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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission of which this prospectus is a part becomes effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion, Dated April 11, 2018**

**PROSPECTUS**

**\$60,000,000**

**Aspen Group, Inc.**

**Common Stock  
Preferred Stock  
Debt Securities  
Warrants  
Units**

Aspen Group, Inc. intends to offer and sell from time to time the securities described in this prospectus. The total offering price of the securities described in this prospectus will not exceed a total of \$60,000,000.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that apply to the securities. We will provide specific terms of any securities we may offer in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. We also may authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you in connection with the offering. The prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus also may add, update or change information contained or incorporated in this prospectus.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers on a continuous or delayed basis. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe the plan of distribution for that offering. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, see "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement also will set forth the price to the public of the securities and the net proceeds that we expect to receive from the sale of such securities.

Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "ASPU." On April 10, 2018, the last reported sales price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market was \$7.06 per share.

**Investing in our securities involves risks. You should read carefully and consider "Risk Factors" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and on page 3 of this prospectus and in the applicable prospectus supplement before investing in our securities.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2018**

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**You should rely only on information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus. We are not offering to sell or seeking offers to buy shares of common stock in jurisdictions where offers and sales are not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our common stock. We are responsible for updating this prospectus to ensure that all material information is included and will update this prospectus to the extent required by law.**

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## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus including the documents incorporated by reference contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our future financial position, liquidity, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words “believe,” “may,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “should,” “plan,” “could,” “target,” “potential,” “is likely,” “will,” “expect” and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current<sup>of</sup> expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs.

The results anticipated by any or all of these forward-looking statements might not occur. Important factors, uncertainties and risks that may cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements are contained in the risk factors that follow and elsewhere in this prospectus and the incorporated documents. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements that fo

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## RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before purchasing the securities offered by this prospectus you should consider carefully the risk factors described below, as well as the risks, uncertainties and additional information (i) set forth in our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and which are deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and (ii) the information contained in any applicable prospectus supplement. For a description of these reports and documents, and information about where you can find them, see “Incorporation of Certain Information By Reference.” The risks and uncertainties we discuss in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are those that we currently believe may materially affect our company. Additional risks not presently known, or currently deemed immaterial, also could materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, business and prospects.

### Risks Relating to Our Business

#### **AGI’s future operating results will be adversely affected if it does not effectively manage its expanded operations and integrate USU.**

We completed the acquisition of USU on December 1, 2017 (the “Acquisition”). Following the Acquisition, the size of our business is larger and our revenues are increasing substantially. USU was a smaller institution that was losing money and not growing but offered a strategic advantage to our future plans. Our future success will depend, in part, upon our ability to integrate USU, manage this expanded business and replicate the marketing success we have had with Aspen University for USU, which will pose substantial challenges for AGI’s and USU’s management. We cannot assure you that the combined company will be successful or that the combined company will realize the expected marketing success, operating efficiencies, synergies, revenue enhancements and other benefits currently anticipated to result from the Acquisition.

#### **If we cannot manage our growth, our results of operations may suffer and could adversely affect our ability to comply with federal regulations.**

The growth that we have experienced after our new management began in 2011, as well as any future growth that we experience, may place a significant strain on our resources and increase demands on our management information and reporting systems and financial management controls. We have experienced growth at Aspen Univer 1, pAandAandAAA~ 11, as wea~ 11, s

**Because there is strong competition in the postsecondary education market, especially in the online education market, our cost of acquiring students may increase and our results of operations may be harmed.**

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Our marketing expenditures may not result in increased revenue or generate sufficient levels of brand name and program awareness. If our media performance is not effective, nam



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**If we are unable to protect our intellectual property, our business could be harmed.**

In the ordinary course of our business, we develop intellectual property of many kinds that is or will be the subject of copyright, trademark, service mark, trade secret or other protections. This intellectual property includes but is not limited to courseware materials, business know-how and internal processes and procedures developed to respond to the requirements of operating and various education regulatory agencies. We rely on a combination of copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, domain names, agreements and registrations to protect our intellectual property. We rely on service mark and trademark protection in the U.S. to protect our rights to the marks “ASPEN UNIVERSITY” and “UNITED STATES UNIVERSITY” as well as distinctive logos and other marks associated with our services. We rely on agreements under which we obtain rights to use course content developed by faculty members and other third-party content experts. We cannot assure you that the measures that we take will be adequate or that we have secured, or will be able to secure, appropriate protections for all of our proprietary rights in the U.S. or select foreign jurisdictions, or that third parties will not infringe upon or violate our proprietary rights. Despite our efforts to protect these rights, unauthorized third parties may attempt to duplicate or copy the proprietary aspects of our curricula, online resource material and other content, and offer competing programs to ours.

In particular, third parties may attempt to develop competing programs or duplicate or copy aspects of our curriculum, online resource material, quality management and other proprietary content. Any such attempt, if successful, could adversely affect our business. Protecting these types of intellectual property rights can be difficult, particularly as it relates to the development by our competitors of competing courses and programs.

We may encounter disputes from time to time over rights and obligations concerning intellectual property, and we may not prevail in these disputes. Third parties may raise a claim against us alleging an infringement or violation of the intellectual property of that third-party.

**If we are subject to intellectual property infringement claims, it could cause us to incur significant expenses and pay substantial damages.**

Third parties may claim that we are infringing or violating their intellectual property rights. Any such claims could cause us to incur significant expenses and, if successfully asserted against us, could require that we pay substantial damages and prevent us from using our intellectual property that may be fundamental to our business. Even if we were to prevail, any litigation regarding the intellectual property could be costly and time-consuming and divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations.

**If we incur liability for the unauthorized duplication or distribution of class materials posted online during our class discussions, it may affect our future operating results and financial condition.**

In some instances, our faculty members or our students may post various articles or other third-party content on class discussion boards. We may incur liability for the unauthorized duplication or distribution of this material posted online for class discussions. Third parties may raise claims against us for the unauthorized duplication of this material. Any such claims could subject us to costly litigation and impose a significant strain on our financial resources and management personnel regardless of whether the claims have merit. As a result we may be required to alter the content of our courses or pay monetary damages.

**Because we are an almost exclusively online provider of education, we are substantially dependent on continued growth and acceptance of online education and, if the recognition by students and employers of the value of online education does not continue to grow, our ability to grow our business could be adversely impacted.**

We believe that continued growth in online education will be largely dependent on additional students and employers recognizing the value of degrees and courses from online institutions. If students and employers are not convinced that online schools are an acceptable alternative to traditional schools or that an online education provides necessary value, or if growth in the market penetration of exclusively online education slows, growth in the industry and our business could be adversely affected. Because our business model is based on online education, if the acceptance of online education does not grow, our ability to continue to grow our business and our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.



Institutions of higher education that grant degrees, diplomas, or certificates must be authorized by an appropriate state education agency or agencies. In addition, in certain states, as a condition of continued authorization to grant degrees, a school must be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. Accreditation is a non-governmental process through which an institution submits to qualitative review by an organization of peer institutions, based on the standards of the accrediting agency and the stated aims and purposes of the institution. Accreditation is also required in order to participate in various federal programs, including tuition assistance programs of the United States Armed Forces and the federal programs of student financial assistance administered pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Higher Education Act and its implementing regulations require accrediting agencies recognized by DOE to review and monitor many aspects of an institution's operations and to take appropriate action when the institution fails to comply with the accrediting agency's standards.

Our operations are also subject to regulation due to our participation in Title IV Programs. Title IV Programs, which are administered by DOE, include loans made directly to students by DOE and several grant programs for students with economic need as determined in accordance with the Higher Education Act and DOE regulations. To participate in Title IV Programs, a school must receive and maintain authorization by the appropriate state education agencies, be accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, and be certified as an eligible institution by DOE. Our growth strategy is partly dependent on being able to offer financial assistance through Title IV Programs as it may increase the number of potential students who may choose to enroll in our programs.

The laws, regulations, standards, and policies of DOE, state education agencies, and our accrediting agencies change frequently. Recent and impending changes in, or new interpretations of, applicable laws, regulations, standards, or policies, or our noncompliance with any applicable laws, regulations, standards, or policies, could have a material adverse effect on our accreditation, authorization to operate in various states, activities, receipt of funds under tuition assistance programs of the United States Armed Forces, our ability to participate in Title IV Programs, receipt of veterans education benefits funds, or costs of doing business. Findings of noncompliance with these laws, regulations, standards and policies also could result in our being required to pay monetary damages, or subjected to fines, penalties, injunctions, limitations on our operations, termination of our ability to grant degrees, revocation of our accreditation, restrictions on or loss of our access to Title IV Program funds or other censure that could have a material adverse effect on our business.

**If we do not maintain authorization in Colorado and California, our operations would be curtailed, and we may not grant degrees.**

Aspen is headquartered in Colorado and is authorized by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to grant degrees, diplomas or certificates. USU is headquartered in California and is authorized by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to grant degrees, diplomas or certificates. If Aspen were to lose its authorization from the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Aspen would be unable to provide educational services in Colorado and would lose its eligibility to participate in the Title IV Programs. If USU were to lose its authorization from the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, it would be unable to provide educational services in California and would lose its eligibility to participate in the Title IV Programs.

**Our failure to comply with regulations of various states could have a material adverse effect on our enrollments, revenues, and results of operations.**

Various states impose regulatory requirements on education institutions operating within their boundaries. Several states assert jurisdiction over online education institutions that have no physical location or other presence in the state but offer education services to students who reside in the state or advertise to or recruit prospective students in the state. State regulatory requirements for online education are inconsistent among states and not well developed in many jurisdictions. As such, these requirements change frequently and, in some instances, are not clear or are left to the discretion of state regulators.

State laws typically establish standards for instruction, qualifications of faculty, administrative procedures, marketing, recruiting, financial operations, and other operational matters. To the extent that we have obtained, or obtain in the future, state authorizations or licensure, changes in state laws and regulations and the interpretation of those laws and regulations by the applicable regulators may limit our ability to offer educational programs and award degrees. Some states may also prescribe financial regulations that are different from those of DOE. If we fail to comply with state licensing or authorization











USU currently is operating under a temporary provisional certification to participate in the Title IV Programs due to the change of ownership which occurred in December of 2017. The temporary provisional certification allows the school to continue to receive Title IV funding on a month-to-month basis as it did prior to the change of ownership while DOA reviews the change of ownership. Even if DOE certifies USU following the change of ownership, such certification will be provisional as is the case for all Title IV institutions undergoing a change of ownership. Under provisional certification, an institution must obtain prior DOE approval to add an educational program or make other significant changes and may be subject to closer scrutiny by DOE. In addition, if DOE determines that a provisionally certified institution is unable to meet its responsibilities to comply with the Title IV requirements, DOE may revoke the institution's certification to participate in the Title IV Programs without advance notice or opportunity to challenge the action.

Subsequent to a compliance audit covering the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, USU recognized that it had not fully complied with all requirements for calculating and making timely returns of Title IV funds (R2T4). USU was required to post an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of 25% of the 2015 Title IV returns. An irrevocable letter of credit was established in favor of the Secretary of Education in the amount of \$71,634 as a result of this finding. In the 2016 compliance audit, USU had a material finding related to the same issue and was required to maintain the irrevocable letter of credit in the same amount. USU will be required to maintain the letter of credit until it has experienced two consecutive audit periods without a repeat finding. As a result of the change of ownership, the previous letter of credit established by USU has been replaced by one provided by AGI. The amount remains unchanged.

If DOE does not ultimately approve USU's certification to participate in Title IV Programs, USU students would no longer be able to receive Title IV Program funds, which would have a material adverse effect on our enrollments, revenues and results of operations. In addition, regulatory restraints related to the addition of new programs or substantive change of existing programs or imposition of a letter of credit could impair our ability to attract and retain students and could negatively affect our financial results.

**Because DOE may conduct compliance reviews of us, we may be subject to adverse actions and future litigation which could affect our ability to offer Title IV student loans.**

Because we operate in a highly regulated industry, we are subject to compliance reviews and claims of non-compliance and lawsuits by government agencies, regulatory agencies, and third parties, including claims brought by third parties on behalf of the federal government. If the results of compliance reviews or other proceedings are unfavorable to us, or if we are unable to defend successfully against lawsuits or claims, we may be required to pay monetary damages or be subject to fines, limitations, loss of Title IV funding, injunctions or other penalties, including the requirement to make refunds. Even if we adequately address issues raised by any compliance review or successfully defend a lawsuit or claim, we may have to divert significant financial and management resources from our ongoing business operations to address issues raised by those reviews or to defend against those lawsuits or claims. Claims and lawsuits brought against us may damage our reputation, even if such claims and lawsuits are without merit.

**If the percentage of our revenues derived from Title IV Programs is too high, we could lose our ability to participate in Title IV Programs.**

Under the Higher Education Act, an institution is subject to loss of eligibility to participate in the Title IV Programs if, on a cash accounting basis, it derives more than 90% of its fiscal year revenue from Title IV Program funds, for two consecutive fiscal years. This rule is known as the 90/10 rule. An institution whose rate exceeds 90% for any single fiscal year is placed on provisional certification for at least two fiscal years and may be subject to other conditions specified by the U.S. Secretary of Education. We must monitor compliance with the 90/10 rule by both Aspen and USU. Failure to comply with the 90/10 rule for one fiscal year may result in restrictions on the amounts of Title IV funds that may be distributed to students; restrictions on expansion; requirements related to letters of credit or any other restrictions imp

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**The U.S. Congress continues to examine the for-profit postsecondary education sector which could result in legislation or additional DOE rulemaking that may limit or condition Title IV Program participation of proprietary schools in a manner that may materially and adversely affect our business.**

In recent years, the U.S. Congress has increased its o.





**An investment in AGI may be diluted in the future as a result of the issuance of additional securities.**

Because we need to raise additional capital to meet our working capital needs, we expect to issue additional shares of common stock or securities convertible, exchangeable or exercisable into common stock from time to time, which could result in substantial dilution to investors. Investors should anticipate being substantially diluted based upon the current condition of the capital and credit market.



## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we specify otherwise in an accompanying prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities by us to provide additional funds for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Any specific allocation of the net proceeds of an offering of securities will be determined at the time of such offering and will be described in the accompanying supplement to this prospectus.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

We are authorized to issue 250,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

### Common Stock

We are authorized to issue 250,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders, including the election of directors. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors. In the event of our liquidation or dissolution, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any outstanding shares of preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive rights and have no right to convert their common stock into any other securities and there are no redemption provisions applicable to our common stock.

The holders of common stock are entitled to any dividends that may be declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available for payment of dividends subject to the prior rights of holders of preferred stock and any contractual restrictions we have against the payment of dividends on common stock. We have not paid dividends on our common stock since inception and do not plan to pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

As of April 10, 2018, we had 15,131,437 shares of common stock outstanding. In addition, as of that date, there were 3,554,976 shares underlying our outstanding warrants and stock options. These numbers do not reflect the number of shares outstanding under our

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

### General

The debt securities that we may issue will constitute debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of AGI, to be issued in one or more series. The particular terms of any series of debt securities we offer, including the extent to which the general terms set forth below may be applicable to a particular series, will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to such series.

Debt securities that we may issue will likely be issued under an indenture between us and a trustee qualified to act as such under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. When we refer to the “indenture” in this prospectus, we are referring to the indenture under which debt securities are issued as supplemented by any supplemental indenture applicable to such debt securities. We will provide the name of the trustee in any prospectus supplement related to the issuance of debt securities, and we will also provide certain other information related to the trustee, including describing any relationship we have with the trustee, in such prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be direct secured or unsecured obligations of AGI. The senior debt securities will rank equally with any of our other unsecured senior and unsubordinated debt.

We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series, in each case with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. Unless indicated in a prospectus supplement, we may issue additional debt securities of a particular series without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series outstanding at the time of the issuance. Any such additional debt securities, together with all other outstanding debt securities of that series, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the applicable indenture and will be equal in ranking.

The following statements relating to the debt securities and the indenture are summaries and do not purport to be complete, and are subject in their entirety to the detailed provisions of the indenture.

### Information to be provided in a Prospectus Supplement

The prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms relating to the specific series of debt securities we will offer, including where applicable, the following:

- the title and denominations of the debt securities of the series;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the series;
- the date or dates on which the principal and premium, if any, with respect to the debt securities of the series are payable or the method of determination thereof;
- the rate or rates, which may be fixed or variable, at which the debt securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method of calculating and/or resetting such rate or rates of interest;
- the dates from which such interest shall accrue or the method by which such dates shall be determined and the duration of the extensions and the basis upon which interest shall be calculated;
- the interest payment dates for the series of debt securities or the method by which such dates will be determined, the terms of any deferral of interest and any right of ours to extend the interest payments periods;
- the terms and conditions upon which debt securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option or otherwise;
- our obligation, if any, to redeem, purchase, or repay debt securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or other specified event or at the option of the holders and the terms of any such redemption, purchase, or repayment;
- the terms, if any, upon which the debt securities of the series may be convertible into or exchanged for preferred stock or common stock, including, among other things, the initial conversion or exchange price or rate and the conversion or exchange period;
- if the amount of principal, premium, if any, or interest with respect to the debt securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index or formula, the manner in which such amounts will be determined;
- if any payments on the debt securities of the series are to be made in a currency or currencies (or by reference to an index or formula) other than that in which such securities are denominated or designated to be payable, the currency or currencies (or index or formula) in which such payments are to be made and the terms and conditions of such payments;

· any changes or



## Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System

If we decide to issue debt securities in the form of one or more global securities, then we would register the global securities in the name of the depository for the global securities or in the nominee of the depository, and the global securities would be delivered by the trustee to the depository for credit to the accounts of the holders of beneficial interest in the debt securities. Each global security would:

- be registered in the name of a depository, or its nominee, that we would identify in a prospectus supplement;
- be deposited with the depository or nominee or custodian; and
- bear any required legends.

No global security may be exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities registered in the name of any person other than the depository or any nominee unless:

- the depository has notified us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository or has ceased to be qualified to act as depository;
- an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of the applicable series; or
- any other circumstance described in a prospectus supplement has occurred permitting or requiring the issuance of any such security.

As long as the depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, the depository or nominee would be considered the sole owner and holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the indentures. Except in the above limited circumstances, owners of beneficial interests in a global security would not be:

- entitled to have the debt securities registered in their names;
- entitled to physical delivery of certificated debt securities; or
- considered to be holders of those debt securities under the indenture.

Payments on a global security would be made to the depository or its nominee as the holder of the global security. Some jurisdictions have laws that require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

Institutions that have accounts with the depository or its nominee are referred to as “participants.” Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security would be limited to participants and to persons that may hold beneficial interests through participants. The depository would credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of debt securities represented by the global security to the accounts of its participants.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security would be shown on and effected through records maintained by the depository, with respect to participants’ interests, or any participant, with respect to interests of persons held by participants on their behalf.

Payments, transfers and exchanges relating to beneficial interests in a global security would be subject to policies and procedures of the depository. The depository policies and procedures may change from time to time. Neither any trustee nor we would have any responsibility or liability for the depository’s or any participant’s records with respect to beneficial interests in a global security.

The prospectus supplement would describe the specific terms of the depository arrangement for debt securities of a series that are issued in global form. The Company and its agents, the trustee, and any of its agents would not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global debt security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to the beneficial ownership interests.



## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock. Warrants may be issued independently or together with other securities and may be attached to or separate from any offered securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement. The following outlines some of the general terms and provisions of the warrants that we may issue from time to time. Additional information is set forth in the separate warrant agreement.

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- directly to purchasers;
- in a rights offering;
- in “at the market” offerings, within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market on an exchange or otherwise;
- through agents;
- in block trades;
- through a combination of any of these methods; or
- through any other method permitted by applicable law and described in a prospectus supplement.

In addition, we may issue the securities as a dividend or distribution to our existing stockholders or other security holders.

The prospectus supplement with respect to any offering of securities will include the following information:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters or agents;
- the name or names of any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- the purchase price or initial public offering price of the securities;
- the net proceeds from the sale of the securities;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters’ compensation;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers;
- any commissions paid to agents; and
- any securities exchange on which the securities may be listed.

### **Sale through Underwriters or Dealers**

If underwriters are used in the sale, the underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers.

We will specify the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the purchase price of the securities in a prospectus supplement relating to the securities.

In connection with the sale of the securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and these dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents, which is not expected to exceed that customary in the types of transactions involved. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions they receive from us, and any profit on the resale of the securities they realize may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions, under the Securities Act. The prospectus supplement will identify any underwriter or agent and will describe any compensation they receive from us.

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### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. A shareholder of this firm beneficially owns 126,481 shares of our common stock.

### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements as of April 30, 20f,f,0,

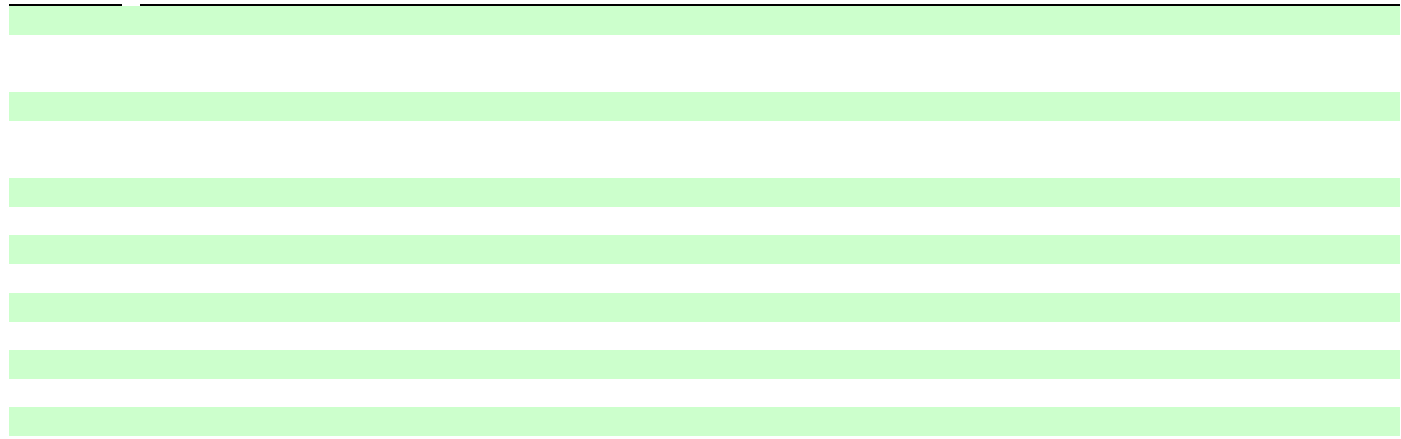






Any indemnification under Section 145(a) and (b) of the DGCL (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by AGI only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 145(a) and (b). Such determination shall be made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the shareholders. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by former directors and officers or other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Section 145 of the DGCL also empowers a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, emplmpl vance



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**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Denver, State of Colorado, on April 11, 2018.

**Aspen Group, Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Mathews  
Chief Executive Officer

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____ Michael Mathews	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	April 11, 2018
_____ Janet Gill	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	April 11, 2018
_____ Michael D'Anton	Director	
_____ Norman Dicks	Director	April 11, 2018
_____ C. James Jenson	Director	April 11, 2018
_____ Andrew Kaplan	Director	April 11, 2018
_____ Malcolm MacLean IEi 6	Director	
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ASPEN GROUP, INC.

SENIOR

INDENTURE

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Providing for Issuance of Senior Debt Securities in Series

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as Trustee

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“ ” means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company (and not in their individual capacity) by two Officers of the Company, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the president, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or any executive vice president or vice president of the Company, that meets the requirements of Section 13.05 hereof.

“ ” means 9:00 a.m. (New York City time).

“ ” means an opinion from legal counsel that meets the requirements of Section 13.05 hereof. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company or the Trustee.

“ ” means, with respect to the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream.

“ ” shall initially be the Trustee, and shall be the Person authorized by the Company pursuant to Section 2.06 to pay the principal amount of, interest on, any Securities on behalf of the Company.

“ ” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

“ ” means permanent certificated Securities of a particular series in registered form issued in denominations of \$1,000 principal amount and multiples thereof.

“ ” means New York, New York, unless otherwise specified in a supplemental indenture with respect to a particular series of Securities.

“ ” means, with respect to the payment of interest on the Securities of a particular series, a Person who is a

“ ” means any Subsidiary that would be a “significant subsidiary” as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the date of this Indenture.

“ ” means, with respect to any payment of interest or principal on any series of Securities, the date on which such payment of interest or principal is scheduled to be paid thereon by its terms as in effect from time to time, and does not include any contingent obligation to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date scheduled for the payment thereof, that, if any such date is not a Business Day, the payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day.

“ ” means, with respect to any Person, (i) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of capital stock or other equity interests entitvga2 intsocisha, (ir 2 -da” other







- (5) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision;
- (6) provisions apply to successive events and transactions; and
- (7) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement and successor sections thereof or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

Section 1.05 ACTS OF HOLDERS.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments signed by such Holders, in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing or may be embodied in and evidenced by the record of Holders voting in favor thereof, either in person or by proxies duly appointed in writing, at any meeting of Holders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article 11, or a combination of such instruments or record and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments or record or both are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments and any such record (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the " " of Holders signing such instrument or instruments and so voting at any such meeting. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent or proxy shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section 1.05 and Section 11.05. The record of any meeting of Holders shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 11.06.

Without limiting the generality of this Section, unless otherwise provided in or pursuant to this Indenture, a Holder, including a Depository that is a Holder of Global Securities, may make, give or take by duly appointed or duly appointed in writing, and as a th ~ 1



ARTICLE 2

THE SECURITIES

Section 2.01 FORM AND DATING.

(a) . The Securities of each series shall be in substantially such form as shall be established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, by an Officers' Certificate or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto (as used herein, " " shall include each of the foregoing), in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with the rules of any applicable securities exchange, organizational document, governing instrument or law or as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers executing such Securities as evidenced by their execution of the Securities. If temporary Securities of any series are issued as permitted by Section 2.12, the form thereof also shall be established as provided in the preceding sentence. If the form of Securities of any series are established by, or by action taken pursuant to, a Board Resolution, a copy of the Board Resolution, certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect, shall be delivered to the holder of such Securities.



(b) . If Securities of or within a series are issuable in whole or in part in global form, any such Security may provide that it shall represent the aggregate or a specified amount of outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and may also provide that the aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased to reflect exchanges and conversions. Any endorsement of a Security in global form to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, or changes in the rights of Holders, of outstanding Securities represented thereby, will be made in such manner and by such Person or Persons as shall be specified therein or upon the written order of the Company signed by an Officer to be delivered to the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.05 or 2.12. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.05, Section 2.12, if applicable, and Section 2.09, the Trustee shall deliver and redeliver any Security in permanent global form in the manner and upon instructions given by the Person or Persons specified therein or in the applicable written order of the Company signed by an Officer. Any instructions by the Company with respect to endorsement or delivery or redelivery of a Security in global form shall be in writing.

The provisions of the last paragraph of Section 2.05 shall apply to any Security in global form if such Security was authenticated and delivered as contemplated herein, but never issued and sold by the Company.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 2.01, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any Security in permanent global form shall be made to the Holder thereof.

Section 2.02 AMOUNT UNLIMITED; ISSUABLE IN SERIES

(a) The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series.

(b) The following matters will be established with respect to each series of Securities issued hereunder (i) by a Board Resolution, (ii) by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution and set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate or (iii) in one or more indentures supplemental hereto:

(1) the title of the Securities of the series (which title will distinguish the Securities of the series from all other series of Securities);

(2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (which limit will not pertain to Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 2.09, 2.10, 2.12, 3.06 or 10.05 or any Securities that, pursuant to Section 2.05, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder);

(3) the date or dates on which the principal of and premium, if any, on the Securities of the series is payable or the method or methods of determination thereof;

(4) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series will bear interest, if any, or the method or methods of calculating such rate or rates of interest, the date or dates from which such interest will accrue or the method or methods by which such date or dates will be determined, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest will be payable, the right, if any, of the Company to defer or extend an Interest Payment Date, the record date, if any, for

the interest payable on any Security on any Interest Payment Date, and the basis upon which interest will be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;

(5) the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Securities of the series will be payable pursuant to Section 2.06, any Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer pursuant to Section 2.06, Securities of the series may be surrendered for ex











pursuant to this Section 2.05 shall be true and correct as if made on such date and that all the conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture or the terms of the Securities of such series relating to the authentication and delivery of additional Securities of such series have been complied with.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 2.13 together with a written statement stating that such Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall not be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

Section 2.06      REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT; APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITARY.

The Company shall, in accordance with Section 4.02, maintain an office or agency where Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (“                    ”), (if Securities of any series are convertible) an office or agency where Securities may be presented for conversion (“                    ”), and an office or agency where Securities may be presented for payment (“                    ”). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars, one or more additional paying agents and one or more Conversion Agents. The term “                    ” includes any co-registrar, the term “                    ” includes any additional paying agent and the term “                    ” includes any additional Conversion Agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent or, if the Securities of any series are convertible, a Conversion Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent, Conversion Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company to act as Depository with respect to the Global Securities.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent with respect to the Securities and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Securities.

Section 2.07      PAYING AGENT TO HOLD MONEY IN TRUST.

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liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Securities.

Section 2.08      HOLDER LISTS.

(a) The Company shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee, semiannually, and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after receipt by the Company of any such request (or such lesser time as the Trustee may reasonably request in order to enable it to timely provide any notice to be provided by it hereunder), a list in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders as of a date not more than 15 days (or such other date as the Trustee may reasonably request in order to so provide any such notices) prior to the time such information is furnished, except that no such list need be furnished so long as the Trustee is acting as Registrar. In addition, the Trustee and the Company shall comply with TIA § 312.

(b) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of the Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to it as provided in this Section 2.08 or maintained by the Trustee in its capacity as Registrar, if so acting. The Trustee shall destroy any list furnished to it as provided in this Section 2.08 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

Section 2.09      TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

(a) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Physical Security of any series at the office or agency maintained pursuant to Section 4.02, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Physical Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of a same aggregate principal amount and like tenor and containing identical terms and provisions.

(b) At the option of the Holder, Securities of any series (except a Security in global form) may be exchanged for other Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations, of a same aggregate principal amount and like tenor and containing identical terms and provisions, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.09, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Physical Securities, a Security in global form representing all or a portion of the Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such series to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by such Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository for such series or a nominee of such successor Depository.

(d) If at any time: (i) the Depository for the Securities of a series notifies the Company that the Depository is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for the Securities of such series and a successor Depository is not appointed within 60 days; (ii) the Depository ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act and a successor Depository is not appointed within 60 days; or (iii) an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series has occurred and is continuing and any beneficial owner requests that its Securities be issued as Physical Securities; then, in such cases, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Officers'

Certificate and an Authentication Order for the authentication and delivery of Physical Securities of such series of like tenor, shall authenticate and deliver (x) in the case of clause (iii), a Physical Security of such series to such beneficial owner in a principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Securities corresponding to such beneficial owner's beneficial interest and (y) in the case of clause (i) or (ii), Physical Securities of such series to the beneficial owners of the related Securities (or a portion thereof) in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Global Security, in exchange for such Global Security, and upon delivery of the Global Security to the Trustee such Global Security shall be cancelled.

(e) The Company may at any time in its sole discretion determine that all (but not less than all) Securities of a series issued in global form shall no longer be represented by such a Security or Securities in global form. In such event the Company shall execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order for the authentication and delivery of Physical Securities of such series of like tenor, shall authenticate and deliver in accordance with Section 2.02(g), Physical Securities of such series of like tenor, in authorized denominations and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Security or Securities of such series of like tenor in global form in exchange for such Security or Securities in global form.

(f) If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 2.02 or this Section 2.09, with respect to a series of Securities, the Depository for such series may surrender a Security in global form of such series in exchange in whole or in part for Physical Securities of such series on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such Depository. Thereupon, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without service charge,

(1) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Physical Security or Securities of the same series of like tenor, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Security in global form; and

(2) to such Depository a new Security in global form of like tenor in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Security in global form and the aggregate principal amount of Physical Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

(g) Upon the exchange of a Security in global form for Physical Securities, such Security in global form shall be canceled by the Trustee. Physical Securities issued in exchange for a Security in global form pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Security in global form, pursuant to instructions from its direct or Indirect Participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

(h) Whenever any Securities are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(i) All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or upon any exchange of Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as were the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(j) Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall (if so required by the Company, the Registrar or the Trustee) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of the Trustee. All Securities to the Trustee

form satisfactory to the Company, the Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

(k) No service charge shall be imposed by the Company, the Trustee or any Registrar for any exchange or registration of transfer of Securities, but the Company, the Trustee or any Registrar may require a Holder to pay a sum sufficient to cover any documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer tax required by law or permitted pursuant to a supplemental indenture with respect to such Securities. None of the Company, the Trustee or any Registrar shall be required to exchange or register a transfer of any Securities surrendered for conversion or, if a portion of any Security is surrendered for conversion, such portion thereof surrendered for conversion.

(l) The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that series selected for redemption under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

(m) The provisions of this Section 2.09 may be modified, supplemented or superseded with respect to any series of Securities by a Board Resolution or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto.

(n) At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Security have been exchanged for Physical Securities or a particular Global Security has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Security shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.13 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Security is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security or for Physical Securities, the principal amount of Securities represented by such Global Security shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security, such other Global Security shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

(o) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Security, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Securities and for all other purposes, and neither the Trustee, any Agent nor the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

#### Section 2.10 REPLACEMENT SECURITIES.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee or the Company or the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfi ue

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Company is in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided hereunder) and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they may have knowledge.

Section 4.05      EXISTENCE.

Subject to Article 5 hereof, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence and rights (charter and statutory rights) as a corporation;



succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the party of the first part, and the Company shall be discharged from its obligations under the terms of the Securities and this Indenture, except in the case of a lease of all or substantially all of the Company's properties and assets. Such Successor Company thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the Company any or all of the Securities issuable hereunder that theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee; and, upon the order of such Successor Company instead of the Company and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver, or cause to be authenticated and delivered, any Securities that previously shall have been signed and delivered by the Officers of the Company to the Trustee for authentication, and any Securities that such Successor Company thereafter shall cause to be signed and delivered to the Trustee for that purpose. All the Securities so issued shall in all respects rank equally and have the same benefit under this Indenture as the Securities theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Securities had been issued at the date of the execution hereof. In the event of any such consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or conveyance (but not in the case of a lease) upon compliance with this Article 5 the Person named as the "Company" in the first paragraph of this Indenture or any successor that shall thereafter have become such in the manner prescribed in this Article 5 shall be discharged from its liabilities as obligor and maker of the Securities and from its obligations under this Indenture.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, or other conveyance or lease, such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Securities thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

Section 5.03 OPINION OF COUNSEL TO BE GIVEN TO TRUSTEE.

Prior to execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article 5, the Trustee shall receive an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel in accordance with Section 13.05 as conclusive evidence that any such consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, or other conveyance or lease, and any such assumption by the Successor Company of the obligations of the Company hereunder, complies with the provisions of this Article 5.

ARTICLE 6

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Section 6.01 EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

Except as may otherwise be provided in the Securities of any series or a supplemental indenture with respect to such Securities, an " , " with respect to Securities of any series shall have occurred if:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment of principal of any Security of that series when due and payable on the Maturity Date with respect thereto;
- (b) the Company fails to pay an installment of interest on any Security of that series when due, if such failure continues for 30 days after the date when due;
- (c) upon exercise of a Holder's conversion right with respect to any Security of that series in accordance with Article 12, the Company fails to deliver, or cause the Trustee to deliver, to such Holder the full amount of

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Security affected unless each affected Holder consents. Upon any such waiver the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of such series shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. Whenever any Default or Event of Default hereunder shall have been waived as permitted by this Section 6.09, said Default or Event of Default shall for all purposes of the Securities of such series and this Indenture be deemed to have been cured and to be not continuing; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.10 NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

The Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of a Default of which a Responsible Officer has actual knowledge, if such Default is continuing, mail to all Holders of Securities of each series with respect to which the Default has occurred, as the names and addresses of such Holders appear upon the Security Register, notice of all such Defaults known to a Responsible Officer (a “ ” or “ ”), unless such Defaults shall have been cured or waived before the giving of such notice; that, except in the case of a Default in the payment of the principal of, or accrued and unpaid interest on, any of the Securities or a Default in the payment or delivery, as the case may be, of the consideration, if any, due upon conversion, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders.

Section 6.11 STATEMENTS AS TO DEFAULTS.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, as soon as possible, and in any event within 30 days after the occurrence of any Event of Default or Default, an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the details of such Event of Default or Default, its status and the action that the Company is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

Section 6.12 FURTHER INSTRUMENTS AND ACTS.

Upon request of the Trustee, the Company will execute and deliver such further instruments and do such further acts as may be reasonably necessary or proper to carry out more effectively the purposes of this Indenture.

Section 6.13 UNDERTAKING TO PAY COSTS.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Security by its acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may, in its discretion, require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or the Securities, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; that the provisions of this Section 6.13 (to the extent permitted by law) shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than \_\_\_% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on any Security

on or after the due date expressed or provided for in such Security or to any suit for the enforcement of the right to convert any Security in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.

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Section 7.02 RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel, and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Company.
- (f) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Section 7.03 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest (within the meaning of TIA § 310(b)) it must eliminate such conflicting interest within 90 days after Default, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee, or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties.

Section 7.04 TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities; it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture; it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee; and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Securities or any other document in connection with the sale of the Securities or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.











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Section 8.03 PAYING AGENT TO REPAY MONIES HELD.

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Section 9.02 LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND DISCHARGE.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 9.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 9.02 relating to one or more series of Securities, the Company shall, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 9.04 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to all outstanding Securities of such series on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, " "). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the outstanding Securities of the ¶

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Section 9.04      CONDITIONS TO LEGAL OR COVENANT DEFEASANCE.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 9.02 or 9.03 hereof to the outstanding Securities of one or more series:

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Section 9.05 DEPOSITED MONEY AND U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN TRUST; OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Subject to Section 8.04 hereof, all money and non-callable U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 9.05, the “ ”) pursuant to Section 9.04 hereof in respect of the outstanding Securities of the applicable series shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities of all sums due and to become due thereon in or on post.

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ARTICLE 10

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 10.01 SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

Notwithstanding Section 10.02 of this Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities (including any supplemental indenture) without notice to or the consent of any Holder of a Security:

- (a) to provide for the assumption by a Successor Company of the Company's obligations under the terms of the Securities and this Indenture pursuant to Article 5;
- (b) to add guarantees with respect to the Securities of any series;
- (c) to secure the Securities of any series;
- (d) to add to the covenants for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of any or all series or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company;
- (e) make any change, including to cure any omission, ambiguity, manifest error or defect or to correct any defect or inconsistency in this Indenture that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder in any material respect;
- (f) comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act or with the rules of any applicable securities depository;
- (g) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the Securities of any series, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or any series of Securities, or to add to the rights of the Holders of any series of Securities;
- (h) add additional Events of Default with respect to the Securities of any or all series;
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Section 10.04 REVOCATION AND EFFECT OF CONSENTS.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Security and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Securities, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Securities. However, any such Holder of a Security or subsequent Holder of a Security may revoke the consent as to its Securities if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 10.05 NOTATION ON OR EXCHANG<sup>N</sup><sub>a</sub>





(b) In case at any time the Company, by written direction to the Trustee, or the Holders of at least \_\_\_% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any series shall have requested the Trustee to call a meeting of the Holders of Securities of such series for any purpose specified in Section 11.01 by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the Act or other action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have mailed notice of such meeting within 20 days after receipt of such request or shall not thereafter proceed to cause the meeting to be held as provided herein, then the Company or the Holders of Securities of such series in the amount above specified, as the case may be, may determine the time and the place for such meeting and may call such meeting for such purposes by giving notice thereof as provided in clause (a) of this Section 11.02.

Section 11.03 PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT MEETINGS.

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series, a Person must be (a) a Holder of one or more outstanding Securities of such series, or (b) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy for a Holder or Holders of one or more outstanding Securities of such series by such Holder or Holders. No vote may be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not outstanding. The chairman of the meeting will have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel, any representatives of the Trustee and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

Section 11.04 QUORUM; ACTION.

The Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of a series shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of Holders of Securities of such series; that if any Act is to be taken at such meeting with respect to a consent or waiver which this Indenture (or any indenture supplemental hereto establishing a series of Securities hereunder) expressly provides may be given by the Holders of more or less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of a series, the Persons entitled to vote such percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum within 30 minutes after the time appointed for any such meeting, the meeting shall, if convened at the request of Holders of Securities of such series, be dissolved. In any other case the meeting may be adjourned for a period determined by the chairman of the meeting prior to the adjournment of such meeting. In the absence of a quorum at any reconvened meeting, such reconvened meeting may be further adjourned as determined by the chairman of the meeting prior to the adjournment of such adjourned meeting. Notice of the reconvening of any such adjourned meeting shall be given as provided in Section 11.02(a), except that such notice need be given only once not less than five days prior to the date on which the meeting is scheduled to be reconvened. Notice of the reconvening of an adjourned meeting shall state expressly the percentage, as provided above, of the principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series that shall constitute a quorum.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.02 or 10.02 (or in any indenture supplemental hereto establishing a series of Securities hereunder), any resolution presented to a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present as aforesaid may be adopted only by the affirmative vote of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that series;

that, except as otherwise provided in Section 6.02 or 10.02 (or in any indenture supplemental hereto establishing a series of Securities hereunder), any resolution with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action that

this Indenture or any supplemental indenture expressly provides may be made, given or taken by the Holders of a specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or an adjourned meeting duly reconvened and at which a quorum is present as aforesaid by the affirmative vote of the Holders of such specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series.

Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series duly held in accordance with this Section 11.04 or other Act duly taken shall be binding on all the Holders of Securities of such series, whether or not such Holders were present or represented at the meeting, if any.

Section 11.05 DETERMINATION OF VOTING RIGHTS; CONDUCT AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETINGS.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of Securities of a series in regard to proof of the holding of Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem appropriate. Except as otherwise permitted or required by any such regulations, the holding of Securities shall be proved in the manner specified in Section 1.05 and the appointment of any proxy shall be proved in the manner specified in Section 1.05. Such regulations may provide that written instruments appointing proxies, regular on their face, may be presumed valid and genuine without the proof specified in Section 1.05 or other proof.

The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Holders of Securities as provided in Section 11.02(b), in which case the Company or the Holders of Securities of the series calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by vote of the Persons entitled to vote at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting.

Any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series duly called pursuant to Section 11.02 at which a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by Persons entitled to vote at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting; and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

Section 11.06 COUNTING VOTES AND RECORDING ACTION OF MEETINGS.

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the Holders of Securities of such series or of their representatives by proxy and the principal amounts and serial numbers of the outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record, at least in duplicate, of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be prepared by the secretary of the meeting and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice

of the meeting and showing that said notice was given as provided in Section 11.02 and, if applicable, Section 11.04. Each copy shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one such copy shall be delivered to the Company, and another to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee, the latter to have attached thereto the ballots voted at the meeting. Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

Section 11.07 ARTICLE SUBJECT TO OTHER PROVISIONS.

Each provision of this Article 11 (whether or not expressly so stated) is subject to any other provision of this Indenture (or any supplemental indenture establishing a series of Securities hereunder) that provides that Securities of different series constitute a single class.

ARTICLE 12

CONVERSION OF SECURITIES

Section 12.01 APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to the Securities of any series that are convertible into shares of Common Stock of the Company, and the issuance of such shares of Common Stock upon the conversion of such Securities, except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.02 for the Securities of such series. This Article shall not be applicable to Securities of any series that are not convertible into shares of Common Stock of the Company.

Section 12.02 EXERCISE OF CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

(a) In order to exercise a conversion privilege, the Holder of a Security of a series with such a privilege must surrender such Security to the Company at the office or agency maintained for that purpose pursuant to Section 4.02, accompanied by a duly executed Conversion Notice to the Company substantially in the form set forth on Attachment 1 to Exhibit A stating that the Holder elects to convert such Security or a specified portion thereof. Such Conversion Notice shall also state, if different from the name and address of such Holder, the name or names (with address) in which the certificate or certificates for shares of Common Stock that shall be issuable on such conversion shall be issued. Securities surrendered for conversion shall (if so required by the Company or the Trustee) be duly endorsed by, or accompanied by instruments of transfer satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the registered Holder or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

(b) To the extent provided in Section 2.03(e), Securities surrendered for conversion during the period from the close of business on any Regular Record Date to the opening of business on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date (except in the case of any Security whose Maturity Date is prior to such Interest Payment Date) shall be accompanied by payment by such Holder in immediately available funds to the Company of an amount equal to the interest to be received on such Interest Payment Date on the principal amount of the Securities being surrendered for conversion. However, to the extent provided in Section 2.03(b), Securities that have been called for redemption on a redemption date, or that are repurchasable on a redemption date that occurs between the close of business on a Regular Record Date and the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date, shall not require such concurrent payment to the Company upon surrender for conversion, and, if such



time so listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on a national securities exchange, on the basis of the average of the bid and asked prices of such Common Stock in the over-the-counter market, on the last trading day prior to the date of conversion, as reported by the National Quotation Bureau, Incorporated or similar organization if the National Quotation Bureau, Incorporated is no longer reporting such information, or if not so available, the fair market price as determined by the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section 12.03, " " means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday other than any day on which the Common Stock is not traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or if the Common Stock is not traded on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal exchange or market on which the Common Stock is traded or quoted.

<sup>12</sup> the Company shall declare a dividend or any other distribution<sup>2</sup> on its Common Stock payable other se than in cash out of its Section 12.04 ADJUSTMENT OF CONVERtICE.

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of Common Stock of the Company into which the Securities held by such holder might have been converted immediately prior to such consolidation, merger or sale, all as more fully provided in the first sentence of this Section 12.09. Anything in this Section 12.09 to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of this Section 12.09 shall not apply to a merger or consolidation of another corporation with or into the Company pursuant to which both of the following conditions are applicable: (i) the Company is the surviving corporation and (ii) the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company are not changed or converted into any other securities or property (including cash) or changed in number or character or reclassified pursuant to the terms of such merger or consolidation to the t



of Common Stock, the appropriate number of rights, if any, and the certificates representing the Common Stock issued upon such conversion shall bear such legends, if any, in each case as may be provided by the terms of any stockholder rights plan adopted by the Company and in effect upon conversion of such Securities, as the same may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if prior to such conversion the rights have separated from the shares of Common Stock in accordance with the provisions of the applicable stockholder rights agreement, the conversion rate with respect to such series shall be adjusted as provided in the supplemental indenture





Except as otherwise provided in this Indenture, any applicable Security or any supplemental indenture with respect to such Securities, all notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt is acknowledged or confirmed, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail or by overnight courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA § 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 13.03 COMMUNICATION BY HOLDERS OF SECURITIES WITH OTHER HOLDERS OF SECURITIES.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else will have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

Section 13.04 CERTIFICATE AND OPINION AS TO CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 hereof; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 hereof.

Section 13.05 STATEMENTS REQUIRED IN CERTIFICATE OR OPINION.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and shall include:

- (i) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and

(iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

Section 13.06 RULES BY TRUSTEE AND AGENTS.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.



Section 13.12 SEVERABILITY.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.13 COUNTERPART ORIGINALS.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. This Indenture will be effective when each party shall have signed and delivered (including delivery by facsimile transmission), one or more counterparts to the other, but it shall not be necessary for both parties to sign the same counterpart.

Section 13.14 TABLE OF CONTENTS, HEADINGS, ETC.

The Table of Contents and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 13.15 CALCULATIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in this Indenture, the Company shall be responsible for making all calculations called for under the Securities. The Company shall make all these calculations in good faith, and, absent manifest error, the Company's calculations shall be final and binding on Holders of Securities. The Company shall provide a schedule of its calculations to each of the Trustee and the Conversion Agent (if other than the Trustee), and each of the Trustee and Conversion Agent (if other than the Trustee) is entitled to rely conclusively upon the accuracy of the Company's calculations without independent verification. The Trustee will forward the Company's calculations to any Holder of Securities upon the request of the Holder.



SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Indenture as of the date first written above.

ASPEN GROUP, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

As Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

[Face of Note]

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

ASPEN GROUP, INC.

\_\_\_\_\_% [Series \_\_\_\_] Senior Note due [\_\_\_\_\_]

No: [\_\_\_\_\_]

\$\_[\_\_\_\_\_]

CUSIP No.:

ASPEN GROUP, INC.

promises to pay to \_\_\_\_\_ or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars on \_\_\_\_\_.

Interest Payment Dates \_\_\_\_\_.

Record Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

ASPEN GROUP, INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

This is one of the  
Notes referred to in the  
within-mentioned Indenture:

\_\_\_\_\_  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

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12. . Each of the following constitutes an Event of Default: (i) default in the payment of principal of the Note when due and payable on the Maturity Date; (ii) failure by the Company to pay an installment of interest on the Note when due, if such failure continues for 30 days after the date when due; (iii) upon exercise of a Holder's conversion right in accordance with Article 12 of the Indenture, failure by the Company to deliver, or cause the Trustee to deliver, to such Holder the full amount of conversion consideration deliverable in respect of the Notes surrendered for conversion when due, in accordance with the Indenture and the terms of such Securities; (iv) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under Section 5.01(a) and (b) and Section 5.02 of the Indenture; (v) failure by the Company to comply with any other covenant or agreement contained in the Note or the Indenture, if such failure is not cured within 90 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or to the Trustee and the Company by Holders of at least \_\_\_% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and any other affected Securities outstanding under the Indenture (treating the Notes and such other series as a single class), in accordance with the Indenture; (vi) certain defaults with respect to the Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as provided in the Indenture; (vii) one or more final, non-appealable judgments against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the aggregate uninsured portion of which is at least \$\_\_\_\_\_, if such judgments are not paid or discharged within 120 days; and (viii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company. In case an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal of and interest on all Notes may be declared due and payable, by either the Trustee or Holders of not less than \_\_\_% in aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding and other series of Securities affected (treating the Notes and such other series as a single class), and upon said declaration shall become due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. Holders of the Notes may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes and other series of Securities affected (treating the Notes and such other series as a single class) may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes and other series of Securities affected (treating the Notes and such other series as a single class) and other series of Securities affected (treating the Notes and such other series as a single class) then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes and such other Securities waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal, interest or premium, if any, on the Notes. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture.

13. . The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

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a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

15. . This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

16. . Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

17. . Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

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

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Aspen Group, Inc.,  
46 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Third Floor,  
New York, NY 10010  
Attention: Michael Mathews, CEO  
Email: michael.mathews@aspen.edu

[FORM OF NOTICE OF CONVERSION]

To: Aspen Group, Inc.

The undersigned owner of this Note hereby irrevocably exercises the option to convert this Note, or a portion hereof (that is \$1,000 principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) below designat t s

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[FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER]

For value received \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto \_\_\_\_\_ (Please insert social security or Taxpayer Identification Number of assignee) the within Note, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of the Company, with full power of substitution in the premises.

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Signature(s)

(Sign exactly as the name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an institution which is a member of one of the following recognized signature Guarantee Programs:

- (i) The Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program (STAMP);
- (ii) The New York Stock Exchange Medallion Program (MNSP);
- (iii) The sti.

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**Nason, Yeager, Gerson White & Lioce, P.A.**  
**3001 PGA Blvd., Suite 305**  
**Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**

April 11, 2018

Aspen Group, Inc.  
1660 S Albion Street, Suite 525  
Denver, Colorado 80222  
Attention: Michael Mathews  
Chief Executive Officer

Aspen Group, Inc. Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3

Dear Mr. Mathews:

You have requested our opinion with respect to certain matters in connection with the filing by Aspen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed on the date hereof by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities



The opinions expressed herein are limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), as currently in effect, and we express no opinion as to the effect of any other law of the State of Delaware or the laws of any other jurisdiction.

Subject to the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and assuming that: (i) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments) will have become effective and comply with all applicable laws; (ii) the Registration Statement will be effective and will comply with all applicable laws at the time the Securities are offered or issued as contemplated by the Registration Statement; (iii) a Prospectus Supplement will have been prepared and filed with the Commission describing the Securities offered thereby and will comply with all applicable laws; (iv) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the appropriate Prospectus Supplement; (v) a definitive securities purchase, underwriting, or similar agreement with respect to any Securities issued will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto; and (vi) any Securities issuable upon conversion, exchange, or exercise of any Security being issued will be duly authorized, created, and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exchange, or exercise; it is our opinion that:

(1) With respect to shares of Common Stock, when (a) the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance of Common Stock and the terms of the offering and related matters and (b) certificates representing the shares of Common Stock have been duly executed, countersigned, registered, and delivered either (i) in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting, or similar agreement approved by the Board of the Company upon payment of the consideration therefor (not less than the par value of the Common Stock) provided for therein, or (ii) upon conversion or exercise of any other security, in accordance with the applicable purchase agreement, provided for therein;

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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-3, of Aspen Group, Inc. of our report dated July 25, 2017, on the consolidated financial statements of Aspen Group, Inc. for the years ended April 30, 2017 and 2016, included in Form 10-K filed on July 25, 2017, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ Salberg & Company, P.A.

SALBERG & COMPANY, P.A.

Boca Raton, Florida

April 10, 2018