders</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>
CCMP Capital Investors II, L.P. c/o CCMP Capital, LLC 245 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10167	6,064,297
CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P. c/o Walkers Corporate Services Limited Walker House 87 Mary Street George Town KY1-9005 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	808,362
CCMP Generac Co-Invest, L.P. c/o CCMP Capital, LLC 245 Park Avenue New York, New York 10167	3,127,341
Total:	10,000,000

Schedule 2**List of Subsidiaries of the Company**

Generac Acquisition Corp.
 Generac Power Systems, Inc.
 Pro Power Solutions, LLC
 Magnum Power Products, LLC
 Warehouse Development Group
 Generac Power Systems UK Ltd.
 Ottomotores UK Ltd.
 Ottomotores Nominees Ltd.
 Ottomotores S.A. de C.V.
 Ottomotores Comercializadora S.A. de C.V.
 Ottomotores do Brasil Energia Ltda

Schedule 3**Persons Delivering Lock-Up Agreements**

CCMP Capital Investors II, L.P.
 CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.

ANNEX A

(a) Free Writing Prospectuses

None.

(b) Pricing Information Provided Orally by the Underwriter

1. Public offering price: \$35.00 per share
 2. Number of shares offered: 10,000,000 shares
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ANNEX B

**Form of Opinion of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP,
Counsel for the Company.**

ANNEX C

**Form of Opinion of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.,
Wisconsin Counsel for the Company, Magnum Power Products, LLC and Generac Power Systems, Inc.**

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ANNEX D

**Form of Opinion of Rod Rogahn,
Vice President and General Counsel for the Company**

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ANNEX E

**Form of Opinion of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP,
Counsel for the Selling Stockholders**

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ANNEX F

**Form of Opinion of Walkers,
Counsel for CCMP Capital Investors (Cayman) II, L.P.**

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Exhibit A

FORM OF LOCK-UP AGREEMENT

February 20, 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that you, as Underwriter (the “Underwriter”), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Generac Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), providing for the public offering (the “Public Offering”) by the Underwriter of shares of common stock of the Company (the “Securities”). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Underwriting Agreement.

In consideration of the Underwriter’s agreement to purchase and make the Public Offering of the Securities, and for other good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, the undersigned will not, during the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing to and including the date that is 45 days after the date of the final prospectus relating to the Public Offering (the “Lock-Up Period”), (1) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock, \$0.01 per share par value, of the Company (the “Common Stock”) or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock (including without limitation, Common Stock or such other securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant) or (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock or such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, in each case other than (A) the Securities to be sold by the undersigned pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, (B) the exercise of stock options, including through a “net” or “cashless” exercise, granted pursuant to any of the Company’s equity incentive plans in effect at the time of the Public Offering; provided that the foregoing restrictions shall apply to any securities issued upon such exercise unless sold in the Public Offering, (C) forfeitures of Securities to the Company during

the 45-day period referred to above only to satisfy tax withholding requirements, (D) transfers of shares of Common Stock as a bona fide gift or gifts, (E) distributions of shares of Common Stock to members, partners or stockholders of the undersigned, (F) transfers to any beneficiary of the undersigned pursuant to a will or other testamentary document or applicable laws of descent, (G) the sale of shares of Common Stock under any trading plan entered into prior to the date hereof pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; provided that no such trading plan is altered or amended during the Lock-Up Period, (H) transfers to any “affiliate” (as such term is defined in Rule 144(a)(1) under the Securities Act) of the undersigned, (I) transfers to any immediate family member (any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin) of the undersigned or (J) transfers to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned; provided that in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clauses (D) through (F) above, each such donee, distributee, beneficiary, affiliate or immediate family member shall execute and deliver to the Underwriter a lock-up letter in the form of this paragraph; and provided, further, that in the case of any transfer or distribution pursuant to clauses (D) through (F) above, no filing by any such party (donor, donee, transferor, transferee) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other public announcement (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period) reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of Securities shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection with such transfer or distribution.

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Company, and any duly appointed transfer agent for the registration or transfer of the securities described herein, are hereby authorized to decline to make any transfer of Securities if such transfer would constitute a violation or breach of this Letter Agreement.

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Letter Agreement. All authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred and any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs or personal representatives of the undersigned.

This Letter Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earliest to occur, if any, of (i) termination of the Underwriting Agreement prior to the Closing Date or (ii) the Company’s withdrawal of the Registration Statement. The undersigned understands that the Underwriter is entering into the Underwriting Agreement and proceeding with the Public Offering in reliance upon this Letter Agreement.

This Letter Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Very truly yours,
[NAME]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

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February 22, 2013

Generac Holdings Inc.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Generac Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the offer and sale by certain selling stockholders of the Company (the “**Selling Stockholders**”) of an aggregate of 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share of the Company (the “**Shares**”). The Shares are to be sold by the Selling Stockholders pursuant to the underwriting agreement, dated as of February 20, 2013 (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), among the Company, the Selling Stockholders and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as underwriter.

In so acting, we have examined originals or copies (certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction) of (i) the Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company; (ii) the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company; (iii) the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-1851360) filed by the Company on November 26, 2012 (the “**Registration Statement**”); (iv) the prospectus, dated November 26, 2012 (the “**Base Prospectus**”), which forms a part of the Registration Statement; (v) the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated February 20, 2013, relating to the Shares; (vi) the prospectus supplement, dated February 20, 2013 (together with the Base Prospectus, the “**Prospectus**”), relating to the Shares; (vii) the Underwriting Agreement; (viii) the form of Common Stock Certificate of the Company and (ix) such corporate records, agreements, documents and other instruments, and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company, and have made such inquiries of such officers and representatives, as we have deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to all questions of fact material to this opinion that have not been independently established, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications stated herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the corporate laws of the State of Delaware, and we express no opinion as to the effect on the matters covered by this letter of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the use of this letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to any and all references to our firm in the Prospectus which is a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP