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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CHEETAH NET SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICE INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

5010

(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

81-3509120

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell the securities until the registration statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting any offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

Up to 6,479,665 Shares of Class A Common Stock**CHEETAH NET SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICE INC.**

This is a public offering of shares of Class A common stock of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a corporation that was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, on a best effort basis. Unless otherwise stated, as used in this prospectus, references to “we,” “us,” “our,” “Cheetah Net,” “our Company,” and the “Company” are to Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. and its subsidiaries, as the case may be.

We are offering up to 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, at an assumed offering price of \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing trading price of our Class A common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on July 9, 2024. The recent market price used throughout this prospectus may not be indicative of the actual offering price. The final public offering price will be determined through negotiation between us and the investors in this offering, and may be at a discount to the current market price or to the assumed price set forth above. Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “CTNT.”

As of the date of this prospectus, we have 24,148,329 shares of Class A common stock and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, issued and outstanding, respectively. Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock have the same rights except for voting and conversion rights. In respect of matters requiring the votes of stockholders, each share of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote, and each share of Class B common stock is entitled to 15 votes and is convertible into Class A common stock at any time after issuance at the option of the holder on a one-to-one basis. The shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into shares of any other class.

We are an “emerging growth company” as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “JOBS Act”) and, as such, have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings. See “Prospectus Summary—Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company.”

Additionally, we are, and following the completion of this offering, will continue to be a “controlled company” as defined under Nasdaq Marketplace Rules 5615(c), because Huan Liu, our Chief Executive Officer and controlling stockholder, will be able to exercise 80.16% of the aggregate voting power of our issued and outstanding shares of Class A and Class B common stock and will be able to determine all matters requiring approval by our stockholders, immediately after the consummation of this offering, assuming the sale of 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock we are offering. For further information, see “Principal Stockholders.” However, even if we are deemed as a “controlled company,” we do not intend to avail ourselves of the corporate governance exemptions afforded to a “controlled company” under the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. See “Risk Factors” and “Management—Controlled Company.”

There is no minimum number of shares of Class A common stock or minimum aggregate amount of proceeds for this offering to close. We expect this offering to be completed not later than two business days following the commencement of this offering and we will deliver all shares of Class A common stock to be issued in connection with this offering by delivery versus payment upon receipt of investor funds. Accordingly, neither we nor FT Global Capital Inc. (the “Placement Agent”) has made any arrangements to place investor funds in an escrow account or trust account since the Placement Agent will not receive investor funds in connection with the sale of the shares of Class A common stock offered hereunder.

We have engaged the Placement Agent as our exclusive placement agent to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit offers to purchase our shares of Class A common stock in this offering. The Placement Agent has no obligation to purchase and is not purchasing or selling any of the Class A common stock we are offering and is not required to arrange for the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of the Class A common stock, but will use its reasonable best efforts to solicit offers to purchase the shares of Class A common stock offered by this prospectus. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to closing in this offering, the actual offering amount, Placement Agent's fee, and proceeds to us, if any, are not presently determinable and may be substantially less than the total maximum offering amounts set forth below and described throughout this prospectus. We have agreed to pay the Placement Agent the Placement Agent fees set forth in the table below and to provide certain other compensation to the Placement Agent. See “Plan of Distribution” for more information regarding these arrangements.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 10 of this prospectus.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share of Class A Common Stock	Total (assuming maximum offering)
Public offering price	\$	\$
Placement Agent Fees⁽¹⁾	\$	\$
Proceeds to our Company before expenses	\$	\$

1) We have agreed to pay the Placement Agent a cash fee equal to 7.25% of the public offering price of this offering. We have also agreed to reimburse the Placement Agent for certain of its offering related expenses, including reimbursement for all travel, due diligence, or related expenses, up to \$40,000 in the aggregate, and for its legal expenses, up to \$50,000 in the aggregate. For a description of the compensation to be received by the Placement Agent, see “Plan of Distribution” for more information.

We expect to deliver the Class A common stock against payment on or about [●], 2024.

Exclusive Placement Agent



Prospectus dated [●], 2024

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

We and the Placement Agent have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of the date on the front cover of the prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since that date.

Conventions that Apply to this Prospectus

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus to:

- “2023 Annual Report” are to our annual report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the SEC (as defined below) on March 18, 2024;
- “4S Stores” are to automobile dealerships authorized by an automobile manufacturer to engage in the four businesses relating to sales, spare parts, service, and survey;
- “Cheetah Net” are to Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a corporation that was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina;

- “customs clearance” are to the act of obtaining permission to export or import merchandise from one country into another;
- “freight forwarder” are to an agent that arranges commercial transportation for goods. Freight forwarders usually do not handle the shipments themselves, but offer different modes of transport, including sea/ocean freight, rail freight, road transport, and air freight. In general, freight forwarders assume responsibility for consignments until they reach their destinations;
- “IPO” are to the initial public offering of the Company;
- “letters of credit” are to an instrument of payment, issued by a buyer’s bank, that ensures payment to the seller;
- “March 2024 Quarterly Report” are to our quarterly report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-41761), filed with the SEC on May 13, 2024;
- “parallel-import vehicles” are to vehicles purchased by dealers directly from overseas markets and imported into the PRC for sale through channels other than manufacturers’ official distribution systems;
- “SEC” are to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;
- “U.S. dollars,” “USD,” “\$,” and “dollars” are to the legal currency of the United States; and
- “we,” “us,” “our,” “our Company,” or the “Company” are to Cheetah Net and its subsidiaries, as the case may be.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information and financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to this summary, we urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our securities, discussed under “Risk Factors,” before deciding whether to buy our securities.

Business Overview

Our Company

We are a provider of warehousing and logistics services, historically in connection with the sale of parallel-import vehicles sourced in the U.S. to be sold in the PRC market, and more recently for the transportation of other goods between the U.S. and the PRC. We began our operations in 2016 exclusively as a parallel-import vehicle dealer for luxury brand automobiles but have now focused on facilitating non-vehicle trade in view of the continued weakness for imported automobiles in the PRC. In the PRC, parallel-import vehicles refer to those purchased by dealers directly from overseas markets and imported for sale through channels other than brand manufacturers’ official distribution systems. Parallel-import vehicles were popular in the PRC because they were generally priced 10% to 15% cheaper than vehicles sold through distribution systems authorized by brand manufacturers. In addition, some previously popular overseas models could only be obtained through this channel rather than through the brand manufacturers’ authorized distribution systems as a result of certain regulations that prohibit their production and sale in the PRC due to environmental protection and emission standards. We train and use a sufficient number of professional purchasing agents to supply appropriate quantities of vehicles at reasonable prices to Chinese parallel-import vehicle dealers, and maintain a long-term relationship with them. See “Item 1. Business—Our Competitive Strengths—In-depth Industry Insight and Strong Overseas Procurement Capability Enabled by a Large Team of Professional Purchasing Agents” in the 2023 Annual Report.

We experienced significant growth in sales volume, revenue, and gross profit from 2016, when we commenced our operations, to the first half of 2022 due to our core strengths and a favorable economic climate. Since the second half of 2022, our financial results have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the weak economic conditions in the PRC. Our financial results during 2023 and the first half of 2024 have been significantly impacted by these conditions. We sold 303 and 463 vehicles during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, generating total revenue of \$38.3 million and \$55.2 million in these periods, representing a decrease of 30.5% from 2022 to 2023. We earned net income of \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared with net income of \$0.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2022 included approximately \$1.3 million of subsidy income from a business recovery grant program. Sales to the PRC market represent a significant part of our revenue. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, sales to the PRC market accounted for approximately 78.7% and 93.1% of our revenue, respectively. Our unit sales during the first half of 2024 fell to 14 vehicles, a 92.0% decrease from the first half of 2023. See “Risk Factors—Operational Risks—Sales to the PRC market represented approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel import vehicles for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and, to the extent we generate near-term sales, we expect such sales to continue to represent a significant part of our revenue. Any negative impact to our ability to sell our products to customers based in China could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.” We reported \$1.5 million in revenue during the first quarter of 2024 and a net loss of \$0.6 million. We expect to report our financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 on or about August 14, 2024.

Since the second half of 2023, the market for new luxury vehicles in the PRC has been negatively impacted by weak economic conditions and a shift in consumer demand towards electric vehicles (“EVs”), mainly those produced domestically by PRC manufacturers. Luxury import brand dealers have responded to these threats by discounting the sale price of their vehicles, which has lately prevented us from generating a profit from the sale of parallel import vehicles. These adverse market conditions have continued in the third quarter of 2024 and we are unable to predict the point at which a positive spread between the price of vehicles sourced from brand manufacturers’ official distribution systems compared with those sourced via the parallel-import market will return.

To diversify our revenue and further leverage our in-depth expertise in the parallel-import vehicle industry, we have embarked on a plan to acquire warehousing and logistics businesses with the goals to reduce costs and increase efficiency in managing the transaction cycle. In February 2024, we successfully completed the acquisition of Edward Transit Express Group Inc. (“Edward”) and started providing our own warehousing and logistics services. The acquisition of these capabilities can be further enhanced by offering financial services that we launched in October 2022.

Competitive Strengths

We believe the following competitive strengths are essential for our success and differentiate us from our competitors:

- in-depth industry experience and strong overseas procurement capability enabled by our sizable team of professional purchasing agents;
- scalable operation with systematic approach to procurement which drives better pricing for customers; and
- a visionary and experienced management team with strong financial and operational expertise.

Growth Strategies

We intend to develop our business and strengthen our brand loyalty by implementing the following strategies:

- launch additional warehousing and logistics services;
- manage the growth of our purchasing agent team and maintain an adequate customer base for the parallel-import vehicle business; and
- pursue additional strategic and financially attractive acquisitions.

Our Corporate Structure

As of the date of this prospectus, Cheetah Net holds 100% of the equity interests in the following entities:

- (i) Allen-Boy International LLC, a limited liability company organized on August 31, 2016 under the laws of the State of Delaware;
- (ii) Pacific Consulting LLC, a limited liability company organized on January 17, 2019 under the laws of the State of New York;
- (iii) Entour Solutions LLC, a limited liability company organized on April 8, 2021 under the laws of the State of New York;
- (iv) Cheetah Net Logistics LLC, a limited liability company organized on October 12, 2022 under the laws of the State of New York; and
- (v) Edward, a corporation incorporated on July 14, 2010 under the laws of the State of California.

For more details on our corporate history, please refer to “Part I—Item 1. Business—Organizational Structure” in the 2023 Annual Report. For details of our principal stockholders’ ownership, please refer to the beneficial ownership table in the section captioned “Principal Stockholders.”

Recent Developments

On May 23, 2024, we dissolved two wholly owned subsidiaries, Canaan International LLC, a limited liability company organized on December 5, 2018 under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and Canaan Limousine LLC, a limited liability company organized on February 10, 2021 under the laws of the State of South Carolina.

On May 14, 2024, we entered into a placement agency agreement with AC Sunshine Securities LLC on a best efforts basis, relating to our public offering (the “May 2024 Offering”) of 13,210,000 shares of Class A common stock for a price of \$0.62 per share, less certain placement agent fees. On the same day, we entered into a securities purchase agreement with purchasers identified therein. On May 15, 2024, we closed the May 2024 Offering pursuant to the prospectus included in our registration statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-276300), which was initially filed with the SEC on December 28, 2023, and declared effective by the SEC on April 26, 2024, and a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-279388) filed on May 13, 2024, pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act. The May 2024 Offering resulted in gross proceeds to us of approximately \$8.19 million, before deducting placement agent fees and other offering expenses and fees.

On March 4, 2024, we entered into a warrant termination agreement with Maxim Group LLC. Pursuant to the warrant termination agreement, we have terminated certain warrants previously granted to Maxim Group LLC, for the purchase of 62,500 shares of our Class A common stock, with a termination consideration of \$78,125. This termination became effective on March 27, 2024.

On January 24, 2024, we entered into a stock purchase agreement with Edward and the sole shareholder of Edward. On January 29, 2024, we entered into an amendment to the stock purchase agreement with Edward and the sole shareholder of Edward, modifying certain terms of such agreement. Pursuant to the stock purchase agreement, as amended, we agreed to acquire 100% of the equity interests in Edward from the sole shareholder of Edward, for a cash payment of \$300,000 and 1,272,329 shares of our Class A common stock. On February 2, 2024, we closed the acquisition and Edward became a wholly owned subsidiary of our Company. Edward owns the “edwardtransitusa.com” domain name and the “LOFIRST” trademark and holds an Ocean Transportation Intermediary License (License No. 015545N). The information on edwardtransitusa.com is not part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, this prospectus. As the owner of the Ocean Transportation Intermediary License, being a non-vessel operating common carrier, Edward is subject to the regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission and must maintain a bond in the amount of \$75,000.

On July 2, 2024, our stockholders approved our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, which specify that we are authorized to issue 891,750,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 108,250,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. Holders of both classes have the same rights except for voting and conversion rights. In respect of matters requiring a stockholder vote, each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock and each holder of Class B common stock is entitled to 15 votes per share of Class B common stock. Due to the voting power of Class B common stock, the holders of Class B common stock currently and may continue to have a concentration of voting power, which limits the ability of holders of Class A common stock to influence corporate matters. See “Risk Factors—Trading Risks—The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with our Chief Executive Officer, and his interests may not be aligned with the interests of our other stockholders.” Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time after issuance at the option of the holder on a one-to-one basis. Shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into shares of any other class. See “Description of Share Capital.” Unless the context requires otherwise, all references to the number of shares of Class A and Class B common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 24,148,329 shares of Class A common stock and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock issued and outstanding as of the date of this prospectus.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 6201 Fairview Road, Suite 225, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28210. Our telephone number at our principal executive office is (704) 826-7280. Our corporate website is <https://www.cheetah-net.com>. The information on our corporate website is not part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, this prospectus.

Summary of Risk Factors

Investing in our securities involves significant risks. You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus before making an investment in our securities. Below please find a summary of the principal risks we face, organized under relevant headings. These risks are discussed more fully in the section titled "Risk Factors."

Economic, Political, and Market Risks (for a more detailed discussion, see "Risk Factors—Economic, Political, and Market Risks" beginning on page 10 of this prospectus)

Risks and uncertainties related to our business include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected if luxury car manufacturers decrease prices for vehicles sold in China's market (see page 10 of this prospectus);
- Changes in consumer demand in the PRC market towards fuel-efficient vehicles and electric vehicles, or a general declining purchasing power of PRC consumers, is adversely affecting our vehicle sales volumes and our results of operations (see page 11 of this prospectus);
- The PRC government policies on the purchase and ownership of automobiles and stricter emission standards, may reduce the market demand for the automobiles we sell and thus negatively affect our business and growth prospects (see page 11 of this prospectus);
- We facilitate the import of automobiles of foreign brands into the PRC market as parallel-import vehicles, and any adverse change in political relations between the PRC and the U.S. or any other country where those brands originate, including the ongoing trade conflicts between the U.S. and the PRC, may negatively affect our business (see page 12 of this prospectus); and
- We are currently operating in a period of economic uncertainty and capital markets disruption, which has been significantly impacted by geopolitical instability due to the ongoing military conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East and the increasingly strained relationship between the U.S. and China. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any negative impact on the global economy and capital markets resulting from the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East or any other geopolitical tensions (see page 12 of this prospectus).

Operational Risks (for a more detailed discussion, see "Risk Factors—Operational Risks" beginning on page 14 of this prospectus)

Risks and uncertainties related to our business include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Our business may rely on a few customers that each accounts for more than 10% of our total purchases, and interruption in their operations may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations (see page 14 of this prospectus);
- Our engagement of independent contractors, who serve as purchasing agents to acquire automobiles from U.S. dealers, exposes us to risks beyond our control (see page 14 of this prospectus);
- Each of our purchasing agents can usually perform only a limited number of purchases before being recorded in the dealers' database of customers who they suspect of purchasing vehicles for export ("Suspect Customer Database"). To that end, we must maintain a sufficient number of purchasing agents for procurement, and if these purchasing agents are unable or unwilling to continue in their present positions, or if we fail to recruit and maintain a sufficient number of new purchasing agents to meet our purchasing demand, our business may be severely disrupted (see page 14 of this prospectus);
- We may be subject to losses, penalties, expenses, and damages for indemnifying purchasing agents for losses arising from breach of contract resulting from reselling the automobiles to us for export (see page 15 of this prospectus);
- Sales to the PRC market represented approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel-import vehicles for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and, to the extent we generate near-term sales, we expect such sales to continue to represent a significant part of our revenue. Any negative impact to our ability to sell our products to our PRC customers could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition (see page 15 of this prospectus);
- We may not be able to manage our inventories effectively, which may affect our operations and financial results (see page 15 of this prospectus);
- We launched our financial services in October 2022 and started providing our warehousing and logistics services in February 2024, some or all of which may not succeed, and may adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations (see page 16 of this prospectus);
- The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted our business, results of operations, and cash flows in 2022 (see page 17 of this prospectus);

- Our business and results of operations may be affected by product defects, vehicle recalls, and warranty claims (see page 18 of this prospectus);
- Any negative publicity about us, our products and services, and our management may materially and adversely affect our reputation and business (see page 18 of this prospectus);
- If we fail to attract, recruit, or retain our key personnel, including our executive officers, senior management, and key employees, our ongoing operations and growth could be affected (see page 19 of this prospectus); and
- Future acquisitions may have an adverse effect on our ability to manage our business (see page 20 of this prospectus).

Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks (for a more detailed discussion, see "Risk Factors—Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks" beginning on page 21 of this prospectus)

Risks and uncertainties related to our business include, but are not limited to, the following:

- We are subject to automotive and other laws and regulations in the U.S., which, if we are found to have violated, may adversely affect our business and results of operations (see page 21 of this prospectus);
- Non-compliance with laws and regulations on the part of any third parties with which we conduct business could expose us to legal expenses, compensation to third parties, penalties, and disruptions of our business, which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial performance (see page 21 of this prospectus);
- Third parties may claim that we infringe their proprietary intellectual property rights, which could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and prevent us from promoting our services (see page 22 of this prospectus);
- We may from time to time be subject to claims, controversies, lawsuits, and legal proceedings, which could adversely affect our business, prospects, results of operations, and financial condition (see page 22 of this prospectus); and
- As we generate a substantial portion of our revenue from customers operating in the PRC market, we are subject to significant regulatory risks arising from the legal system in China, which can change quickly with little advance notice (see page 22 of this prospectus).

Trading Risks (for a more detailed discussion, see “Risk Factors—Trading Risks” beginning on page 23 of this prospectus)

In addition to the risks described above, we are subject to general risks and uncertainties relating to this offering and the trading market, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Assuming that we are able to sell the shares of Class A common stock in this offering, we expect that the consummation of this offering could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline (see page 23 of this prospectus);
- The market price of our Class A common stock may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the public offering price (see page 24 of this prospectus);
- Our existing shareholders will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of Class A common stock as a result of this offering (see page 25 of this prospectus);
- If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may fail to meet our reporting obligations or be unable to accurately report our results of operations or prevent fraud, and investor confidence and the market price of our Class A common stock may be materially and adversely affected (see page 25 of this prospectus);
- The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with our Chief Executive Officer, and his interests may not be aligned with the interests of our other stockholders (see page 26 of this prospectus); and
- We are an “emerging growth company” and a “smaller reporting company” under the JOBS Act, and we cannot be certain if the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies and smaller reporting companies will make our common stock less attractive to investors (see page 27 of this prospectus).

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Our Operations and Financial Performance

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic had a material impact on our financial positions and operating results. First, the COVID-19 pandemic restricted our purchasing agents in the U.S. from freely purchasing designated automobiles at U.S. automobile dealerships, either because of the short supply of vehicles or because of store closings or limited opening hours due to the pandemic. Due to the implementation of significant governmental measures in the PRC intended to control the spread of the virus, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, parallel-import vehicle consumers are less willing to spend and their purchasing power has declined. As of the date of this prospectus, the spread of COVID-19 has been under control, and during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, the COVID-19 pandemic did not have a material impact on our financial positions and operating results. See “Risk Factors—Operational Risks—The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted our business, results of operations, and cash flows in 2022.”

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

As a company with less than \$1.235 billion in revenue during our last fiscal year, we qualify as an “emerging growth company” as defined in the JOBS Act. An “emerging growth company” may take advantage of reduced reporting requirements that are otherwise applicable to larger public companies. In particular, as an emerging growth company, we:

- may present only two years of audited financial statements and only two years of related Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations;
- are not required to provide a detailed narrative disclosure discussing our compensation principles, objectives, and elements and analyzing how those elements fit with our principles and objectives, which is commonly referred to as “compensation discussion and analysis”;
- are not required to obtain an attestation and report from our auditors on our management’s assessment of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;
- are not required to obtain a non-binding advisory vote from our stockholders on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements (commonly referred to as the “say-on-pay,” “say-on frequency,” and “say-on-golden-parachute” votes);
- are exempt from certain executive compensation disclosure provisions requiring a pay-for-performance graph and CEO pay ratio disclosure; and
- are eligible to claim longer phase-in periods for the adoption of new or revised financial accounting standards under §107 of the JOBS Act.

We intend to take advantage of all of these reduced reporting requirements and exemptions, including the longer phase-in periods for the adoption of new or revised financial accounting standards under §107 of the JOBS Act. Our election to use the phase-in periods may make it difficult to compare our financial statements to those of non-emerging growth companies and other emerging growth companies that have opted out of the phase-in periods under §107 of the JOBS Act.

Under the JOBS Act, we may take advantage of the above-described reduced reporting requirements and exemptions until we no longer meet the definition of an emerging growth company. The JOBS Act provides that we would cease to be an “emerging growth company” at the end of the fiscal year

in which the fifth anniversary of our initial sale of common equity pursuant to a registration statement declared effective under the Securities Act occurred, if we have more than \$1.235 billion in annual revenue, have more than \$700 million in market value of our Class A common stock held by non-affiliates, or issue more than \$1 billion in principal amount of non-convertible debt over a three-year period.

THE OFFERING

Securities offered	Up to 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock on a best efforts basis
Price per share	The assumed offering price is \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing trading price of our Class A common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on July 9, 2024.
Shares of common stock outstanding prior to completion of this offering	24,148,329 shares of Class A common stock and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock
Shares of common stock outstanding immediately after this offering	Up to 30,627,994 shares of Class A common stock and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock
Listing	Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market.
Nasdaq ticker symbol	"CTNT"
Transfer agent	VStock Transfer, LLC
Best efforts offering	We are offering the shares of Class A common stock on a best-efforts basis. We have agreed to offer and sell the shares of Class A common stock offered hereby directly to the purchasers. We have engaged FT Global Capital Inc. as our exclusive placement agent to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit offers to purchase the shares of Class A common stock in this offering. The Placement Agent has no obligation to buy any of the shares from us or to arrange for the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of shares. No minimum offering amount is required as a condition to closing this offering.
Use of proceeds	<p>Assuming the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock are sold in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing price of our Class A common stock on Nasdaq on July 9, 2024, we estimate the net proceeds of the offering will be approximately \$2,508,162, after deducting the Placement Agent fees and estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us. However, this is a best efforts offering with no minimum number of securities or amount of proceeds as a condition to closing, and we may not sell all or any of these securities offered pursuant to this prospectus; as a result, we may receive significantly less in net proceeds.</p> <p>We intend to use the proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, to provide capital to support our warehousing and logistics services, and for acquisitions and investments, although we have not yet identified nor entered into preliminary negotiations with any specific acquisition target and do not have any agreements for acquisitions or investments as of the date of this prospectus. See "Use of Proceeds" on page 28 for more information.</p>
Lock-up	<p>We have agreed not to, for a period of 90 days from the closing of this offering, (a) offer, sell, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our capital stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of our capital stock; or (b) file or cause to be filed any registration statement with SEC relating to the offering of any shares of capital stock of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of the Company, except the issuance of shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units, or options to employees, counsels, officers, or directors of the Company pursuant to any stock or option plan duly adopted for such purpose, for services rendered to the Company.</p> <p>Furthermore, each of our directors, executive officers, and our principal stockholders (5% or more stockholders) will also enter into a similar lock-up agreement for a period of 90 days from the date of this prospectus, with respect to our common stock and securities that are substantially similar to our common stock.</p>
Risk factors	The Class A common stock offered hereby involve a high degree of risk. You should read "Risk Factors," beginning on page 10 for a discussion of factors to consider before deciding to invest in our Class A common stock.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in our securities, you should consider carefully the risks described below, together with all of the other information set forth in this prospectus, including the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected, which could cause the trading price of our Class A common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. The risks described below and discussed in other parts of this prospectus are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business. You should only consider investing in our securities if you can bear the risk of loss of your entire investment.

Economic, Political, and Market Risks

Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected if luxury car manufacturers decrease prices

for vehicles sold in China's market.

We purchase automobiles from the U.S. market and resell them to our customers, including both U.S. and PRC parallel-import vehicle dealers. Our success depends, in large part, on a high demand for luxury automobiles from end consumers in the PRC, who prefer parallel-import vehicles when they are cheaper than automobiles of the same brand and model purchased from local distributors authorized by the luxury car manufacturers.

Since the second half of 2023, the market for new luxury vehicles in the PRC has been negatively impacted by weak economic conditions and a shift in consumer demand towards EVs, mainly those produced by PRC manufacturers. Luxury import brand manufacturers have responded to these threats by discounting the sale price of their vehicles, which has resulted in a general inability to generate a profit from the sale of parallel-import vehicles. If the discounting trend continues, our financial condition, results of operations, and growth prospects may be adversely affected.

Availability and demand for our products and services may be adversely impacted by economic conditions and other factors.

Prior to the expansion of our services to the transportation of other goods between the U.S. and the PRC, we derived almost all of our revenue through the sale of parallel-import vehicles. In particular, we purchase automobiles from the U.S. market via a large team of professional purchasing agents, and resell them to our customers, including both U.S. and PRC parallel-import vehicle dealers. The parallel-import vehicle dealership industry is influenced by general economic conditions, the level of personal discretionary spending, interest rates, exchange rates, fuel prices, supply conditions, and consumer transportation preferences. Uncertainty in the economy can negatively impact consumer spending. Global trade challenges that originated from the COVID-19 pandemic may re-emerge and may have long-lasting adverse impacts on us and our industry. For example, pandemic-related issues may exacerbate port congestion and cause intermittent supplier shutdowns and delays. Increased demand for personal electronics has created a shortfall of semiconductor chips, which in turn, has also adversely impacted the production of new vehicles, parts, and other supplies, reducing vehicle inventories in the U.S. market and increasing new vehicle prices as a result. In addition, local economic, competitive, and other conditions in the PRC affect the performance of Chinese parallel-import vehicle dealers, who are our customers. Our operations are heavily influenced by the general economic conditions and consumer spending habits in the PRC market into which our vehicles are ultimately exported. See “—Changes in consumer demand in the PRC market towards fuel-efficient vehicles and EVs, or a general declining purchasing power of PRC consumers, could adversely affect our vehicle sales volumes and our results of operations.”

We are in the relatively competitive parallel-import vehicle dealership industry, and we may not be able to compete successfully against existing or new competitors, which could reduce our market share and adversely affect our competitive position and financial performance.

The parallel-import vehicle dealership industry in the U.S. is relatively competitive and rapidly evolving, with many new companies joining the competition in recent years. We compete directly with other companies that sell parallel-import vehicles to the PRC, although most of our competitors are small family businesses that obtain U.S. cars through their family members or friends in the U.S. Competition can be increasingly intense and is expected to increase significantly in the future. The increased competition may lead to price reductions for vehicle sales, which may result in reduced margins and a loss of market share for us. We compete with other competitors on the following bases:

- brand recognition;
- quality of services;
- effectiveness of sales and marketing efforts;
- pricing and discount policies; and
- hiring and retention of talented staff.

Our competitors may operate with different business models, have different cost structures, and may ultimately prove to be more successful or more adaptable to new regulatory, technological, and other developments. They may in the future achieve greater market acceptance and recognition and gain a greater market share. It is also possible that potential competitors may emerge and acquire a significant market share. If existing or potential competitors develop or offer services that provide significant performance, price, creative optimization, or other advantages over those offered by us, our business, results of operations, and financial condition would be negatively affected. Our existing and potential competitors may enjoy competitive advantages over us, such as longer operating history, greater brand recognition, larger client base, and better value-added services such as providing financial services for customers' vehicle purchases. We may lose clients if we fail to compete successfully, which could adversely affect our financial performance and business prospects. We cannot guarantee that our strategies will remain competitive or successful in the future. Increasing competition may result in pricing pressure and loss of our market share, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in consumer demand in the PRC market towards fuel-efficient vehicles and EVs, or a general declining purchasing power of PRC consumers, is adversely affecting our vehicle sales volumes and our results of operations.

We primarily generate revenue from the sale of luxury vehicles to both U.S. and PRC parallel-import vehicle dealers, who in turn resell those vehicles to end consumers in the PRC. As such, our sales are highly dependent on Chinese consumers' demand. Volatile fuel prices have affected and may continue to affect the Chinese consumers' preferences in connection with the sales of our vehicles. With rising fuel prices and change in economic conditions, consumers are less likely to purchase large, expensive vehicles, such as sport utility vehicles or luxury automobiles, and more likely to purchase smaller, less expensive, and more fuel-efficient vehicles. Lower fuel prices, on the other hand, could have the opposite effect. As of December 31, 2023, all seven models in our inventory were in the luxury automobile brand segment, such as Mercedes GLS450, Land Rover Range Rover, Toyota Sequoia, Ram 1500 TRX, and Lexus LX600. See “Item 1. Business” in the 2023 Annual Report. As such, we could suffer a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations if fuel prices rise sharply. Fuel prices, improvements in electric vehicles, and more electric vehicle options have all contributed to increased consumer demand for fuel-efficient and EVs. As the demand for EVs rises, we may need to adapt by selling more fuel-efficient cars or EVs. In the event that we are unable to meet the consumer demand, our vehicle sales volumes and operating results may be adversely affected. Additionally, as we currently focus on luxury vehicle brands, our operations depend largely on the purchasing power of PRC consumers. The adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of restrictive governmental measures intended to control the spread of the virus (such as lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans), imposed significant challenges on China's economy, which caused, and may continue to cause, a declining purchasing power of PRC consumers. In the event that the purchasing power of the PRC consumers continues to decline, and if we are unable to find substitute demand for our vehicles, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Beginning in the second half of 2023, the market for new luxury vehicles in the PRC has been negatively impacted by weak economic conditions and a shift in consumer demand towards EVs, mainly those produced domestically by PRC manufacturers. Luxury import brand dealers have responded to these threats by discounting the sale price of their vehicles, which has significantly challenged our ability to generate a profit from the sale of parallel-import vehicles. Consistent with our strategy to focus only on profitable parallel-import vehicle transactions, our unit sales during the first half of 2024 fell to 14 vehicles, an 92.0% decrease from the first half of 2023. We reported \$1.5 million in revenue during the first quarter of 2024 and a net loss of \$0.6

million. These adverse market conditions are continuing into the third quarter of 2024 and we do not anticipate a significant sales rebound during the third quarter. We are unable to predict the point at which a positive spread between the price of vehicles sourced from brand manufacturers' official distribution systems compared with those sourced via the parallel-import market will return. As a result, our financial condition, results of operations, and growth prospects have been adversely affected.

The PRC government policies on the purchase and ownership of automobiles and stricter emission standards may reduce the market demand for the automobiles we sell and thus negatively affect our business and growth prospects.

The PRC government policies on automobile purchase and ownership may negatively affect our business and growth prospects because of their influence on our end consumer's purchasing behavior. For example, to curb urban traffic congestion, certain cities in the PRC, such as Beijing, have adopted urban regulations and ordinances that limit new automobile registrations or restrict automobile use. Specifically, the Beijing municipal government has issued a number of measures effective December 23, 2010 to limit the number of new license plates to be issued each year. These and any future anti-congestion ordinances in China, which is our ultimate market, may restrict the ability of our end consumers to purchase automobiles and in turn reduce customer demand for automobiles.

Furthermore, the PRC government has recently promulgated laws, regulations, and policies to reduce automobile emissions. For example, on July 1, 2020, the PRC government began implementing the "Light Vehicle Pollutant Emission Limits and Measurement Methods (China Phase VI)," also known as the "National VI" emission standards for automobiles (the "National VI Standards"). In comparison to the National V requirements, this standard sets the most stringent emissions limit ever, requiring a 50% reduction in carbon monoxide emissions, total hydrocarbons, and total non-methane hydrocarbon emissions. Due to the implementation of the National VI Emission Standards in 2020, the importation of "National V" light vehicles was banned from July 1, 2020, and the sale of "National V" vehicles was prohibited from January 1, 2021. As the National VI Standards came out, the parallel-import vehicle market suffered a significant decline from July 2020 to June 2021. Due to the non-authorized nature of parallel-import vehicles (that is, parallel-import vehicles are imported into the PRC market for sale through channels other than brand manufacturers' official distribution systems), dealers of parallel-import vehicles usually could not provide information that only the car manufacturers could provide, and are thus unable to obtain the emission standard verification and the so-called "environmental protection information with the car list," which are required for the parallel importation of the vehicles. Such policies also substantially reduced the market demand for the types and models of the parallel-import vehicles we sell, which are generally less fuel-efficient. It took a long time for the entire industry to explore new import methods to solve issues on environmental testing, import customs clearance, and other related processes so that parallel-import vehicles could be imported and sold in the PRC market under the requirements of the National VI Standards. Car dealers were able to adopt new import methods and customs clearance procedures for the PRC market in July 2021 and the market reopened (the "Market Reopening"). There is no guarantee that the PRC government will not continue to issue stricter regulations and policies relating to emission standards for automobiles sold in the PRC, which may substantially reduce the market demand for our products. As a result, our financial condition, results of operations, and growth prospects may be adversely affected.

We facilitate the import of automobiles of foreign brands into the PRC market as parallel-import vehicles, and any adverse change in political relations between the PRC and the U.S. or any other country where those brands originate, including the ongoing trade conflicts between the U.S. and the PRC, may negatively affect our business.

The brands of automobiles we procure include Mercedes, BMW, Porsche, Lexus, Bentley, and Toyota. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report. These brands originate from different countries outside the PRC, and almost all of our vehicles are purchased from the U.S. market and sold to U.S. and PRC parallel-import vehicle dealers. In the event of any significant deterioration in the PRC's relations with the U.S. or any other countries from which these brands originate, customers in the PRC may refrain from purchasing some of the brands we sell, or legislation may be enacted that would negatively affect our business interests in the PRC. For example, due to the increased tariffs caused by the ongoing trade conflicts between the U.S. and China, the costs of importing and exporting raw materials for automotive manufacturing and finished automobiles have increased. Consequently, we must raise the prices of our vehicles to cover the increase in costs. Given that we cannot predict what actions may ultimately be taken with respect to tariffs or trade relations between the U.S. and China, our supply chain, costs, and profitability may be negatively impacted by the adoption and expansion of trade restrictions, the continuation of the trade conflicts, or other government actions related to tariffs, trade agreements, or related policies. Increasing costs or decreasing availability could slow our growth and negatively affect our financial results and operational metrics.

We are currently operating in a period of economic uncertainty and capital markets disruption, which has been significantly impacted by geopolitical instability due to the ongoing military conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East and the increasingly strained relationship between the U.S. and China. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any negative impact on the global economy and capital markets resulting from the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East or any other geopolitical tensions.

U.S. and global markets are experiencing volatility and disruption following the escalation of geopolitical tensions and the military conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East. Although the length and impact of the ongoing military conflicts is highly unpredictable, the conflicts could lead to continuing market disruptions, including significant volatility in commodity prices, credit and capital markets, as well as supply chain interruptions.

The military conflict in Ukraine has led to sanctions and other penalties being levied by the United States, European Union, and other countries against Russia. Additional potential sanctions and penalties have also been proposed or threatened. Russian military actions and the resulting sanctions could adversely affect the global economy and financial markets and lead to instability and lack of liquidity in capital markets, potentially making it more difficult for us to obtain additional funds. Although our business has not been materially impacted by the ongoing military conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East to date, it is impossible to predict the extent to which our operations, or those of our suppliers and manufacturers, will be impacted in the short and long term, or the ways in which the conflict may impact our business. The extent and duration of the military action, sanctions and resulting market disruptions are impossible to predict, but could be substantial. Any such disruptions may also magnify the impact of other risks described in this prospectus.

In addition, the U.S.-China relationship has recently faced a daunting challenge, contributing to geopolitical instability worldwide. Because our sales to the PRC market represent a significant part of our revenue, our business relies on a stable economic and political relationship between the U.S. and China. However, the tensions between the two countries have intensified since the COVID-19 pandemic, exemplified by the ongoing trade conflicts between U.S. and China, and there is significant uncertainty about the future relationship between the two countries with respect to trade policies, treaties, government regulations, and tariffs. A deteriorating relationship between the U.S. and China, or a prolonged stalemate between them, could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

We may be adversely affected by the effects of inflation and a potential recession in the U.S. and by a weakening economy in the PRC.

Inflation has the potential to adversely affect our liquidity, business, financial condition, and results of operations by increasing our overall cost structure, particularly if we are unable to achieve commensurate increases in the prices we charge our customers. The existence of inflation in the U.S. economy has resulted in, and may continue to result in, higher interest rates and capital costs, shipping costs, supply shortages, increased costs of labor, weakening exchange rates, and other similar effects. As a result of inflation, we have experienced and may continue to experience, cost increases. In addition, poor economic and market conditions in the U.S. and the PRC, including a potential recession, may negatively impact market sentiment, decreasing the demand for automobiles, which would adversely affect our operating income and results of operations. If we are unable to take effective measures in a timely manner to mitigate the impact of inflation as well as a potential recession, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Fluctuations in exchange rates could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations and the value of your investment.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, our sales to the Chinese market accounted for approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel-import vehicles, respectively. As our sales to PRC customers are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") and we procure almost all of our automobile inventory in USD, we face exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The value of the RMB against the USD may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in political and economic conditions and the foreign exchange policy adopted by the PRC government. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy of pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar, and the RMB appreciated more than 20% against the U.S. dollar over the following three years. Between July 2008 and June 2010, this appreciation halted and the exchange rate between the RMB and the U.S. dollar remained within a narrow band. In August 2015, the People's Bank of China (the "PBOC") changed the way it calculates the mid-point price of the RMB against the USD, requiring the market-makers who submit for reference rates to consider the previous day's closing spot rate, foreign-exchange demand and supply, as well as changes in major currency rates. In 2019, the RMB appreciated by approximately 1.9% against the U.S. dollar. In 2020, RMB appreciated by approximately 6.9% against the U.S. dollar. In 2021, RMB depreciated approximately 2.6% against the U.S. dollar. During the year ended December 31, 2022, RMB rapidly depreciated against the U.S. dollar by approximately 9%. It is difficult to predict how market forces or PRC or U.S. government policy, including any interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve, may impact the exchange rate between the RMB and the USD in the future. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt a more flexible currency policy, including from the U.S. government, which has threatened to label China as a "currency manipulator," which could result in greater fluctuation of the RMB against the USD. However, the PRC government may still at its discretion restrict access to foreign currencies for capital account or current account transactions in the future. Therefore, it is difficult to predict how market forces or government policies may impact the exchange rate between the RMB and the USD in the future. In addition, the PBOC regularly intervenes in the foreign exchange market to limit fluctuations in RMB exchange rates and achieve policy goals. To date, we have not entered into any hedging transactions in an effort to reduce our exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. While we may decide to enter into hedging transactions in the future, the availability and effectiveness of these hedges may be limited and we may not be able to hedge our exposure adequately or at all. If the exchange rate between the RMB and USD fluctuates in an unanticipated manner, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

If the PRC government imposes further restrictions and limitations on our PRC customers' ability to transfer or distribute cash from the PRC to the U.S., our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

The PRC government has imposed controls on the convertibility of the RMB into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of China. For instance, the Circular on Promoting the Reform of Foreign Exchange Management and Improving Authenticity and Compliance Review, or "SAFE Circular 3," issued on January 26, 2017, provides that banks shall, when dealing with dividend remittance transactions from a domestic enterprise to its offshore shareholders of more than \$50,000, review the relevant board resolutions, original tax filing form, and audited financial statements of such domestic enterprise based on the principle of genuine transaction. There is no guarantee that the PRC government will not further intervene or impose other restrictions on our PRC customers' ability to transfer or distribute cash outside the PRC. In the event that the foreign exchange control system prevents our PRC customers from remitting their payments to the U.S., we may not be able to receive a substantial portion of our revenue. As a result, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Operational Risks

Our business relies on a few customers that each accounts for more than 10% of our total purchases, and interruption in their operations will have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we derived most of our revenue from a few customers. For the three months ended March 31, 2024, one parallel-import vehicle dealer accounted for 100% of the Company's revenue from parallel-import vehicles. For the year ended December 31, 2023, our three largest clients accounted for 53.2%, 25.5%, and 20.2% of our total revenue, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2022, our three largest customers each accounted for 28.4%, 25.7%, and 10.9% of our total revenue, respectively. Pursuant to a typical sales contract entered into between our Company and a PRC customer, we are required to (i) load the designated automobiles on a vessel by the time of shipment specified in the contract at a U.S. port of loading; (ii) facilitate export customs clearance; (iii) provide the PRC customer with information about the designated automobiles, quantity, invoice amount, vessel name, and departure date, and provide a bill of lading, packaging list, commercial invoice, and other necessary documents; and (iv) ensure that the sold automobiles are new, whereas the PRC customer (i) is responsible for import customs clearance and other relevant import issues; (ii) is required to bear all costs and risks once the designated automobiles arrive at the designated port of destination in the PRC; and (iii) is responsible for arranging payment as specified in the contract. Similarly, our U.S. major customers also enter into sales agreements for each automobile sold with us. According to a typical sales agreement entered into between our Company and a U.S. major customer, we will (i) sell the designated automobile to the U.S. major customer for the amount specified in the agreement and certify that all of the information provided therein is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge; (ii) deliver the automobile to the warehouse requested by the U.S. major customer; and (iii) provide the automobile title within three weeks of the completion of the transaction. Meanwhile, the U.S. major customer acknowledges that the automobile described therein is sold "as is" and that there is no guarantee or warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to the sold automobile. We can lose a major customer due to a variety of factors, including our ability to provide a steady supply of parallel-import vehicles. Even though we have a strong record of performance, we cannot guarantee that we will continue to maintain the business cooperation with these major customers at the same level, or at all. If any significant customer terminates its relationship with us, we cannot assure you that we will be able to secure an alternative arrangement with a comparable customer in a timely manner, or at all. Losing one or more of these major customers could adversely affect our revenue and profitability.

Our engagement of independent contractors, who serve as purchasing agents to acquire automobiles from U.S. dealers, exposes us to risks beyond our control.

We procure our automobiles from U.S. automobile dealers through a team of third-party purchasing agents, who serve as independent contractors. As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and 2022, we worked with approximately 195, 389, and 342 purchasing agents, respectively. We typically enter into an independent contractor agreement with each agent, where the agent agrees to (i) acquire the automobile identified by our Company and promptly transfer possession of the automobile to us; (ii) diligently execute all documents related to the transfer of title and delivery of the automobile; (iii) deliver

the automobile without any physical damage, including all purchasing documents, user manuals, window sticker, keys, spare tires, and interior carpets; and (iv) acknowledge that the automobile is at all times the sole property of our Company insofar as we fulfill our obligation to fund all related costs of purchasing the automobile and to pay/reimburse all fees owed pursuant to the independent contractor agreement. Pursuant to the independent contractor agreement, we are required to pay the purchasing agent a service fee calculated according to an agreed-upon payment structure specified in the agreement, which includes (i) a base fee ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, depending on the model of the purchased automobile, and (ii) an incentive bonus that amounts to 25% of any further discount achieved by the agent beyond the pre-determined benchmark discount required for the purchased automobile. Such agreement also includes liability exemption clauses providing that the purchasing agent shall not be liable for any fines or lawsuits imposed by dealerships or manufacturers due to export infractions or infringements and we agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the purchasing agent from and against any liability, losses, claims, costs, interests, penalties, expenses, and damages arising from any non-negligent execution of the role as purchasing agents on behalf of our Company. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report. The purchasing agents are trained by our procurement specialists to negotiate for the best price with the U.S. dealers. While we have implemented a standardized system for recruiting, training, and managing professional purchasing agents, we cannot assure you that we will continue to maintain our cooperation with them at the same level, or at all. Such third-party purchasing agents are subject to their own unique operational and financial risks, which are beyond our control. If such third-party purchasing agents fail to function properly, or breach or terminate their cooperation with us, we will be required to find sufficient substitute purchasing agents to maintain our procurement operations. If we are unable to do so in a timely and cost-effective manner, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Each of our purchasing agents can usually perform only a limited number of purchases before being recorded in the U.S. dealers' Suspect Customer Database. To that end, we must maintain a sufficient number of purchasing agents for procurement, and if these purchasing agents are unable or unwilling to continue in their present positions, or if we fail to recruit and maintain a sufficient number of new purchasing agents to meet our purchasing demand, our business may be severely disrupted.

Although the PRC government has issued a series of policies to encourage the parallel import of vehicles into the PRC market and, currently, there are no U.S. federal or state laws, regulation, or rules on exports that prohibit the export of vehicles that will be parallel imported into foreign countries, U.S. automobile dealers are generally discouraged by brand manufacturers from selling certain of their vehicles for export outside the U.S., as this may negatively impact their overseas market share. As such, through collecting and analyzing exported vehicle data periodically, U.S. automobile dealers have built and are constantly updating their own Suspect Customer Database and, as a result, a purchasing agent who is on the Suspect Customer Database of a U.S. automobile dealer may be restricted or prohibited from purchasing certain models of new vehicles from that dealer for a period of time. As such, each purchasing agent can likely perform only a limited number of purchases before ending up on such Suspect Customer Database, which requires us to keep recruiting new purchasing agents to meet our purchasing demand. If we are unable to do so in a timely and cost-effective manner, we may lose our appeal to our customers as a stable parallel-import vehicle supplier as we may not be able to provide our customers with automobiles inventories with stable and large quantities. As a result, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We may be subject to losses, penalties, expenses, and damages for indemnifying purchasing agents for losses arising from breach of contract resulting from reselling the automobiles to us for export.

Because U.S. automobile dealers are generally discouraged by brand manufacturers from selling certain of their vehicles for export outside the U.S., it is possible that a purchasing agreement, entered into between U.S. dealers and our purchasing agents, may contain provisions that restrict the export of the purchased automobiles. As a result, U.S. manufacturers or dealers may sue the purchasing agents for breach of contract for reselling the automobiles to us for export. Accordingly, an independent contractor agreement entered into between a purchasing agent and our Company, typically includes liability exemption clauses providing that the purchasing agent shall not be liable for any fines or lawsuits imposed by dealerships or manufacturers due to export infractions or infringements and we agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the purchasing agent from and against any liability, losses, claims, costs, interests, penalties, expenses, and damages arising from any non-negligent execution of the role as purchasing agents on behalf of our Company. See "—Operational Risks—Our engagement of independent contractors, who serve as purchasing agents to acquire automobiles from U.S. dealers, exposes us to risks beyond our control" and "Item 1. Business—Our Professional Purchasing Agents" in the 2023 Annual Report. Accordingly, we may incur losses, penalties, expenses, and damages arising from a breach of contract claim or lawsuit. As of the date of this prospectus, we are not aware whether any of our purchasing agents has been recorded in any U.S. automobile dealer's Suspect Customer Database, mainly because such database is proprietary to each dealer, and we do not have access to it. There is no assurance or guarantee that we will not suffer any losses, penalties, expenses, or damages resulting from any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry, arbitration, or litigation arising from any alleged export infractions in the foreseeable future, and if those incidents occur and if we are unable to limit such losses or damages to a certain level, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Sales to the PRC market represented approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel-import vehicles for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and, to the extent we generate near-term sales, we expect such sales to continue to represent a significant part of our revenue. Any negative impact to our ability to sell our products to our PRC customers could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

To date we have generated a significant portion of our revenue from sales to the PRC market. During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, sales to the PRC market accounted for approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel-import vehicles, respectively. To the extent we generate near-term sales, we expect such sales to continue to comprise a significant part of our revenue. As a result, any unforeseen events or circumstances that negatively impact our ability to sell our products to our PRC customers would materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. These negative events and circumstances include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- an economic downturn in China;
- political instability that could adversely affect our ability to deliver our products to consumers in a timely fashion;
- changes in laws and regulations, in particular those with little advance notice;
- a deterioration of relations or disruption of trade with the U.S., such as anti-U.S. campaigns, and the boycott of U.S. products;
- tariffs and other trade barriers which could make it more expensive for us to deliver our products to consumers; and
- increases in shipping costs for our products or other service issues with our third-party shippers, such as global availability of shipping containers, and related labor and fuel costs.

We may not be able to manage our inventories effectively, which may affect our operations and financial results.

Our business and financial condition depend on our ability to effectively manage our inventories, which may be subject to changing market conditions. As

of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and 2022, inventories represented approximately 2.6%, 15.4%, and 41.2% of our total current assets, respectively. To ensure adequate inventory, we must forecast inventory needs and expenses, and purchase automobiles sufficiently in advance through our purchasing agents. Our ability to accurately forecast demand for our automobiles could be affected by many factors, including the accuracy of the forecasts that we receive from our U.S. and PRC customers, a change in end-consumer demand for our automobiles, the emergence of new competitors, the COVID-19 pandemic, outbreaks of other epidemics, unanticipated changes in general market conditions, and a general weakening of economic conditions or consumer confidence. In the event that we understock inventories, we may be unable to satisfy customer demand on a timely basis, which may lead to damage to our brand and customer relationships, and adversely affect our revenue and operating results. On the other hand, inventory levels in excess of customer demand may result in insufficient cash flow, additional inventory maintenance costs, and inventory write-downs or write-offs, which would adversely affect our financial results, including our gross margin, and have a negative effect on our brand.

We launched our financial services in October 2022 and started providing our warehousing and logistics services in February 2024, some or all of which may not succeed, and may adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

As an adjunct business opportunity to our parallel-import vehicle business and to broaden and diversify our revenue sources, we launched our financial services in October 2022 and started providing our own warehousing and logistics services in February 2024 after completing the acquisition of Edward. We plan to develop these services initially to support our core business of supplying luxury vehicles to be imported into the PRC, and thereafter to build economies of scale by providing these new services to small- and medium-sized companies exporting vehicles from the U.S. or those engaged in the import or export of other products between the U.S. and the PRC or other destinations around the world. However, we have a relatively limited operating history and experience regarding these new services, and we may encounter difficulties as we advance our business operations, such as in marketing, selling, and deploying our financial services, maintaining our warehousing and logistics systems, and keeping pace with new technological trends and advances in the warehouse and logistics management.

The warehousing and logistics industry is highly competitive. We compete against major players in the market that have greater customer bases, volume, scale, resources, and market share than we do. Because convenience and reliability are a major concern for warehousing and logistics services users, they tend to select a brand with a relatively large market share and proven reputation. For that reason, we may incur substantial expenses in accruing, retaining and expanding our customer base through robust marketing campaigns and promotional activities, and we cannot assure you that these promotional efforts will be effective. With respect to our financial services, although we need not conduct extensive marketing campaigns to find new customers since we have existing contacts with our peers and Chinese parallel import car dealers who are interested in obtaining inventory financing from us, there is no assurance that our financial services will be successful because of our limited experience and operating history in this industry, as well as the substantial risk of delinquent debt. See “—We are subject to various risks associated with the commercial lending business due to our limited operating history of our newly launched financial services, and it is difficult to accurately forecast the future operating results and evaluate the business prospects of our financial service business.” and “—We have primarily funded our working capital needs from financing activities historically, and there is no assurance that we will always maintain positive cash flow in the near future or at all.” We may develop an online platform to facilitate our warehousing services, logistics services, and financial services, enabling us to automate and digitalize key steps of supply chain for our customers. These efforts, however, are costly and time-consuming, and may divert our resources from our parallel-import vehicle business. There can be no guarantee that these efforts will be successful and generate the expected return.

We are subject to various risks associated with the commercial lending business due to our limited operating history of our newly launched financial services, and it is difficult to accurately forecast the future operating results and evaluate the business prospects of our financial service business.

We launched our financial service business (commercial lending business) in October 2022 and completed our first lending in the fourth quarter of 2023. Due to the limited operating history, our future performance may be more susceptible to certain risks than a company with a longer operating history in the commercial lending business. Many of the factors discussed below could adversely affect our business and prospects and future performance, including:

- our ability to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and rules regarding commercial lending (see “—Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks—We are subject to automotive, commercial lending, and other laws and regulations in the U.S., which, if we are found to have violated, may adversely affect our business and results of operations” and “Item 1. Business—Governmental Regulations” in the 2023 Annual Report);
- our ability to obtain a license in order to engage in the business of making loans if we are required to obtain such a license in the future (see “Item 1. Business” in the 2023 Annual Report);
- our ability to maintain sufficient funds for commercial lending (see “—Operational Risks—We have primarily funded our working capital needs from financing activities historically, and there is no assurance that we will always maintain positive cash flow in the near future or at all”);
- the continued growth and development of the commercial lending industry;
- our ability to attract and retain long-term, quality customers with good credit and whether they can timely repay their borrowing from us; and
- our ability to compete effectively with our competitors in the commercial lending industry.

We may not be successful in addressing the risks and uncertainties listed above, among others, which may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and future prospects.

We have primarily funded our working capital needs from financing activities historically, and there is no assurance that we will always maintain positive cash flow in the near future or at all.

As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had working capital of approximately \$6.3 million, \$7.5 million, and \$2.3 million, respectively. As of the date of this prospectus, we have funded our working capital needs primarily from financing activities. Specifically, as of March 31, 2024, we had cash of \$0.9 million, and we recorded a total of approximately \$0.8 million loans payable, including approximately \$0.7 million loans payable from revolving lines of credit and \$0.1 million loans payable from premium finance.

Given that our business typically requires significant amounts of working capital to support our procurement of automobiles and the provision of

commercial lending, there is no assurance that we will always maintain positive cash flow in the near future or at all, as we expect to continually expand our two lines of businesses. Failure to maintain positive cash flow for the near term may adversely affect our ability to raise needed capital for our business on reasonable terms, diminish customer willingness to enter into transactions with us, and have other adverse effects that may decrease our long-term viability.

The COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacted our business, results of operations, and cash flows in 2022.

From 2019 to 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the implementation of significant governmental measures, including lockdowns, closures, quarantines, and travel bans, intended to control the spread of the virus. The possibility of future recurrences of the COVID-19 pandemic or similar events may prompt governments across the world to implement similar actions. Such governmental actions, together with the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, could materially disrupt our business and operations, slow down the overall economy, curtail consumer spending, and make it difficult to adequately staff our operations.

Our operations were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022. First, the COVID-19 pandemic restricted our purchasing agents in the United States from freely purchasing designated automobiles at U.S. automobile dealerships, either due to the short supply of vehicles, store closings, or limited opening hours. Second, the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected the market demand for our products. Specifically, people's lifestyles have substantially changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the implementation of significant governmental measures in the PRC intended to control the spread of the virus, parallel-import vehicle consumers are less willing to spend, and their purchasing power has declined. Consequently, the market demand for luxury cars, which make up the vast majority of our inventory due to their high margin per vehicle, has decreased dramatically. As of the date of this prospectus, the spread of COVID-19 has been under control, for the year ended December 31, 2023 and during the three months ended March 31, 2024, the COVID-19 pandemic did not have a material impact on our financial positions and operating results.

Our business and results of operations may be affected by product defects, vehicle recalls, warranty claims, and chip shortages.

Vehicle recalls are conducted by automobile brands from time to time to remedy product defects or other problems with one or more vehicle models. After we sell the vehicles to our customers including both the U.S. and PRC parallel-import vehicle dealers, we are not liable for any costs associated with repairs or product recalls of the brands we sell. However, product defects or vehicle recalls may damage the reputation of automobile brands conducting such recalls and negatively affect customers' confidence in the safety and quality of automobiles manufactured by such brands. Therefore, any recalls by such brands as Mercedes, Land Rover, Lexus, and Toyota, which are all brands we sell, may adversely affect our business, financial condition, and operating results. Additionally, because parallel-import vehicles in the PRC may not be eligible for the same level of warranty claims as those purchased from local distributors authorized by the brand, an increasing number of recalls or reports of product defects may encourage end consumers to purchase from local authorized dealers instead of Chinese parallel-import vehicle dealers. This may in turn result in a decrease in demand for parallel-import vehicles, which may adversely impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Furthermore, due to a global semiconductor chip shortage, automobile manufacturers worldwide, including the brands we sell, produced and delivered fewer automobiles from 2020 through 2022 compared with previous years. The semiconductor chip shortage is impacting the automobile industry's new vehicle production, which, in turn, has resulted in fewer automobiles available worldwide including in the U.S. market. As we purchase almost all of our automobile inventory from U.S. automobile dealerships, the continued global chip shortage has impacted and is likely to continue to impact, our ability to meet customer demand, by driving up the purchasing prices and causing the vehicle arrival time to be delayed. It is impossible to predict with certainty the duration of the semiconductor chip shortage or when normalized production will resume at these manufacturers. In the event that manufacturing levels of the brands we sell remain at current reduced levels or continue to decline, we may be unable to meet the immediate needs of our customers, resulting in a material and adverse impact on our financial and operating results.

Our business and results of operations may be harmed by the misconduct of authorized employees or third-party purchasing agents that have access to assets of our Company such as inventory, bank accounts, credit cards, and confidential information.

During the course of our business operations, some of our employees have access to certain valuable assets of our Company, such as automobile inventory, bank accounts, and confidential information. In the event of misconduct by such authorized employees, our Company could suffer significant losses. Employee misconduct may include misappropriating automobile inventory or bank accounts, falsifying inventory records or bank accounts, improper use or disclosure of confidential information to the public or our competitors, and failure to comply with our code of conduct or other policies or with federal or state laws or regulations regarding the use and safeguarding of classified or other protected information, import-export controls, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Third-party purchasing agent misconduct may include misappropriating automobile inventory or Company-issued credits cards, improper use or disclosure of confidential information to the public or our competitors, and failure to transfer the title of the purchased automobiles to our Company as required by the independent contractor agreement entered into between independent purchasing agents and our Company. See Note 18 of "Item 15. Exhibit and Financial Statement Schedules" in the 2023 Annual Report. Although we have implemented policies, procedures, and controls to prevent and detect these activities, these precautions may not prevent all intentional or negligent misconduct, and as a result, we could face unknown risks or losses. For example, a purchasing agent usually pays the deposit to automobile dealers using a Company-issued credit card. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report. Although we have taken precautionary measures such as requesting each purchasing agent to sign a corporate card usage agreement to restrict the use of Company credit cards, an agent may violate the agreement and use the credit card for his or her own purposes, resulting in loss or damage to our Company. Furthermore, such unethical, unprofessional, or even criminal behavior by employees or agents could damage our reputation, result in fines, penalties, restitution, or other damages, and lead to the loss of current and future customers, all of which would adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results.

Our insurance does not fully cover all of our operational risks, and changes in the cost of insurance or the availability of insurance could materially increase our insurance costs or result in a decrease in our insurance coverage.

We currently have insurance on our real property, comprehensive coverage for our vehicle inventory, general liability insurance, workers compensation, and employer liability insurance. In certain instances, our insurance may not fully cover an insured loss depending on the magnitude and nature of the claim. Additionally, changes in the cost of insurance or the availability of insurance in the future could substantially increase our costs to maintain our current level of coverage or could cause us to reduce our insurance coverage and increase the portion of our risks that we self-insure.

Any negative publicity about us, our products and services, and our management may materially and adversely affect our reputation and business.

We may from time to time receive negative publicity about us, our management, or our business. Certain of such negative publicity may be the result of malicious harassment or unfair competitive acts by third parties. We may even be subject to government or regulatory investigations as a result of such third-party conduct and may be required to spend significant time and incur substantial costs to defend ourselves against such third-party conduct, and we may not be able to conclusively refute each of the allegations within a reasonable period of time, or at all. Harm to our reputation and confidence of our customers can also arise for other reasons, including misconduct of our employees or any third-party business partners with whom we conduct business, including purchasing agents and logistics service providers. Our reputation may be materially and adversely affected as a result of any negative publicity, which in turn may cause us to lose market share, customers, industry partners, and other business partnerships.

Cybersecurity incidents could disrupt our business operations, result in the loss of critical and confidential information, adversely impact our reputation, and harm our business.

Cybersecurity threats and incidents directed at us could range from uncoordinated individual attempts to gain unauthorized access to information technology systems to sophisticated and targeted measures aimed at disrupting business or gathering personal data of customers. In the ordinary course of our business, we collect and store business information about our customers such as their names, addresses, and business licenses in Google Drive, a file storage platform developed by Google. The systems of third-party providers, such as Google, may experience material interruptions or failures due to a variety of events beyond our control. See “—We may experience operational system failures or interruptions that could materially harm our ability to conduct our operations.”

In addition, our business is reliant on the uninterrupted functioning of our Office Automation System, an information technology system we use to track our order status and monitor our business workflow (the “OA System”). The secure processing, maintenance, and transmission of information are critical to our operations, especially the processing and tracking of automobile orders. Although we employ measures designed to prevent, detect, address, and mitigate these threats (including access controls, data encryption, vulnerability assessments, and maintenance of backup and protective systems), cybersecurity incidents, depending on their nature and scope, could potentially result in the misappropriation, destruction, corruption, or unavailability of critical data and confidential or proprietary information (our own or that of third parties, including potentially sensitive personal information of our customers) and the disruption of business operations. Any such compromises to our security could cause harm to our reputation, which could cause customers to lose trust and confidence in us or could cause agents to stop working for us. In addition, we may incur significant costs for remediation that may include liability for stolen assets or information, repair of system damage, and compensation to customers and business partners. We may also be subject to legal claims, government investigation, and additional state and federal statutory requirements.

The potential consequences of a material cybersecurity incident include regulatory violations of applicable U.S. and international privacy and other laws, reputational damage, loss of market value, litigation with third parties (which could result in our exposure to material civil or criminal liability), diminution in the value of the services we provide to our customers, and increased cybersecurity protection and remediation costs (that may include liability for stolen assets or information), which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our competitiveness and results of operations.

Our business, financial condition, and reputation may be substantially harmed by security breaches, interruptions, delays, and failures in our systems and operations.

With our OA System, we follow up on our business workflow and track the status of all orders. The performance and reliability of our systems and operations are critical to our business. Our systems and operations are vulnerable to security breaches, interruption, or malfunction due to certain events beyond our control, including natural disasters, such as earthquakes, fires, floods, power outages, telecommunication failures, break-ins, sabotage, computer viruses, and intentional acts of vandalism. Security breaches, interruptions, delays, or failures in our systems or operations can lead to lower quality service, increased costs, litigation and other consumer claims, and damage our reputation, all of which could have a significant impact on our financial condition and operating results.

Our business and financial condition may be substantially harmed by inventory losses caused by theft, vandalism, or accidents during transportation and/or warehousing.

Vehicles in our inventory comprise a large share of our total assets. As of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, the value of our overall inventory amounted to approximately \$0.2 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Additionally, we also stored in our warehouses a number of automobiles owned by our customers for our financial services in the form of inventory financing. See “Item 1. Business” in the 2023 Annual Report. As we maintain a large automobile inventory, we bear the risk of damage and loss before delivering sold automobiles to the warehouse designated by our U.S. customers or to the port for the shipping of the automobiles to our PRC customers by third-party logistics providers. Despite our efforts to increase control by renting more secure warehouses space and hiring more qualified drivers for transportation, we remain subject to inventory losses caused by theft, vandalism, or accidents during transportation and/or warehousing. In addition, *force majeure* events such as flooding, fires, or hail may affect a large number of our automobiles. Such events may cause us to incur large damages, deprive us of a significant portion of our inventory, and reduce customer satisfaction if it leads to our failure to deliver sold automobiles. If any of the foregoing occurs, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We may experience operational system failures or interruptions that could materially harm our ability to conduct our operations.

We rely on the capacity, reliability, and security of third-party systems and software to support our operations. For example, we employ Google Drive to process, transmit, and store critical information. The systems of third-party providers may experience material interruptions or failures due to a variety of events beyond our control, including but not limited to, natural disasters, telecommunications failures, employee or customer error or misuse, targeted attacks, unauthorized access, fraud, computer viruses, denial of service attacks, terrorism, firewall or encryption failures, and other security problems. If any of the systems do not operate properly, are compromised, or are disabled, we could suffer adverse impact on our operations.

If we fail to manage our growth or execute our strategies and future plans effectively, we may not be able to take advantage of market opportunities or meet the demand of our customers.

Our business has grown substantially since our inception, and we expect it to continue to grow in terms of scale and diversity of operations. For example, we launched our financial services in October 2022. We also started providing our own warehousing and logistics services in February 2024 after completing the acquisition of Edward. See “Item 1. Business” in the 2023 Annual Report. We plan to develop these services initially to support our core business of supplying luxury vehicles to be imported into the PRC, and thereafter to build economies of scale by providing these services to small- and medium-sized companies exporting vehicles from the U.S. or those engaged in the import or export of other products between the U.S. and the PRC or other destinations around the world. This expansion increases the complexity of our operations and may cause strain on our managerial, operational, and financial resources. We must continue to hire, train, and effectively manage new employees. In the event that our new hires fail to perform as expected, or if we fail to hire, train, manage, and integrate new employees, our business, financial condition, and results of operations may be materially adversely affected. The expansion of our services will also require us to maintain consistency in the quality of our services so that our market reputation is not damaged by any deviations in quality, whether actual or perceived.

Our future results of operations also depend largely on our ability to execute our future plans successfully. In particular, our continued growth may subject us to the following additional challenges and constraints:

- we face challenges in ensuring the productivity of a large employee base and recruiting, training, and retaining highly skilled personnel, including areas of procurement, sales and marketing, and information technology for our growing operations;
- we face challenges in responding to evolving industry standards and government regulation that impact our business and the parallel-import vehicle dealership industry in general;
- we may have limited experience for certain new services including financial services and warehousing and logistics services, and our expansion into these new services may not be profitable;
- the technological or operational challenges may arise from the new services;
- the execution of our future plans will be subject to the availability of funds to support the relevant capital investment and expenditures; and
- the successful execution of our strategies is subject to factors beyond our control, such as general market conditions, and economic and political developments in the U.S. and globally.

All of these endeavors involve risks and will require significant management, financial, and human resources. We cannot assure you that we will be able to effectively manage our growth or to implement our strategies successfully. There is no assurance that the investment to be made by our Company as contemplated under our future plans will be successful and generate the expected return. If we are not able to manage our growth or execute our strategies effectively, or at all, our business, results of operations, and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

If we fail to attract, recruit, or retain our key personnel, including our executive officers, senior management, and key employees, our ongoing operations and growth could be affected.

Our success depends, to a large extent, on the efforts of our key personnel, including Huan Liu, our founder and Chief Executive Officer, our other executive officers, senior management, and other key employees who have valuable experience, knowledge, and connections in cross-border trade as well as the automobile dealership industry. There is no assurance that these key personnel will not voluntarily terminate their employment with us. We do not carry, and do not intend to procure, key person insurance on any of our senior management team. The loss of any of our key personnel could be detrimental to our ongoing operations. Our success will also depend on our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel to manage our existing operations as well as our future growth. We may not be able to successfully attract, recruit, or retain key personnel, and this could adversely impact our financial condition, operating results, and business prospects.

Our ongoing operations and growth may be affected by the high percentage of foreign employees who do not have permanent work permits in the U.S., which may increase our turnover ratio.

The successful operation of our business depends on our ability to attract, motivate, and retain a sufficient number of skilled employees. From time to time, there may be a shortage of skilled labor in the parallel-import vehicle industry we operate. As of March 31, 2024, we had 16 full-time employees, including six foreign employees who currently do not have permanent work permits in the U.S. In the event that some of our employees' temporary work permits expire, we may face increased turnover rates and labor shortages, which could result in higher labor costs. In this case, if we are unable to recruit and retain sufficiently qualified individuals, our business, results of operations, financial condition, and growth prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

Future acquisitions may have an adverse effect on our ability to manage our business.

We may acquire businesses, technologies, services, or products that are complementary to our parallel-import vehicle business. Future acquisitions may expose us to potential risks, including risks associated with the integration of new operations, services, and personnel, unforeseen or hidden liabilities, the diversion of resources from our existing business and technology, our potential inability to generate sufficient revenue to offset new costs, the expenses of acquisitions, or the potential loss of or harm to relationships with both employees and customers resulting from our integration of new businesses.

Any of the potential risks listed above could have a material adverse effect on our ability to manage our business, revenue, and net income. We may need to raise additional debt funding or sell additional equity securities to make such acquisitions. The raising of additional debt funding by our Company, if required, would result in increased debt service obligations and could result in additional operating and financing covenants, or liens on our assets, that would restrict our operations. The sale of additional equity securities could result in additional dilution to our stockholders.

Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance Risks

We are subject to automotive, commercial lending, and other laws and regulations in the U.S., which, if we are found to have violated, may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

A number of U.S. federal and state laws and regulations applicable to automotive companies affect our business and conduct, including, but not limited to, our sales, operations, financing, insurance, and employment practices. The regulatory bodies that regulate our business include the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Department of Justice, the Federal Communications Commission, various state dealer licensing authorities, various state consumer protection agencies, and various state financial regulatory agencies. For example, the Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction to investigate and enforce our compliance with certain consumer protection laws and has brought enforcement actions against auto dealers relating to a broad range of practices, including the sale and financing of value-added or add-on products and the collection, storage, and use of consumer personal information. Currently, we have a dealer license in North Carolina under Allen-Boy International LLC, which allows us to sell vehicles nationwide and export them worldwide. As we expand to other states, we may be subject to applicable vehicle dealer licensing laws in those states. In addition, the exportation aspect of our business is subject to the Code of Federal Regulation's requirements for exportation under 19 CFR § 192.2 and the inspection of Customs. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report. Furthermore, we are affected by federal and state laws and regulations that apply to commercial lending. In particular, our loans are governed by New York law. Under Article 9 of the New York Banking Law, a person or entity is required to obtain a license in order to engage in the business of making loans in the principal amount of \$50,000 or less for business and commercial loans with an interest rate of over 16% per year. As the business and commercial loans in our financial services do not have a principal of \$50,000 or less with an interest rate of over 16% per year, we are currently not required to obtain such a license. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report and "—Operational Risks—We are subject to various risks associated with the commercial lending business due to our limited operating history of our newly launched financial services, and it is difficult to accurately forecast the future operating results and evaluate the business prospects of our financial service business." Moreover, we may also be subject to laws and regulations involving taxes, tariffs, pricing, content protection, electronic contracts and communications, mobile communications, consumer protection, and information-reporting requirements, as well as privacy laws, anti-money laundering laws, and federal and state wage-hour, anti-discrimination, and other employment practices laws. For example, under the Immigration and Nationality Act, a foreign national is eligible for employment authorization in the U.S. only with an employment-related green card (permanent residency), an exchange visitor work and study visa, or a temporary

(non-immigrant) worker visa, such as an H-1B visa. In particular, the H-1B visa is a nonimmigrant work visa that allows U.S. employers to hire foreign workers for specialty jobs that require a bachelor's degree or equivalent. H-1B status can be granted initially for up to three years, and can be extended for another three years. H-1B holders who reach that six-year maximum must leave the U.S. and remain outside for at least one year before being eligible for a new six years of H-1B. As of March 31, 2024, we had 16 full-time employees, including six foreign employees who do not have permanent work permits in the U.S. and currently work under H-1B visas or student visas. In the event that some of our employees' temporary work permits expire, we may face increased turnover rates and labor shortages, which could result in higher labor costs. See "Operational Risks—Our ongoing operations and growth may be affected by the high percentage of foreign employees who do not have permanent work permits in the U.S., which may increase our turnover ratio." We are also subject to laws and regulations affecting public companies, including securities laws and exchange listing rules. See "Item 1. Business" in the 2023 Annual Report. Any failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil or criminal penalties, the imposition of investigatory remedial obligations or the issuance of injunctions limiting or prohibiting our operations.

Non-compliance with laws and regulations on the part of any third parties with which we conduct business could expose us to legal expenses, compensation to third parties, penalties, and disruptions of our business, which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial performance.

Third parties with which we conduct business, including purchasing agents, logistics service providers, and our customers may be subject to regulatory penalties or punishments because of their regulatory compliance failures or infringement upon other parties' legal rights, which may, directly or indirectly, disrupt our business. We cannot be certain whether such third parties have violated any regulatory requirements or infringed or will infringe on any other parties' legal rights, which could expose us to legal expenses or compensation to third parties, or both.

We, therefore, cannot rule out the possibility of incurring liabilities or suffering losses due to any non-compliance by third parties. There is no assurance that we will be able to identify irregularities or non-compliance in the business practices of third parties with which we conduct business, or that such irregularities or non-compliance will be corrected in a prompt and proper manner. Any legal liabilities and regulatory actions affecting third parties involved in our business may affect our business activities and reputation, and may in turn affect our business, results of operations, and financial performance.

Moreover, regulatory penalties or punishments against our business stakeholders such as vehicle suppliers and consumers, whether or not resulting in any legal or regulatory implications upon us, may nonetheless cause business interruptions or even suspension of these business stakeholders, which could in turn disrupt our usual course of business and result in material negative impact on our business operations, results of operation and financial condition.

Third parties may claim that we infringe their proprietary intellectual property rights, which could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and prevent us from promoting our services.

We cannot be certain that our operations or any aspects of our business do not or will not infringe upon or otherwise violate trademarks, patents, copyrights, know-how, or other intellectual property rights held by third parties. We may from time to time in the future be subject to legal proceedings and claims relating to the intellectual property rights of others. In addition, there may be third-party trademarks, patents, copyrights, know-how, or other intellectual property rights that are infringed by our products and services. There could also be existing intellectual property of which we are not aware that our products and services may inadvertently infringe.

If any third-party infringement claims are brought against us, we may be forced to divert management's time and other resources from our business and operations to defend against these claims, regardless of their merits. Additionally, the application and interpretation of intellectual property right laws and the procedures and standards for granting trademarks, patents, copyrights, know-how, or other intellectual property rights are evolving and may be uncertain, and we cannot assure you that courts or regulatory authorities would agree with our analysis. Such claims, even if they do not result in liability, may harm our reputation. If we were found to have violated the intellectual property rights of others, we may be subject to liability for our infringement activities or may be prohibited from using such intellectual property, and we may incur licensing fees or be forced to develop alternatives of our own. As a result, our business and financial performance may be materially and adversely affected.

We may from time to time be subject to claims, controversies, lawsuits, and legal proceedings, which could adversely affect our business, prospects, results of operations, and financial condition.

We may from time to time become subject to or involved in various claims, controversies, lawsuits, and legal proceedings. However, claims and threats of lawsuits are subject to inherent uncertainties, and we are uncertain whether any of these claims would develop into a lawsuit. Lawsuits, or any type of legal proceeding, may cause our Company to incur defense costs, utilize a significant portion of our resources, and divert management's attention from our day-to-day operations, any of which could harm our business. Any settlements or judgments against our Company could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. In addition, negative publicity regarding claims or judgments made against our Company may damage our reputation and may result in a material adverse impact on us.

We may be the subject of allegations, harassment, or other detrimental conduct by third parties, which could harm our reputation and cause them to lose market share and customers.

We may be subject to allegations by third parties or purported former employees, negative Internet postings, and other adverse public exposure on our business, operations, and staff compensation. We may also become the target of harassment or other detrimental conduct by third parties or disgruntled former or current employees. Such conduct may include complaints, anonymous or otherwise, to regulatory agencies, media, or other organizations. We may be subject to government or regulatory investigation or other proceedings as a result of such third-party conduct and may be required to spend significant time and incur substantial costs to address such third-party conduct, and there is no assurance that we will be able to conclusively refute each of the allegations within a reasonable period of time, or at all. Additionally, allegations, directly or indirectly against our Company, may be posted on the Internet, including social media platforms by anyone on an anonymous basis. Any negative publicity on our Company or our management can be quickly and widely disseminated. Social media platforms and devices immediately publish the content of their users' posts, often without filters or checks on the accuracy of the content posted. The information posted may be inaccurate and adverse to our Company, and it may harm our reputation, business, or prospects. The harm may be immediate without affording us an opportunity for redress or correction. Our reputation may be negatively affected as a result of the public dissemination of negative and potentially false information about our business and operations, which in turn may cause them to lose market shares and customers.

As we generate a substantial portion of our revenue from customers operating in the PRC market, we are subject to significant regulatory risks arising from the legal system in China, which can change quickly with little advance notice.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, our direct sales to the PRC market accounted for approximately 100%, 78.7%, and 93.1% of our revenue from parallel-import vehicles, respectively. As we generate a substantial portion of our revenue from customers operating in the PRC market, we are subject to significant regulatory risks arising from the legal system in China, which could cause the value of our securities to significantly decline or become worthless.

The PRC legal system is based on written statutes. Unlike common law systems, it is a system in which legal cases have limited value as precedents. In the late 1970s, the PRC government began to promulgate a comprehensive system of laws and regulations governing economic matters in general. The legislation over the past five decades has significantly increased the protection afforded to foreign companies selling to customers in the PRC. Since these laws and regulations are relatively new and the PRC legal system continues to rapidly evolve, however, the interpretations of many laws, regulations, and rules are not always uniform and enforcement of these laws, regulations, and rules involve uncertainties.

From time to time, we may have to resort to administrative and court proceedings to enforce our legal rights related to selling parallel-import vehicles to PRC customers. Since PRC administrative and court authorities have significant discretion in interpreting and implementing statutory and contractual terms, however, it may be more difficult to evaluate the outcome of administrative and court proceedings and the level of legal protection we enjoy in the PRC legal system than in more developed legal systems. Furthermore, the PRC legal system is based in part on government policies, internal rules, and regulations (some of which are not published in a timely manner or at all) that may have retroactive effect and may change quickly with little advance notice. We cannot predict the effects of future developments in the PRC legal system on our ability to sell parallel-import vehicles to PRC customers, including the promulgation of new laws, or changes to existing laws or the interpretation or enforcement thereof. Recently, the PRC government adopted a series of regulatory actions and issued statements to regulate business operations in China with little advance notice, including cracking down on illegal activities in the securities market, adopting new measures to extend the scope of cybersecurity reviews, and expanding the efforts in anti-monopoly enforcement. If the PRC government were to adopt similar regulatory actions on the parallel-import vehicle industry in China, it could result in material changes in our PRC customers' operations. Such uncertainties, including uncertainties over the scope and effect of our contractual, property (including intellectual property), and procedural rights, and any failure to respond to changes in the regulatory environment in China could materially and adversely affect our business and impede our ability to continue selling parallel-import vehicles to PRC customers.

Further, the PRC government has significant oversight and discretion over every sector of the Chinese economy, including the parallel-import industry in China, and may intervene or influence our PRC customers' operations at any time as the government deems appropriate to further regulatory, political, and societal goals, which could adversely affect our ability to sell parallel-import vehicles to our PRC customers and/or the value of our Class A common stock. The PRC government has recently published new policies that significantly affected certain industries, such as the education and Internet industries, and we cannot rule out the possibility that it will in the future release regulations or policies regarding the parallel-import vehicle industry that could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Furthermore, if China adopts more stringent standards with respect to certain areas, such as environmental protection or corporate social responsibilities, our PRC customers may, directly or indirectly, incur increased compliance costs or become subject to additional restrictions in their operations, which could adversely affect our ability to sell parallel-import vehicles to PRC customers. In addition, we cannot predict the effects of future developments in the PRC legal system on our ability to sell parallel-import vehicles to PRC customers, including the promulgation of new laws, or changes to existing laws or the interpretation or enforcement thereof.

Trading Risks

This is a reasonable best efforts offering; no minimum number or dollar amount of securities is required to be sold, and we may not raise the amount of capital we believe is required for our business plans.

The Placement Agent has agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit offers to purchase the shares of Class A common stock in this offering. The Placement Agent has no obligation to buy any of the shares from us or to arrange for the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of shares. There is no required minimum number of shares that must be sold as a condition to completion of this offering. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to the closing of this offering, the actual offering amount, placement agent's fees and proceeds to us are not presently determinable and may be substantially less than the maximum amounts set forth above. We may sell fewer than all of the shares of Class A common stock offered hereby, which may significantly reduce the amount of proceeds received by us, and investors in this offering will not receive a refund in the event that we do not sell an amount of shares sufficient to fund our business plan. Thus, we may not raise the amount of capital we believe is required for our operations in the short-term and may need to raise additional funds, which may not be available or available on terms acceptable to us.

Assuming that we are able to sell the shares of Class A common stock in this offering, we expect that the consummation of this offering could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline.

In this offering, we are offering up to 6,479,665 Class A common stock at an assumed offering price per share of \$0.46. Immediately following the completion of the offering, based on the number of shares outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, we will have 30,627,994 shares of Class A common stock outstanding. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that market sales of those Class A common stock or the availability of those Class A common stock for sale will have on the market price of our Class A common stock.

The Class A common stock offered in the offering may be resold in the public market immediately without restriction, unless purchased by our "affiliates" as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, which may be resold only if registered under the Securities Act or in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144 or another applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. If, after the period during which such lock-up agreements restrict sales of the our Class A common stock or if the Placement Agent waives the restrictions set forth therein (which may occur at any time), one or more of these securityholders sell substantial amounts of Class A common stock in the public market, or the market perceives that such sales may occur, the market price of the Class A common stock and our ability to raise capital through an issue of equity securities in the future could be adversely affected.

Because there is no minimum required for the offering to close, investors in this offering will not receive a refund in the event that we do not sell an amount of shares sufficient to pursue the business goals outlined in this prospectus.

We have not specified a minimum offering amount in connection with this offering. Because there is no minimum offering amount, investors could be in a position where they have invested in our Company, but we are unable to fulfill our objectives due to a lack of interest in this offering. Further, any proceeds from the sale of the shares offered by us will be available for our immediate use, despite uncertainty about whether we would be able to use such funds to effectively implement our business plan. Upon closing of this offering, investor funds will not be returned under any circumstances whether during or after this offering.

The market price of our Class A common stock may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the public offering price.

The public offering price for our Class A common stock will be determined through negotiations between us, the Placement Agent, and the prospective

investors in the offering and may vary from the market price of our Class A common stock following our public offering. If you purchase shares of our Class A common stock in our public offering, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the public offering price. We cannot assure you that the public offering price of our Class A common stock, or the market price following this public offering, will equal or exceed prices in privately negotiated transactions of our shares that have occurred from time to time prior to this public offering. The market price of our Class A common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenue and other operating results;
- the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in these projections or our failure to meet these projections;
- actions of securities analysts who initiate or maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by any securities analysts who follow our Company, or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant products or features, technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, or capital commitments;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;
- lawsuits threatened or filed against us; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from war or incidents of terrorism, or responses to these events.

In addition, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. Stock prices of many companies have fluctuated in a manner unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. In the past, stockholders have filed securities class litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could subject us to substantial costs, divert resources and the attention of management from our business, and adversely affect our business.

The price of our Class A common stock could be subject to rapid and substantial volatility.

There have been instances of extreme stock price run-ups followed by rapid price declines and strong stock price volatility with recent public offerings, especially among those with relatively smaller public floats. As a relatively small-capitalization company with a relatively small public float, we may experience greater stock price volatility, extreme price run-ups, lower trading volume, and less liquidity than large-capitalization companies. In particular, our Class A common stock may be subject to rapid and substantial price volatility, low volumes of trades, and large spreads in bid and ask prices. Such volatility, including any stock run-ups, may be unrelated to our actual or expected operating performance and financial condition or prospects, making it difficult for prospective investors to assess the rapidly changing value of our Class A common stock.

In addition, if the trading volumes of our Class A common stock are low, persons buying or selling in relatively small quantities may easily influence the price of our Class A common stock. This low volume of trades could also cause the price of our Class A common stock to fluctuate greatly, with large percentage changes in price occurring in any trading day session. Holders of our Class A common stock may also not be able to readily liquidate their investment or may be forced to sell at depressed prices due to low volume trading. Broad market fluctuations and general economic and political conditions may also adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock. As a result of this volatility, investors may experience losses on their investment in our Class A common stock. A decline in the market price of our Class A common stock also could adversely affect our ability to issue additional shares of Class A common stock or other of our securities and our ability to obtain additional financing in the future. No assurance can be given that an active market in our Class A common stock will develop or be sustained. If an active market does not develop, holders of our Class A common stock may be unable to readily sell the shares they hold or may not be able to sell their shares at all.

A possible “short squeeze” due to a sudden increase in demand of our Class A common stock that largely exceeds supply may lead to further price volatility in our Class A common stock.

Investors may purchase our Class A common stock to hedge existing exposure in our Class A common stock or to speculate on the price of our Class A common stock. Speculation on the price of our Class A common stock may involve long and short exposures. To the extent aggregate short exposure exceeds the number of shares of our Class A common stock available for purchase in the open market, investors with short exposure may have to pay a premium to repurchase our Class A common stock for delivery to lenders of our Class A common stock. Those repurchases may, in turn, dramatically increase the price of our Class A common stock until investors with short exposure are able to purchase additional Class A common stock to cover their short position. This is often referred to as a “short squeeze.” A short squeeze could lead to volatile price movements in our common stock that are not directly correlated to the performance or prospects of our Company and once investors purchase the shares of Class A common stock necessary to cover their short position the price of our Class A common stock may decline.

Our existing shareholders will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of Class A common stock as a result of this offering.

The public offering price of our Class A common stock is substantially lower than the pro forma as-adjusted net tangible book value per share of our Class A common stock. Consequently, upon completion of the offering, our existing shareholders will incur immediate dilution of \$0.04 per share, based on an assumed public offering price of \$0.46. See “Dilution.” In addition, they may experience further dilution to the extent that additional shares of Class A common stock are issued upon exercise of outstanding options we may grant from time to time.

You may experience future dilution as a result of future equity offerings or other equity issuances.

We may in the future issue additional shares of our Class A common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our Class A common stock. We cannot assure you that we will be able to sell shares of our Class A common stock or other securities in any other offering or other transactions at a price per share that is equal to or greater than the price per share paid by investors in this offering. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our Class A common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our Class A common stock in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share in this offering.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may fail to meet our reporting obligations or be unable to accurately report our results of operations or prevent fraud, and investor confidence and the market price of our Class A common stock may be materially and adversely affected.

We are a public company in the United States subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that we include a report of management on our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report on 10-K beginning with our annual report for the year

ending December 31, 2024. In addition, once we cease to be an “emerging growth company,” as such term is defined in the JOBS Act, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Our management has concluded that our internal controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of March 31, 2024.

Although our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, our independent registered public accounting firm, after conducting its own independent testing, may issue a report that is qualified, if it is not satisfied with our internal controls or the level at which our controls are documented, designed, operated, or reviewed, or if it interprets the relevant requirements differently from us. In addition, as we are a public company, our reporting obligations may place a significant strain on our management, operational, and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future. We may be unable to complete our evaluation testing and any required remediation in a timely manner.

We may not be able to maintain the listing of our Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain the listing standards of that exchange, which includes requirements that we maintain our stockholders' equity, total value of shares held by unaffiliated stockholders, and market capitalization above certain specified levels. If we fail to conform to the Nasdaq listing requirements on an ongoing basis, our Class A common stock may cease to trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market exchange, and may move to the OTCQB or OTC Pink Markets operated by OTC Markets Group, Inc. These quotation services are generally considered to be markets that are less efficient and that provide less liquidity in the shares than the Nasdaq Capital Market.

Substantial future sales of our Class A common stock or the anticipation of future sales of our Class A common stock in the public market could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline.

Sales of substantial amounts of our Class A common stock in the public market after this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline. An aggregate of 24,148,329 shares of Class A common stock are outstanding before the consummation of this offering. An aggregate of 30,627,994 shares of Class A common stock will be outstanding immediately after the consummation of this offering. Sales of these shares into the market could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline.

The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with our Chief Executive Officer, and his interests may not be aligned with the interests of our other stockholders.

We have a dual-class voting structure consisting of Class A and Class B common stock. Under this structure, holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock, and holders of Class B common stock are entitled to 15 votes per share of Class B common stock, which may cause the holders of Class B common stock to have an unbalanced, higher concentration of voting power. Immediately prior to completion of this offering, Mr. Huan Liu, our Chief Executive Officer and the sole stockholder of Class B common stock, beneficially owns 8,250,000 shares, or 100%, of our issued Class B common stock, representing approximately 83.67% of the voting rights in our Company. After this offering, Mr. Huan Liu will beneficially own 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock, representing approximately 80.16% of the voting rights in our Company, assuming the sales of all shares of the Class A common stock we are offering at the assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share. As a result, until such time as his voting power is below 50%, Mr. Huan Liu as the controlling stockholder has substantial influence over our business, including decisions regarding mergers, consolidations, and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, election of directors, and other significant corporate actions. He may take actions that are not in the best interests of us or our other stockholders. These corporate actions may be taken even if they are opposed by our other stockholders. Further, such concentration of voting power may discourage, prevent, or delay the consummation of transactions that stockholders may consider favorable, including ones in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares. Future issuances of shares of Class B common stock may also be dilutive to the holders of Class A common stock. As a result, the market price of our Class A common stock could be adversely affected.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they publish a negative report regarding our Class A common stock, the price of our Class A common stock and trading volume could decline.

Any trading market for our Class A common stock may depend in part on the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade us, the price of our Class A common stock would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our Company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause the price of our Class A common stock and the trading volume to decline.

Our management has broad discretion to determine how to use the funds raised in the offering and may use them in ways that may not enhance our results of operations or the price of our Class A common stock.

We anticipate that we will use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, to provide capital to support our warehousing and logistics services, and for acquisitions and investments, although we have not yet identified nor entered into preliminary negotiations with any specific acquisition target and do not have any agreements for acquisitions or investments as of the date of this prospectus. Our management will have significant discretion as to the use of the net proceeds to us from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the market price of our Class A common stock.

Anti-takeover provisions in our third amended and restated articles of incorporation and our bylaws may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control.

Some provisions of our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, which became effective on July 8, 2024, and our bylaws, which became effective on July 28, 2022, may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control of our Company or management that stockholders may consider favorable, including, among other things, the following:

- provisions that authorize our board of directors to issue shares with preferred, deferred, or other special rights or restrictions without any further vote or action by our stockholders; and
- provisions that restrict the ability of our stockholders to call meetings and to propose special matters for consideration at stockholder meetings.

Since we are deemed a “controlled company” within the meaning of the Nasdaq listing rules, we are allowed to follow certain exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that could adversely affect our public stockholders.

Following this offering, our largest stockholder, Mr. Huan Liu, will continue to indirectly hold more than a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock shares and will be able to determine all matters requiring approval by our stockholders. Under the Nasdaq listing rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group, or another company is a “controlled company” and is permitted to phase in its compliance with the independent committee requirements. Although we do not intend to rely on the “controlled company” exemptions under the Nasdaq

listing rules even though we are deemed a “controlled company,” we could elect to rely on these exemptions in the future. If we were to elect to rely on the “controlled company” exemptions, a majority of the members of our board of directors might not be independent directors and our nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees might not consist entirely of independent directors. Accordingly, if we rely on the exemptions, during the period we remain a controlled company and during any transition period following a time when we are no longer a controlled company, you would not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of Nasdaq.

We are an “emerging growth company” and a “smaller reporting company” under the JOBS Act, and we cannot be certain if the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies and smaller reporting companies will make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an “emerging growth company” and a “smaller reporting company” as defined in the JOBS Act, and we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies” and “smaller reporting companies” including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act also provides that an “emerging growth company” can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an “emerging growth company” can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to take advantage of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards.

We will remain an “emerging growth company” until December 31, 2028, the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the first sale of our Class A common stock pursuant to our registration statement on form S-1 (file No. 333-271185), although we will lose that status sooner if our revenue exceeds \$1.235 billion, if we issue more than \$1 billion in non-convertible debt in a three-year period, or if the market value of our Class A common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter.

We may continue to be a smaller reporting company even after we are no longer an emerging growth company. We may take advantage of certain of the scaled disclosures available to smaller reporting companies and will be able to take advantage of these scaled disclosures for so long as (i) the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates is equal to or less than \$250 million as of the last business day of the most recently completed second fiscal quarter, or (ii) our annual revenue is equal to or less than \$100 million during the most recently completed fiscal year and the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates is equal to or less than \$700 million as of the last business day of the most recently completed second fiscal quarter.

We cannot predict if investors will find our Class A common stock less attractive because we may rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our Class A common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our Class A common stock and our stock price may be more volatile. In addition, taking advantage of reduced disclosure obligations may make comparison of our financial statements with other public companies difficult or impossible. If investors are unable to compare our business with other companies in our industry, we may not be able to raise additional capital as and when we need it, which may materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our pre-IPO stockholders are able to sell their shares of Class A common stock subject to restrictions under Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

Our pre-IPO stockholders are able to sell their shares of Class A common stock under Rule 144. Because these stockholders have paid a lower price per share of our Class A common stock than participants in this offering, when they are able to sell their pre-IPO shares under Rule 144, they may be more willing to accept a lower sales price than the IPO price. This fact could impact the trading price of the Class A common stock following the completion of the offering, to the detriment of participants in this offering. Under Rule 144, before our pre-IPO stockholders can sell their shares, in addition to meeting other requirements, they must meet the required holding period.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current expectations and views of future events, all of which are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. You can find many (but not all) of these statements by the use of words such as “approximates,” “believes,” “hopes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “projects,” “intends,” “plans,” “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” “may,” or other similar expressions in this prospectus. These statements are likely to address our growth strategy, financial results, and product and development programs. You must carefully consider any such statements and should understand that many factors could cause actual results to differ from our forward-looking statements. These factors may include inaccurate assumptions and a broad variety of other risks and uncertainties, including some that are known and some that are not. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual future results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- assumptions about our future financial and operating results, including revenue, income, expenditures, cash balances, and other financial items;
- our ability to execute our growth strategies, including our ability to meet our goals;
- current and future economic and political conditions;
- our capital requirements and our ability to raise any additional financing which we may require;
- our ability to attract clients and further enhance our brand recognition;
- our ability to hire and retain qualified management personnel and key employees in order to enable us to develop our business;
- our ability to maintain the listing of our Class A common stock on Nasdaq;
- our expectations regarding the period during which we qualify as an emerging growth company under the JOBS Act;

- our anticipated use of the proceeds from this offering;
- our financial performance following this offering;
- trends and competition in the parallel-import vehicle dealership industry; and
- other assumptions described in this prospectus underlying or relating to any forward-looking statements.

We describe certain material risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could affect our business, including our financial condition and results of operations, under "Risk Factors." We base our forward-looking statements on our management's beliefs and assumptions based on information available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that actual outcomes and results may, and are likely to, differ materially from what is expressed, implied, or forecast by our forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should be careful about relying on any forward-looking statements. Except as required under the federal securities laws, we do not have any intention or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions, or otherwise.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Assuming the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock are sold in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing price of our Class A common stock on Nasdaq on July 9, 2024, we estimate the net proceeds of the offering will be approximately \$2,508,162, after deducting the Placement Agent fees and other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us. However, this is a best efforts offering with no minimum number of securities or amount of proceeds as a condition to closing, and we may not sell all or any of these securities offered pursuant to this prospectus; as a result, we may receive significantly less in net proceeds. Based on the assumed offering price set forth above, we estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of 75%, 50%, and 25% of the securities offered in this offering would be approximately \$1.9 million, \$1.3 million, and \$0.6 million, respectively, after deducting the estimated commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Each \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, which was the closing trading price for our Class A common stock, as reported on Nasdaq, on July 9, 2024, would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from this offering by approximately \$6.0 million, assuming the number of shares offered, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the estimated commissions and estimated offering expenses and assuming the completion of the maximum offering.

The principal purposes of this offering are to increase our capitalization and financial flexibility. We plan to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including working capital, operating expenses, and capital expenditures. We may use a portion of the net proceeds to provide capital to support our warehousing and logistics services. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire or make investments in businesses, products, offerings, and technologies that we believe will support our long-term strategy of becoming an integrated provider of international trade services for small- and medium-sized traders, although we have not yet identified nor entered into preliminary negotiations with any specific acquisition target and do not have any agreements for acquisitions or investments as of the date of this prospectus.

The foregoing represents our current intentions based upon our present plans and business conditions to use and allocate the net proceeds of this offering. Our management, however, will have significant flexibility and discretion to apply the net proceeds of this offering. If an unforeseen event occurs or business conditions change, we may use the proceeds of this offering differently than as described in this prospectus. To the extent that the net proceeds we receive from this offering are not immediately used for the above purposes, we intend to invest our net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing bank deposits or debt instruments.

DIVIDEND POLICY

As of the date of this prospectus, we have not paid any cash dividends on our Class A or Class B common stock. We are organized under the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, which prohibits the payment of a dividend if, after giving it effect, we would not be able to pay our debts as they become due in the usual course of business or our total assets would be less than the sum of our total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed, if we were to be dissolved, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of any preferred stockholders. Our board of directors may decide to pay dividends in the future. Any determination by our board of directors to pay dividends in the future to stockholders will be dependent upon our operational results, financial condition, capital requirements, business projections, general business conditions, statutory and regulatory restrictions, and any other factors deemed appropriate by our board of directors.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2024:

- on an actual basis;
- on a pro forma basis to reflect the issuance of 13,210,000 shares of Class A common stock by us in the May 2024 Offering; and
- on a pro forma as-adjusted basis to reflect the issuance and sale of 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock by us in this offering at the assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing trading price of our Class A common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on July 9, 2024, after deducting the placement agent fees and the other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us.

You should read this capitalization table in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

	March 31, 2024		
	Actual	Pro Forma	Pro Forma As-adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 903,204	8,240,781	10,748,943
Long-term debt, including current portion ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,815,046	2,815,046	2,815,046
Stockholders' Equity:			
Class A Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 91,750,000 shares authorized, 10,938,329 shares issued and outstanding, actual; 24,148,329 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma; 30,627,994 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma as-adjusted	\$ 1,094	2,415	3,063

Class B Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 8,250,000 shares authorized, 8,250,000 shares issued and outstanding, actual, pro forma, and pro forma as-adjusted	\$	825	825	825
Additional paid-in capital ⁽²⁾	\$	7,816,343	15,124,142	17,631,656
Subscription receivable	\$	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)
Accumulated deficit	\$	(100,689)	(100,689)	(100,689)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$	7,117,573	14,426,693	16,934,855
Total Capitalization	\$	9,932,619	17,241,739	19,749,901

(1) Includes current and long-term portions of borrowings, \$0.7 million in loans payable from line of credit, \$0.1 million in loans payable from premium finance, and \$2.0 million in other payables and other current liabilities, current and non-current portions of operating lease liabilities.

(2) Reflects the sale of Class A common stock in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, and after deducting the estimated placement agent fees and other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us. The as-adjusted information is illustrative only, and we will adjust this information based on the actual public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing. Additional paid-in capital reflects the net proceeds we expect to receive, after deducting the placement agent fees and other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us. We estimate that such net proceeds will be approximately \$2,508,162.

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share would increase (decrease) each of additional paid-in capital, total stockholders' equity, and total capitalization by \$6.0 million, assuming the number of Class A common stock offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the placement agent fees and estimated expenses payable by us.

DILUTION

If you invest in our Class A common stock, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share of our Class A common stock in this offering and the net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock upon completion of this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the public offering price per share is substantially in excess of the net tangible book value per share attributable to the existing stockholders for our presently outstanding shares of Class A common stock.

Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock have the same rights except for voting and conversion rights. In respect of matters requiring a stockholder vote, each holder of Class A common stock will be entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock and each holder of Class B common stock will be entitled to 15 votes per share of Class B common stock. Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time after issuance at the option of the holder on a one-to-one basis. Shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into shares of any other class. Shares of Class B common stock are not being converted as part of this offering.

After giving effect to the issuance of 1,320,000 shares of Class A common stock in the May 2024 Offering, our pro forma net tangible book value as of March 31, 2024 was \$13.4 million, or \$0.56 per share of Class A or Class B common stock. Net tangible book value represents the amount of our total consolidated tangible assets, less the amount of our total consolidated liabilities. Dilution is determined by subtracting the net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock (as adjusted for the offering) from the public offering price per share and after deducting the estimated placement agent fees and the other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us. Because the shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock have the same dividend and other rights, except for voting and conversion rights, the dilution is presented based on all issued and outstanding shares of common stock, including Class A and Class B common stock.

Assuming the maximum offering is completed, after giving effect to our sale of 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$0.46 per share, which is equal to the closing trading price of our Class A common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on July 9, 2024, after deduction of the estimated placement agent fees and the other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us, our pro forma as-adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2024, would have been \$15,951,128, or \$0.52 per outstanding share of Class A common stock. This represents an immediate decrease in net tangible book value of \$0.04 per share of Class A common stock to the existing stockholders, and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$(0.06) per share to investors purchasing the Class A common stock in this offering. The pro forma as-adjusted information discussed above is illustrative only.

The following table illustrates such dilution:

	Post- Offering
Assumed public offering price per share of Class A common stock	\$ 0.46
Pro forma net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock as of March 31, 2024	\$ 0.56
Pro forma as-adjusted net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock attributable to payments by new investors	\$ (0.04)
Pro forma as-adjusted net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock immediately after this offering	\$ 0.52
Amount of dilution in net tangible book value per share of Class A common stock to new investors in the offering	\$ (0.06)

The following tables summarize, on an pro forma as-adjusted basis as of March 31, 2024, the differences between existing stockholders and the new investors with respect to the number of shares of our Class A common stock purchased from us, the total consideration paid and the average price per share before deducting the estimated placement agent fees and the other estimated offering fees and expenses payable by us.

	Shares of Class A common stock purchased		Total consideration		Average price Per share
	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent	
Existing stockholders	24,148,329	78.84%	\$ 14,457,629	82.91%	\$ 0.60
New investors	6,479,665	21.16%	\$ 2,980,646	17.09%	\$ 0.46
Total	30,627,994	100.00%	\$ 17,438,275	100.00%	\$ 0.57

The pro forma as-adjusted information as discussed above is illustrative only. Our net tangible book value following the completion of this offering is subject to adjustment based on the actual public offering price of our Class A common stock and other terms of this offering determined at the pricing.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, please refer to "Part I. Financial Information—Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the March 2024 Quarterly Report and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the 2023 Annual Report, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

BUSINESS

For our business descriptions, please refer to "Part II. Other Information—Item 1. Legal Proceedings" in the March 2024 Quarterly Report and "Item 1. Business," "Item 2. Properties," and "Item 3. Legal Proceedings" in the 2023 Annual Report, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

MANAGEMENT

Set forth below is information concerning our directors and executive officers.

Name	Age	Position(s)
Huan Liu	42	Chief Executive Officer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Robert Cook	69	Chief Financial Officer
Xianggeng Huang	59	Director
Adam Eilenberg	67	Independent Director
Huibo Deng	41	Independent Director
Huiping (Catherine) Chen	48	Independent Director
Walter Folker	67	Vice President of Procurement

The following is a brief biography of each of our executive officers and directors:

Mr. Huan Liu has served as our Chief Executive Officer and our Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 2016, and he has extensive experience in real estate, private equity, and car imports and exports. As the founder and CEO of Cheetah Net, Mr. Huan Liu has been responsible for the management of day-to-day operations and high-level strategizing and business planning, as well as implementing proposed plans and evaluating the success of our Company in achieving its objectives. From 2014 to 2015, Mr. Huan Liu served as the chief executive officer at Beijing Xinyongjia Technology Co., where he was responsible for identifying opportunities for expansion and analyzing operations to identify areas in need of reorganization. From 2012 to 2013, Mr. Huan Liu served as the senior investment manager at Beijing Wanze Investment Management Co. Ltd. and was responsible for developing and implementing risk-based asset allocation models and performance analytics. Mr. Huan Liu received his master's degree in Finance from the International Business School at Brandeis University in 2012, and his bachelor's degree in Finance and Law from Harbin Engineer University in 2005.

Mr. Robert Cook has served as our Chief Financial Officer since October 2022. He has extensive experience in corporate finance, SEC reporting, public accounting, investor relations, and corporate administration including management of internal controls. Mr. Cook is the founder and principal of RWC Consulting, LLC, a financial consulting company established in December 2016, where he is responsible for advising management and boards of directors of public and private companies on pre- and post-IPO financing opportunities. From June 2020 until April 2021, Mr. Cook served as the chief financial officer and corporate secretary of RenovaCare, Inc. (OTC: RCAR), where he was responsible for all financial functions, investor and public relations, and corporate administration including his duties as corporate secretary. From February 2017 to February 2020, Mr. Cook served as the chief financial officer at CorMedix Inc. (Nasdaq: CRMD) and was in charge of the company's overall financial management, investor and public relations, and business development. From January 2016 to June 2016, Mr. Cook served as the chief financial officer at BioBlast Pharma Ltd. (Nasdaq: ORPN), where he was responsible for all financial functions, investor relations, and corporate administration. Mr. Cook also served as the chief financial officer at several other Nasdaq-listed companies, including Strata Skin Science Inc. (Nasdaq: SSKN) from April 2014 to January 2016, Immune Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Nasdaq: IMNP) from August 2013 to April 2014 and its predecessor EpiCept Corporation from April 2004 until August 2013, including one year as the company's interim chief executive officer, and Pharmos Corporation (Nasdaq: PARS) from December 1997 to April 2004, respectively. Mr. Cook received his bachelor's degree in International Finance from Kogod School of Business of the American University in 1977.

Mr. Xianggeng Huang has served as our director since July 2023. From 2003 to 2022, Mr. Huang served as the chairman of the board of directors of Fuzhou Yisheng Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Co., Ltd., where he was responsible for running the board of directors, consulting the executives on issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the company, and high-level strategizing and business planning. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Huang served as a general manager of the Fujian branch of Kone Elevator Co., Ltd., a Finnish elevator manufacturer. From 1997 to 1999, he served as a major project manager at Otis Elevator China Co., Ltd. Mr. Huang received his bachelor's degree in Automated Machinery from Nanjing University of Science and Technology in 1984.

Mr. Adam Eilenberg has served as our independent director since July 2023. Adam Eilenberg is the founding partner of Eilenberg & Krause LLP, a New York law firm specializing in corporate and securities law. Mr. Eilenberg has practiced law since 1980, representing numerous growth companies, angel and institutional investors, and financial intermediaries in the life sciences, technology, software, and food service industries. Mr. Eilenberg has extensive experience in transactions involving the acquisition, transfer, or licensing of technology and intellectual property and in acquisition and liquidity event transactions and related financings, including public offerings. His practice also includes representing seasoned public companies in securities compliance and board governance matters. Mr. Eilenberg has represented numerous clients from the PRC and from Israel in complex international transactions. Mr. Eilenberg received his Juris Doctor degree in 1980 from Harvard Law School, where he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He also studied at the London School of Economics and received his bachelor's degree in History and Economics from Hamilton College in 1977.

Mr. Huibo Deng has served as our independent director since July 2024. Since 2021, Mr. Deng has been a visiting professor at the Chinese Academy of Management Sciences, teaching various management and finance courses. From January 2023 to July 2023, Mr. Deng served as the Vice President at Shenzhen Dexun Securities Advisory Co., Ltd., where he was responsible for strategy development and relationship management related to the financial market. From June 2017 to November 2018, Mr. Deng was a general manager at China Travel Group Zhonglv Bank, overseeing relationship management and business opportunities exploration. Mr. Deng obtained his bachelor's degree in Finance from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in 2009 and his master's degree in Statistics from Dalarna University in 2010. He earned a Ph.D. in Finance from Renmin University of China in 2014. The Company believes Mr. Deng is well-qualified to serve as its director due to Mr. Deng's expertise in finance and management.

Ms. Huiping (Catherine) Chen has served as our independent director since July 2023, and she has extensive experience in sales and marketing. Since January 2015, Ms. Chen has served as an investment director at Xiamen Chenshen Investment Co., Ltd., and has been responsible for the development and execution of financial investment strategies. From May 2009 to December 2015, she served as a marketing manager at Xiamen Jieou Automotive Electronics Co., Ltd., where she was responsible for brand promotion. From December 2005 to February 2009, Ms. Chen served as a marketing specialist at Dell (China) Co., Ltd., and was responsible for branding campaign planning. Ms. Chen received her associate degree in English from Xiamen City University in 2004.

Mr. Walter Folker has served as our Vice President of Procurement since March 2022, and is responsible for developing our procurement strategies and plans, as well as formulating and managing short- and long-term objectives. From November 2017 to March 2022, Mr. Folker served as an acquisition manager at Cheetah Net and was responsible for recruiting and managing our purchasing agents, and coordinating and overseeing our miscellaneous procurement support activities. From April 2012 to October 2017, Mr. Folker served as a sales associate at Hendrick Auto Group, where he was responsible for building and maintaining an extensive client portfolio as well as inspecting and appraising vehicles to make recommendations about trade-in values and competitive models. From November 2009 to January 2012, Mr. Folker served as a portfolio officer at Bank of America and was responsible for managing over 330 portfolios containing an average of two individual loan accounts ranging in value from \$500 to \$150,000. Mr. Folker received his bachelor's degree in Forest Resources Management from the University of Montana in 1981, and his master's degree in Internal Medicine from Oregon Health & Science University in 1998.

Family Relationships

There is no family relationship among any directors or executive officers.

Board Diversity

The composition of our board of directors currently includes three individuals who are diverse under the Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(f) regarding board diversity, representing gender diversity of 20%, as presented in the below Board Diversity Matrix. Under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(f), directors who self-identify as (i) female, (ii) an underrepresented minority or (iii) LGBTQ+ are defined as being diverse. The following chart summarizes certain self-identified personal characteristics of our directors, in accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(f). Each term used in the table has the meaning given to it in the rule and related instructions:

Board Diversity Matrix (as of the Date of this Prospectus)				
Total Number of Directors	5			
Part I: Gender Identity	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Directors	1	4	—	—
Part II: Demographic Background				
African American or Black	—	—	—	—
Alaskan Native or Native American	—	—	—	—
Asian	1	3	—	—
Hispanic or Latino	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
White	—	1	—	—
Two or More Races or Ethnicities	—	—	—	—
LGBTQ+	—	—	—	—
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background	—	—	—	—

Controlled Company

Upon completion of this offering, assuming the sale of 6,479,665 shares of Class A common stock we are offering, Mr. Huan Liu, our Chief Executive Officer, is expected to hold approximately 80.16% of the aggregate voting power of our outstanding common stock shares, and thus have the ability to determine all matters requiring approval by our stockholders. As a result, we are deemed a "controlled company" within the meaning of the Nasdaq listing rules and we are permitted to elect to rely on certain exemptions from the obligations to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including:

- the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors;
- the requirement that our director nominees be selected or recommended solely by independent directors; and
- the requirement that we have a nominating and corporate governance committee and a compensation committee that are composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the purposes and responsibilities of the committees.

Although we do not intend to rely on the controlled company exemptions under the Nasdaq listing rules even though we are deemed a controlled company, we could elect to rely on these exemptions in the future, and if so, you would not have the same protection afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of Nasdaq.

Board of Directors

Our board of directors consists of five directors, three of whom are "independent" within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the Nasdaq listing rules and meet the criteria for independence set forth in Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

Currently, Mr. Huan Liu serves as our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The board of directors does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, as our board of directors believes it is in the best interest of the Company to make that determination based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the board of directors.

Our board of directors actively manages the Company's risk oversight process and receives periodic reports from management on areas of material risk to the Company, including operational, financial, legal, and regulatory risks. The committees of the board of directors assist the board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in certain areas of risk. The audit committee assists the board of directors with its oversight of the Company's major financial risk exposures. The compensation committee assists the board of directors with its oversight of risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and programs. The nominating and corporate governance committee assists the board of directors with its oversight of risks associated with board organization, board independence, and corporate governance. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of those risks, the entire board of directors continues to be regularly informed about the risks.

Committees of the Board of Directors

We have established three committees under the board of directors: an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee. Our independent directors serve on each of the committees. We have adopted a charter for each of the three committees. Each committee's members and functions are described below.

Audit Committee. Our audit committee consists of Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen. Huibo Deng is the chairperson of our audit committee. We have determined that Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen satisfy the "independence" requirements of the Nasdaq listing rules under and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. Our board has also determined that Huibo Deng qualifies as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC rules or possesses financial sophistication within the meaning of the Nasdaq listing rules. The audit committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the financial statements of our Company. The audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- appointing the independent auditors and pre-approving all auditing and non-auditing services permitted to be performed by the independent auditors;
- reviewing with the independent auditors any audit problems or difficulties and management's response;
- discussing the annual audited financial statements with management and the independent auditors;
- reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our accounting and internal control policies and procedures and any steps taken to monitor and control major financial risk exposures;
- reviewing and approving all proposed related party transactions;
- meeting separately and periodically with management and the independent auditors; and
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics, including reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our procedures to ensure proper compliance.

Compensation Committee. Our compensation committee consists of Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen. Huiping (Catherine) Chen is the chairperson of our compensation committee. We have determined that Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen satisfy the "independence" requirements of the Nasdaq listing rules and Rule 10C-1 under the Exchange Act. The compensation committee assists the board in reviewing and approving the compensation structure, including all forms of compensation, relating to our directors and executive officers. Our chief executive officer may not be present at any committee meeting during which his compensation is deliberated. The compensation committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing and approving the total compensation package for our most senior executive officers;
- approving and overseeing the total compensation package for our executives other than the most senior executive officers;
- reviewing and recommending to the board with respect to the compensation of our directors;
- reviewing periodically and approving any long-term incentive compensation or equity plans;
- selecting compensation consultants, legal counsel or other advisors after taking into consideration all factors relevant to that person's independence from management; and
- reviewing programs or similar arrangements, annual bonuses, employee pension, and welfare benefit plans.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our nominating and corporate governance committee consists of Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen. Adam Eilenberg is the chairperson of our nominating and corporate governance committee. We have determined that Adam Eilenberg, Huibo Deng, and Huiping (Catherine) Chen satisfy the "independence" requirements of the Nasdaq listing rules. The nominating and corporate governance committee assists the board of directors in selecting individuals qualified to become our directors and in determining the composition of the board and its committees. The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other things:

- identifying and recommending nominees for election or re-election to our board of directors or for appointment to fill any vacancy;
- reviewing annually with our board of directors its current composition in light of the characteristics of independence, age, skills, experience and availability of service to us;

- identifying and recommending to our board the directors to serve as members of committees;
- advising the board periodically with respect to significant developments in the law and practice of corporate governance as well as our compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and making recommendations to our board of directors on all matters of corporate governance and on any corrective action to be taken; and
- monitoring compliance with our code of business conduct and ethics, including reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our procedures to ensure proper compliance.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our board of directors has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics, which is applicable to all of our directors, officers, and employees. Our code of business conduct and ethics is publicly available on our website.

EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the dollar value of all cash and noncash compensation earned by any

person that was our principal executive officer (“PEO”) during the last fiscal year and the two most highly compensated individuals other than our PEO who were serving as executive officers during the last fiscal year.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Totals (\$)
Huan Liu, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors	2023	72,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000.00
	2022	72,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000.00
Robert Cook, CFO	2023	141,675.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	141,675.00
	2022	13,875.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,875.00
Walter Folker, Vice President of Procurement	2023	60,000.00	45,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	105,000.00
	2022	51,000.00	58,806.25	-	-	-	-	-	109,806.25

Notes:

(1) Including the cost of health insurance coverage and benefits paid by us for each named executive officer that is not reimbursed.

Employment Agreements with Our Named Executive Officers

We have entered into an employment agreement with Huan Liu, our Chief Executive Officer, Robert Cook, our Chief Financial Officer, and Walter Folker, our Vice President of Procurement. A summary of the terms of each of these executive offer letters is set forth below. Currently, the annual compensation of each of the executive officers is fixed by our Compensation Committee. The named executive officers are also entitled to participate in our benefit plans, which such benefits are generally available to all full-time employees.

Executive Employment Agreement with Huan Liu

On March 1, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Huan Liu. Pursuant to his employment agreement, effective March 1, 2022, Mr. Huan Liu started serving as the Chief Executive Officer of our Company for an employment term of three years, responsible for overseeing the operations of all divisions in our Company. As consideration for his services, Mr. Huan Liu is entitled to a base salary of \$72,000 and equity rewards depending on the annual performance of our Company. The agreement will automatically renew unless terminated by either party. The agreement may be terminated upon mutual written consent of Mr. Huan Liu and our Company. At any time after 12 months from the effective date of the agreement, Mr. Huan Liu may terminate the agreement (a) upon 30 days' prior written notice to our Company or (b) immediately if Mr. Huan Liu is subject to materially diminished duties or responsibilities. We may terminate the agreement (i) without prior notice and without further obligation for reasons of just cause, such as fraud, theft, conviction of a felony, improper or dishonest action, or significant acts of misconduct, on the part of Mr. Huan Liu or any of his agents providing services to our Company, and (ii) without just cause upon 30 days' written notice to Mr. Huan Liu.

Executive Employment Agreement with Robert Cook

On October 26, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Robert Cook. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Cook started serving as the Chief Financial Officer of our Company, effective October 26, 2022, responsible for the Company's overall financial management, tax compliance, and accounting related matters. As consideration for his services, Mr. Cook is entitled to a base salary of \$150,000 per year, plus additional bonuses earned in accordance with our Company's practices. This employee agreement is “at will,” namely, both Mr. Cook and the Company have the right to terminate his employment at any time for any reason. In the event that either party wishes to terminate Mr. Cook's employment with the Company, the party initiating the termination shall provide the other party with two weeks' written notice in advance. Mr. Cook further agrees and acknowledges that any bonus payable to him will be made, if any, at the sole discretion of the Company.

Executive Employment Agreement with Walter Folker

On March 1, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Walter Folker. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Folker started serving as the Vice President of Procurement of our Company on March 1, 2022, for an employment term of three years, responsible for developing organizational procurement strategies and plans as well as coordinating and overseeing our Company's procurement. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Folker is entitled to an annual base salary of \$52,000 plus any commissions or bonuses earned in accordance with our Company's practices. Starting from the second calendar year of his employment, the annual base salary will increase to \$60,000. The agreement will automatically renew unless terminated by either party. The agreement may be terminated upon mutual written consent of Mr. Folker and our Company. At any time after 12 months from the effective date of the agreement, Mr. Folker may terminate the agreement (a) upon 30 days' prior written notice to our Company or (b) immediately if Mr. Folker is subject to materially diminished duties or responsibilities. We may terminate the agreement (i) without prior notice and without further obligation for reasons of just cause, such as fraud, theft, conviction of a felony, improper or dishonest action, or significant acts of misconduct, on the part of Mr. Folker or any of his agents providing services to our Company, and (ii) without just cause upon 30 days' written notice to Mr. Folker.

Outstanding Equity Awards at the Fiscal Year-End

On July 2, 2024, the stockholders of the Company approved the Company's 2024 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company. The Plan provides for the grant of options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, or other awards in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The Plan provides for awards to the directors, employees, and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, as well as to the prospective employees (on the condition that they become employees of the Company), except that incentive stock options may be granted only to the current employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. Such awards may be granted in the discretion of the compensation committee of Board.

The Plan limits the total number of shares subject to awards to 2,500,000 shares of Class A common stock and 500,000 shares of Class B common stock, with potential adjustments under certain conditions according to the Plan's terms. The number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the Plan will automatically increase on the first trading day in January each calendar year during the term of the Plan, beginning on the first trading day in January 2025, by an amount equal to 10% of the total number of shares of common stock outstanding, as measured as of the last trading day in the immediately preceding calendar year, or such fewer number of shares of common stock as may be determined by the board prior to the effective date

Huiping (Catherine) Chen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All directors and executive officers as a group (seven individuals):	2,250,000	9.32%	8,250,000	100%	2,250,000	7.35%	8,250,000	100%	81.62%
5% Stockholders:									
FAIRVIEW EASTERN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED ⁽²⁾	—	—	8,250,000	100%	—	—	8,250,000	100%	80.16%

Notes:

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each of the individuals is 6201 Fairview Road, Suite 225, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28210.
- (2) The number of shares of Class B common stock beneficially owned prior to this offering represents 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock held by FAIRVIEW EASTERN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, a British Virgin Islands company, which is 100% owned by Huan Liu. The registered address of FAIRVIEW EASTERN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED is Vistra Corporate Services Center, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, the British Virgin Islands.

We are not aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of our Company.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Material Transactions with Related Parties

The relationship and the nature of related party transactions are summarized as follows:

Name	Relationship with Our Company
Mr. Huan Liu	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Canaan International Inc.	100% owned by our Chief Executive Officer

During the six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company did not engage in any borrowing activities with Mr. Huan Liu. As of the date of this prospectus, there is no balance due to Mr. Huan Liu.

Our related party balances as of June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 and transactions for the three months ended June 30, 2024 and the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 are identified as follows:

Due from a Related Party

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, due from a related party in the amount of nil and \$10,000 represented temporary advances to Canaan International Inc. for capital injection associated with the incorporation of the company. Those advances are due on demand and non-interest bearing. We have made no such advances to our related parties since December 31, 2022 and expect to make no such advances to our related parties in the future.

Due to a Related Party

Amount due to a related party represented amounts due to Mr. Huan Liu for funds borrowed for working capital purposes during our normal course of business. These payables were unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand.

During the six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company did not engage in any borrowing activities with Mr. Huan Liu. The Company made repayments to Mr. Huan Liu in the amount of \$13,423 during the six months ended June 30, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company borrowed an aggregate of \$45,798 from Mr. Huan Liu, applying such funds similarly as working capital for purchasing vehicles. The Company made repayments to Mr. Huan Liu in the amounts of \$32,375 during the year ended December 31, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company borrowed an aggregate of \$313,464 from Mr. Huan Liu directly, or indirectly through Mr. Huan Liu's third-party business contacts on his behalf. These advances are used as working capital and used to fund the purchase of vehicles. The Company also made repayments to Mr. Huan Liu in the amount of \$1,449,054. As a result of these transactions, the balance due to Mr. Huan Liu was nil as of December 31, 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, we borrowed an aggregate amount of \$7,444,365 from Mr. Huan Liu directly or through Mr. Huan Liu's third-party business contacts, guaranteed by Mr. Huan Liu, which was used as working capital and to fund the purchase of vehicles. We also made repayments to Mr. Huan Liu in the amount of \$6,612,552. As a result of these transactions, the balance due to Mr. Huan Liu was \$1,135,590 as of December 31, 2021. Due to PRC foreign currency exchange control restriction, Mr. Huan Liu also collected receivables from certain of the Company's PRC customers on behalf of the Company in the amount of \$2,751,678, which was fully returned to the Company via Mr. Huan Liu's personal bank account or through Mr. Huan Liu's third-party business contacts.

Other Related Party Transactions

Certain related parties have provided guarantees in connection with our loans payable. See "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of the 2023 Annual Report.

Employment Agreements

See "Executive and Director Compensation—Employment Agreements with Our Named Executive Officers."

DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The following description of our share capital is a summary only and not meant to be complete, but is subject to and qualified in its entirety by our third amended and restated articles of incorporation and our bylaws, and by the provisions of the applicable North Carolina law. Reference is made to our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, copies of which are filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Common Stock

On July 11, 2022, our stockholders approved our amended and restated articles of incorporation for reclassification of our authorized shares of common stock into shares of Class A common stock and shares of Class B common stock. On April 28, 2023, our stockholders approved our second amended and restated articles of incorporation, which specified that we were authorized to issue 91,750,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. On July 2, 2024, our stockholders approved our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, which further specify that we are authorized to issue 891,750,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 108,250,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. We also have the authority to issue 500,000 shares of preferred stock as deemed necessary with a par value per share equal to the par value per share of the Class A common stock. As of the date of this prospectus, there are 24,148,329 shares of Class A common stock and 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock issued and outstanding. Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock have the same rights except for voting and conversion rights. All of the outstanding shares of Class A and Class B common stock are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. No shares of preferred stock are outstanding.

- *Governing Documents.* Holders of shares of our common stock have the rights set forth in our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, bylaws, and applicable North Carolina law;
- *Dividend Rights and Distributions.* Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred stock, the holders of our common stock are entitled to share equally in dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose;
- *Ranking.* Our common stock ranks junior with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up to all other securities and indebtedness. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of our common stock would be entitled to share equally on a per share basis, after payment or provision for payment of all our debts and liabilities, and all of our remaining assets available for distribution;
- *Conversion Rights.* Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time after issuance at the option of the holder on a one-to-one basis. Shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into shares of any other class;
- *Voting Rights.* Each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock and each holder of Class B common stock is entitled to 15 votes per share of Class B common stock;
- *Preemptive Rights.* The holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights; and
- *Redemption.* We have no obligation or right to redeem our common stock.

Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Statutory Provisions Having Potential “Anti-takeover” Effects

The following paragraphs summarize certain provisions of our third amended and restated articles of incorporation, bylaws, and North Carolina law that may have the effect, or be used as a means, of delaying or preventing attempts to acquire or take control of the Company, or to remove or replace incumbent directors, that are not first approved by our board, even if those proposed actions are favored by our stockholders.

- *Authorized Shares.* Our third amended and restated articles of incorporation currently authorize the issuance of 1,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, including 891,750,000 shares of Class A common stock and 108,250,000 shares of Class B common stock. Our board of directors is authorized to approve the issuance of shares of our common stock from time to time. This provision gives our board flexibility to effect, among other transactions, financings, acquisitions, stock dividends, stock splits, and grants of stock options. However, the authority of our board of directors also could be used, consistent with its fiduciary duty, to deter future attempts to gain control of the Company by issuing additional common stock to persons friendly to management in order to attempt to block a tender offer, merger or other transaction by which a third party seeks to gain control.
- *Advance Notice of Director Nominations.* Our bylaws provide for advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors. Pursuant to these provisions, to be timely, a stockholder's notice must meet certain requirements with respect to its content and be received at our principal executive offices, addressed to the secretary of our Company, within the proscribed time periods. These provisions may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the proper procedures are not followed. These provisions may also discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our Company.

- *Special Meetings of Stockholders.* Our bylaws provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by or at the direction of (a) our board of directors, (b) the President of the Company, or (c) stockholders holding at least 20% of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the proposed special meeting.
- *Amendment of Bylaws.* Subject to certain limitations under North Carolina law, our bylaws may be amended or repealed by either our board of directors or our stockholders. Therefore, our board of directors may amend or repeal bylaws without the approval of our stockholders, to the extent permitted under North Carolina law. However, a bylaw adopted, amended or repealed by our stockholders might not be readopted, amended or repealed by our board of directors alone unless our articles of incorporation or a bylaw adopted by our stockholders authorizes our board of directors to adopt, amend or repeal that particular bylaw or the bylaws generally.
- *Action Without Meeting.* To the fullest extent permitted by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, stockholders may take action without a meeting by written consent as to such matters and in accordance with such requirements and procedures authorized by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act. Unless otherwise permitted by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, such written consent must be signed by all stockholders.

Listing

Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbol "CTNT."

Transfer Agent

The transfer agent of our Class A common stock is VStock Transfer, LLC. Its address is 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, New York 11598.

History of Share Capital

The following is a history of our share capital during the last three years.

Conversion in March 2022

On March 1, 2022, our Company was converted to a corporation under its current name by filing articles of incorporation including articles of conversion with the North Carolina Secretary of State. As of March 1, 2022, the numbers of shares of common stock held by our stockholders were as follows:

Stockholder	Number of Shares of Common Stock	Percentage of Total Shares of Common Stock
Huan Liu	8,250,000	55%
Xianggeng Huang	2,250,000	15%
Xiaolin Tang	1,500,000	10%
Yan Xiao	1,500,000	10%
Yingchang Yuan	1,200,000	8%
Shuang Li	300,000	2%
Total	15,000,000	100%

Re-classification of Common Stock in July 2022

On July 11, 2022, our stockholders approved the re-classification of 8,250,000 shares of our issued common stock held by Huan Liu into 8,250,000 shares of Class B common stock.

On July 11, 2022, our stockholders approved the re-classification of our issued common stock into Class A common stock as set out in the table below:

Stockholder	Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock	Percentage of Total Shares of Class A Common Stock
Xianggeng Huang	2,250,000	33.3%
Xiaolin Tang	1,500,000	22.2%
Yan Xiao	1,500,000	22.2%
Yingchang Yuan	1,200,000	17.8%
Shuang Li	300,000	4.5%
Total	6,750,000	100%

Share Issuances in July 2022

On July 12, 2022, we issued an aggregate of 1,666,000 shares of Class A common stock to the following stockholders pursuant to a subscription agreement entered into on June 27, 2022:

Purchaser	Number of Shares of Class A Common Stock	Consideration
Rapid Proceed Limited	1,000,000	\$ 1,800,000
Yan Bai	666,000	\$ 1,198,800

IPO in August 2023

On August 3, 2023, we closed our IPO of 1,250,000 shares of Class A common stock at a price of \$4.00 per share.

Edward Acquisition in February 2024

On February 2, 2024, we closed the acquisition of Edward and issued 1,272,329 shares of Class A common stock in such transaction.

May 2024 Offering

On May 15, 2024, we closed the May 2024 Offering and issued an aggregate of 1,320,000 shares of Class A common stock to certain investors at a price of \$0.62 per share.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Placement Agency Agreement

We will enter into a placement agency agreement with the Placement Agent, pursuant to which the Placement Agent will agree to act as our exclusive placement agent in connection with this offering (the "Placement Agency Agreement").

The Placement Agent is arranging for the sale of shares of Class A common stock offered in this prospectus on a “best-efforts” basis.

The Placement Agent is not purchasing any securities offered by this prospectus, nor is it required to arrange the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of securities, but the Placement Agent has agreed to use its best efforts to arrange for the direct sale of all of the securities in this offering pursuant to this prospectus. There is no requirement that any minimum number of shares of Class A common stock be sold in this offering and there can be no assurance that we will sell all or any of the shares of Class A common stock being offered pursuant to this prospectus.

We will enter into a securities purchase agreement (“Securities Purchase Agreement”) directly with each investor in connection with this offering and we may not sell the entire amount, or any amount, of the shares of Class A common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus. Furthermore, pursuant to the Placement Agency Agreement, the Placement Agent’s obligations are subject to customary conditions, representations, and warranties contained in the Placement Agency Agreement, such as receipt by the Placement Agent of officers’ certificates, comfort letters, and legal opinions.

We have also agreed to indemnify the investors against certain losses resulting from our breach of any of our representations, warranties, or covenants under agreements with the purchasers as well as under certain other circumstances described in the Securities Purchase Agreement.

The closing of this offering will take place on or around [•], 2024.

In connection with this offering, the Placement Agent may distribute this prospectus electronically.

The Placement Agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and any fees or commissions received by it and any profit realized on the resale of securities sold by it while acting as principal might be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act. As an underwriter, the Placement Agent would be required to comply with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act. These rules and regulations may limit the timing of purchases and sales of the shares of Class A common stock by the Placement Agent. Under these rules and regulations, the Placement Agent: (i) may not engage in any stabilization activity in connection with our securities; and (ii) may not bid for or purchase any of our securities or attempt to induce any person to purchase any of our securities, other than as permitted under the Exchange Act, until it has completed their participation in the distribution.

Fees and Expenses

In consideration for these placement agent services, we have agreed to pay the Placement Agent upon the closing of this offering a cash fee equal to 7.25% of the aggregate purchase price of the shares of Class A common stock sold under this prospectus. In addition, we have agreed to reimburse the Placement Agent for all travel, due diligence, or related expenses, up to \$40,000 in the aggregate, and for its legal expenses, up to \$50,000 in the aggregate.

	Per Share of Class A Common Stock	Total
Public offering price of shares of Class A common stock	\$	\$
Placement agent fees	\$	\$
Proceeds to our company before expenses	\$	\$

Because there is no minimum offering amount in this offering, the actual total placement agent fees are not presently determinable and may be substantially less than the maximum amount set forth above.

We estimate that the total expenses of the offering, including registration, filing, and listing fees, printing fees, and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding Placement Agent fees, will be approximately \$256,387, all of which are payable by us.

Lock-Up Agreements

We have agreed that, without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent and subject to certain exceptions, we will not, during the period ending ninety (90) days after the closing date of this offering, (i) issue, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, offer or issue, contract to purchase or grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise dispose of, any Class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Class A common stock or enter into a transaction which would have the same effect; (ii) enter into any swap, hedge, or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Class A common stock; or (iii) file any registration statement with the SEC relating to the offering of any Class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Class A common stock, in each case regardless of whether any such transaction described above is to be settled by delivery of Class A common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. In addition, we have agreed that, without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent and subject to certain exceptions, we will not, during the period ending 180 days after the closing date of this offering, effect or enter into an agreement to effect any issuance of Class A common stock or Class A common stock equivalents (or combination of units thereof) involving a variable rate transaction.

Each of our directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders (5% or more shareholders) has agreed that, without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent and subject to certain exceptions, it will not, during the period ending ninety (90) days after the date of this prospectus, (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of directly or indirectly, any Class A common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Class A common stock, (ii) enter into a transaction which would have the same effect or enter into any swap, hedge, or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Class A common stock or any of our securities that are substantially similar to the Class A common stock or any options or warrants to purchase any of the Class A common stock or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive the Class A common stock, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired, owned directly by it or with respect to which it has beneficial ownership within the rules and regulations of the SEC, whether any of these transaction is to be settled by delivery of Class A common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (iii) publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge, or disposition, or enter into any such transaction, swap, hedge, or other arrangement.

The restrictions described in the preceding paragraph are subject to certain exceptions, including the transfer of shares as a bona fide gift or through will of intestacy.

The Placement Agent has no present intention to waive or shorten the lock-up period; however, the terms of the lock-up agreements may be waived at its discretion. In determining whether to waive the terms of the lock-up agreements, the Placement Agent may base its decision on its assessment of the relative strengths of the securities markets and companies similar to ours in general, and the trading pattern of, and demand for, our shares of Class A common stock in general.

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the Placement Agent against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments that the Placement Agent may be required to make for these liabilities.

Tail

We have agreed to grant the Placement Agent additional tail compensation for any financings consummated within the 12-month period following the termination of the Placement Agency Agreement to the extent that such financing is provided to us by investors that the Placement Agent introduced or "wall-crossed" on our behalf in connection with this offering.

Determination of Offering Price

The actual offering price of the securities will be negotiated between us, the Placement Agent, and the prospective investors in the offering based on the trading of our Class A common stock prior to the offering, among other things. Other factors considered in determining the public offering price of the securities we are offering, include our history and prospects, the stage of development of our business, our business plans for the future and the extent to which they have been implemented, an assessment of our management, the general conditions of the securities markets at the time of the offering and such other factors as were deemed relevant.

Electronic Distribution

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on a website maintained by the Placement Agent. In connection with the offering, the Placement Agent or selected dealers may distribute prospectuses electronically. No forms of electronic prospectus other than prospectuses that are printable as Adobe® PDF will be used in connection with this offering.

Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on the Placement Agent's website and any information contained in any other website maintained by the Placement Agent is not part of the prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the Placement Agent in its capacity as placement agent and should not be relied upon by investors.

Certain Relationships

The Placement Agent and its affiliates may in the future provide, from time to time, investment banking and financial advisory services to us in the ordinary course of business, for which they may receive customary fees and commissions.

Listing and Transfer Agent

Our Class A common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol "CTNT." The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock is VStock Transfer, LLC.

Selling Restrictions

Other than in the United States of America, no action has been taken by us or the Placement Agent that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Class A common stock offered in this offering and certain other legal matters as to North Carolina law will be passed upon for us by Maynard Nexsen, PC, our counsel as to North Carolina law. We are being represented by Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC with respect to legal matters as to United States federal securities law and New York State law. ArentFox Schiff LLP, Washington, DC, is acting as counsel to the Placement Agent in connection with this offering.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of Marcum Asia CPAs LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm ("Marcum Asia"), given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting. The office of Marcum Asia is located at Seven Penn Plaza, Suite 830, New York, NY 10001. The consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 included in this prospectus have been included in reliance on the report of Assenture PAC. The office of Assenture PAC is located at 180B Bencoolen Street, #03-01 The Bencoolen, Singapore 189648.

CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant in February 2023

Effective September 1, 2022, Friedman, our then independent registered public accounting firm, combined with Marcum LLP and continued to operate as an independent registered public accounting firm. On February 9, 2023, our board of directors approved the dismissal of Friedman and the engagement of Marcum Asia to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm. The services previously provided by Friedman are now provided by Marcum Asia.

Friedman's reports on our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. Furthermore, during our two most recent fiscal years and through February 9, 2023, there were no disagreements with Friedman on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to Friedman's satisfaction, would have caused Friedman to

make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports on our financial statements for such periods.

For our two most recent fiscal years, there were no “reportable events” as that term is described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, other than the material weaknesses reported by management in the Risk Factors section of our registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), as amended.

We provided Friedman with a copy of the above disclosure and requested that Friedman furnish us with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether or not it agrees with the above statement. A copy of Friedman’s letter was filed as Exhibit 16.1 to our registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), as amended.

Change in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant in October 2023

On October 2, 2023, our audit committee approved the dismissal of Marcum Asia and the engagement of Assentsure PAC (“Assentsure”) to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm.

Marcum Asia’s reports on our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. Furthermore, during our two most recent fiscal years and through October 2, 2023, there were no disagreements with Marcum Asia on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to Marcum Asia or Friedman’s satisfaction, would have caused Marcum Asia or Friedman to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports on our financial statements for such periods.

During our two most recent fiscal years and through October 2, 2023, there were no “reportable events” as that term is described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, other than the material weaknesses reported by management in the Risk Factors section of our registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), as amended.

We provided Marcum Asia with a copy of the above disclosure and requested that Marcum Asia furnish us with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether or not it agrees with the above statement. A copy of Marcum Asia’s letter was filed as Exhibit 16.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761) filed with the SEC on October 5, 2023.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1, including relevant exhibits and schedules under the Securities Act, covering the securities offered by this prospectus. You should refer to our registration statements and their exhibits and schedules if you would like to find out more about us and about our Class A common stock. This prospectus summarizes material provisions of contracts and other documents that we refer you to. Since the prospectus may not contain all the information that you may find important, you should review the full text of these documents.

We are required to file periodic reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about registrants, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

No dealers, salesperson, or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

THIS PROSPECTUS INCORPORATES DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE THAT ARE NOT PRESENTED IN OR DELIVERED WITH THIS PROSPECTUS. YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS. WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM OR IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS.

We incorporate information into this prospectus by reference, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and all documents subsequently filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering under this prospectus:

- our 2023 Annual Report, filed with the SEC on [March 18, 2024](#);
- our March 2024 Quarterly Report, filed with the SEC on [May 13, 2024](#);
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on [July 8, 2024](#), [May 15, 2024](#), [April 29, 2024](#), [February 7, 2024](#), and [January 30, 2024](#);
- the information in our proxy statement filed on [April 23, 2024](#), to the extent incorporated by reference in our 2023 Annual Report;
- the description of our common stock set forth in the registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on [July 26, 2023](#), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished, but not filed, with the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 of Form 8-K or included as an exhibit.

Information in this prospectus supersedes related information in the documents listed above and information in subsequently filed documents supersedes related information in both this prospectus and the incorporated documents.

You may request orally or in writing, and we will provide you with, a copy of these filings, at no cost, by calling us at (704) 826-7280 or by writing to us at the following address:

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.
Investor Relations
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These filings and reports can also be found on our website, located at <https://investors.cheetah-net.com/financial-information/sec-filings>. Our website and the information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in, and are not considered part of, this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part. You should not rely on any information on our website in making your decision to purchase our common stock.

Up to 6,479,665 Shares of Class A Common Stock



Exclusive Placement Agent



Prospectus dated [●], 2024

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 13. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses payable by us in connection with the sale of the securities being registered. All amounts shown are estimates except the SEC registration fee.

SEC Registration Fee	\$ 440
FINRA Filing Fee	\$ 947
Legal Fees and Other Expenses	\$ 140,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	\$ 25,000
Placement Agent Out-of-Pocket Accountable Expenses	\$ 90,000
Total Expenses	\$ 256,387

ITEM 14. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Sections 55-8-50 through 55-8-58 of the North Carolina General Statutes permit a corporation to indemnify its directors, officers, employees, or agents (not our real estate agents, but those acting as “agents” of the corporation as defined in the North Carolina General Statutes) under either or both a statutory or non-statutory scheme of indemnification. Under the statutory scheme, a corporation may, with certain exceptions, indemnify a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation who was, is, or is threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending, or completed legal action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, because of the fact that such person was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation or enterprise. This indemnity may include the obligation to pay any judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), and reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a proceeding (including counsel fees), but no such indemnification may be granted unless such director, officer, employee, or agent (i) conducted himself or herself in good faith, (ii) reasonably believed (a) that any action taken in his or her official capacity with the corporation was in the best interest of the corporation or (b) that in all other cases his or her conduct at least was not opposed to the corporation's best interest, and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Whether a director has met the requisite standard of conduct for the type of indemnification set forth above is determined by the board of directors, a committee of directors, special legal counsel or the stockholders in accordance with Section 55-8-55. A corporation may not indemnify a director under the statutory scheme in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which the director was adjudged liable to the corporation or in connection with a proceeding in which a director was adjudged liable on the basis of having received an improper personal benefit.

In addition to, and separate and apart from the indemnification described above under the statutory scheme, Section 55-8-57 of the North Carolina General Statutes permits a corporation to indemnify or agree to indemnify any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents against liability and expenses (including attorney's fees) in any proceeding (including proceedings brought by or on behalf of the corporation) arising out of their status as such or their activities in such capacities, except for any liabilities or expenses incurred on account of activities that were, at the time taken, known or believed by the person to be clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation. The bylaws of the Company provide for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law for persons who serve as a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Company or at the request of the Company serve as a director, officer, employee or agent for any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or as a trustee or administrator under an employee benefit plan. Accordingly, the Company may indemnify its directors, officers, employees, or agents in accordance with either the statutory or non-statutory standards.

Sections 55-8-52 and 55-8-56 of the North Carolina General Statutes require a corporation, unless its articles of incorporation provide otherwise, to indemnify a director, officer, employee, or agent who has been wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which

such director, officer, employee, or agent was a party. Unless prohibited by the articles of incorporation, a director, officer, employee, or agent also may make application and obtain court-ordered indemnification if the court determines that such director, officer, employee or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to such indemnification as provided in Sections 55-8-54 and 55-8-56.

Finally, Section 55-8-57 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation against certain liabilities incurred by such persons, whether or not the corporation is otherwise authorized by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act to indemnify such party. The Company intends to purchase a directors' and officers' liability policy which will, subject to certain limitations, indemnify the Company and its officers and directors for damages they become legally obligated to pay as a result of any negligent act, error, or omission committed by directors or officers while acting in their capacity as such.

As permitted by North Carolina law, Article Eight of the Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company limits the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for breaches of duty as a director arising out of any legal action whether by or in the right of the Company or otherwise, provided that such limitation will not apply to (i) acts or omissions that the director at the time of such breach knew or believed were clearly in conflict with the best interests of the Company, (ii) any liability under Section 55-8-33 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, or (iii) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit (which does not include a director's reasonable compensation or other reasonable incidental benefit for or on account of his or her service as a director, officer, employee, independent contractor, attorney, or consultant of the Company).

ITEM 15. RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES.

During the past three years, we have issued the following securities which were not registered under the Securities Act. We believe that each of the following issuance was exempt from registration under the Securities Act in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act regarding sales by an issuer in offshore transactions. No underwriters were involved in these issuances of securities.

Securities/Purchaser	Date of Issuance	Number of Securities	Consideration
Class A Common Stock			
RAPID PROCEED LIMITED	July 12, 2022	1,000,000	\$ 1,800,000
Yan Bai	July 12, 2022	666,000	\$ 1,198,800
			100% of the equity interests in Edward Transit Express Group Inc.
Juguang Zhang	February 2, 2024	1,272,329	

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

(a) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index beginning on page II-5 of this registration statement.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

Schedules have been omitted because the information required to be set forth therein is not applicable or is shown in the Consolidated Financial Statements or the Notes thereto.

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant under Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) For the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(4) For the purpose of determining any liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-1 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina, on July 10, 2024.

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.

By: /s/ Huan Liu
Huan Liu
Chief Executive Officer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of Directors
(Principal Executive Officer)

Power of Attorney

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints each of Huan Liu and Robert Cook as attorneys-in-fact with full power of substitution, for him or her in any and all capacities, to do any and all acts and all things and to execute any and all instruments which said attorney and agent may deem necessary or desirable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act, and any rules, regulations, and requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of securities of the registrant, including, without limitation, the power and authority to sign the name of each of the undersigned in the capacities indicated below to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to such securities, to any and all amendments or supplements to such Registration Statement, whether such amendments or supplements are filed before or after the effective date of such Registration Statement, to any related Registration Statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and to any and all instruments or documents filed as part of or in connection with such Registration Statement or any and all amendments thereto, whether such amendments are filed before or after the effective date of such Registration Statement; and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorney and agent shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to 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.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Huan Liu</u> Name: Huan Liu	Chief Executive Officer, Director, and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	July 10, 2024
<u>/s/ Robert Cook</u> Name: Robert Cook	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)	July 10, 2024
<u>/s/ Xianggeng Huang</u> Name: Xianggeng Huang	Director	July 10, 2024
<u>/s/ Huiping (Catherine) Chen</u> Name: Huiping (Catherine) Chen	Independent Director	July 10, 2024

EXHIBIT INDEX

Description

<u>1.1*</u>	<u>Form of Placement Agency Agreement</u>
<u>3.1</u>	<u>Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 8, 2024)</u>
<u>3.2</u>	<u>Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023)</u>
<u>4.1*</u>	<u>Specimen Stock Certificate</u>
<u>5.1*</u>	<u>Opinion of Maynard Nexsen, PC regarding the validity of the Shares of Class A Common Stock being registered</u>

- [10.1](#) [Employment Agreement effective as of March 1, 2022 by and between Huan Liu and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.2](#) [Employment Agreement effective as of October 26, 2022 by and between Robert Cook and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.3](#) [Employment Agreement effective as of March 1, 2022 by and between Walter Folker and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.4](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 14, 2022 by and between Huan Liu and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.5](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 26, 2022 by and between Robert Cook and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.6](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 14, 2022 by and between Walter Folker and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.7](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 14, 2022 by and between Xianggeng Huang and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.8](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 14, 2022 by and between Adam Eilenberg and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.9](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated July 2, 2022 by and between Huibo Deng and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-41761\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 8, 2024\)](#)
- [10.10](#) [Indemnification Agreement dated October 14, 2022 by and between Huiping \(Catherine\) Chen and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.11](#) [Director Offer Letter, between Xianggeng Huang and the Registrant, dated August 31, 2022 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
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- [10.12](#) [Director Offer Letter, between Adam Eilenberg and the Registrant, dated September 14, 2022 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.13](#) [Director Offer Letter, between Huibo Deng and the Registrant, dated July 2, 2024 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-41761\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 8, 2024\)](#)
- [10.14](#) [Director Offer Letter, between Huiping \(Catherine\) Chen and the Registrant, dated August 29, 2022 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.15](#) [Form of Independent Contractor Agreement between a purchasing agent and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.16](#) [Subscription Agreement dated June 27, 2022 by and between the Registrant and the Investors \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.17](#) [Revolving Line of Credit Agreement dated October 5, 2022 \(as amended\), by and between the Registrant and Asia Finance Investment Limited \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-41761\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2024\)](#)
- [10.18](#) [Revolving Line of Credit Agreement dated October 5, 2022 \(as amended\), by and between the Registrant and Hong Kong Sanyou Petroleum Co Limited \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-41761\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2024\)](#)
- [10.19](#) [Form of Sales Contract by and between a PRC customer and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.20](#) [Form of Sales Agreement by and between a U.S. customer and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-271185\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023\)](#)
- [10.21](#) [Stock Purchase Agreement dated January 24, 2024, by and among Edward Transit Express Group, Inc., Juquang Zhang, and the Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our current report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-41761\), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on January 30, 2024\)](#)

<u>10.22</u>	<u>Amendment No.1 to Stock Purchase Agreement dated January 29, 2024 by and among Edward Transit Express Group, Inc., Juguang Zhang, and the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on January 30, 2024)</u>
<u>10.23</u>	<u>Placement Agency Agreement dated May 14, 2024 by and between the Registrant and AC Sunshine Securities LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of our current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2024)</u>
<u>10.24</u>	<u>Form of the Securities Purchase Agreement dated May 14, 2024 by and between the Company and certain purchasers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of our current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2024)</u>
<u>10.25*</u>	<u>Form of Securities Purchase Agreement</u>
<u>10.26</u>	<u>Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. 2024 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of our Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 8, 2024)</u>
<u>14.1</u>	<u>Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023)</u>
<u>16.1</u>	<u>Letter of Friedman LLP to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 16.1 of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-271185), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2023)</u>

<u>16.2</u>	<u>Letter of Marcum Asia CPAs LLP to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 16.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41761), filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2023)</u>
<u>21.1*</u>	<u>Subsidiaries</u>
<u>23.1*</u>	<u>Consent of Marcum Asia CPAs LLP</u>
<u>23.2*</u>	<u>Consent of Assentsure PAC</u>
<u>23.3*</u>	<u>Consent of Maynard Nexsen, PC (included in Exhibit 5.1)</u>
<u>24.1*</u>	<u>Power of Attorney (included on signature page)</u>
<u>107*</u>	<u>Filing Fee Table</u>

* Filed herewith

PLACEMENT AGENCY AGREEMENT

FT Global Capital, Inc.
1688 Meridian Avenue, Suite 700
Miami Beach, FL 33139

[●], 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter (this "Agreement") constitutes the agreement between Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. (the "Company") and FT Global Capital, Inc. ("FT Global" or the "Placement Agent") pursuant to which FT Global shall serve as the placement agent for the Company, on a reasonable "best efforts" basis, in connection with the proposed offer and sale (the "Offering") by the Company of its Securities (as defined Section 3 of this Agreement) (the "Services"). The Company expressly acknowledges and agrees that FT Global's obligations hereunder are on a reasonable "best efforts" basis only and that the execution of this Agreement does not constitute a commitment by FT Global to purchase the Securities and does not ensure the successful placement of the Securities or any portion thereof or the success of FT Global with respect to securing any other financing on behalf of the Company.

1. Appointment of FT Global as Exclusive Placement Agent.

On the basis of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Company herein contained, and subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company hereby appoints the Placement Agent as its exclusive placement agent in connection with a distribution of its Shares (as defined below) to be offered and sold by the Company pursuant to a registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") on Form S-1 (File No. 333-[●]), and the Placement Agent agrees to act as the Company's exclusive placement agent. Pursuant to this appointment, the Placement Agent will solicit offers for the purchase of or attempt to place all or part of the Securities of the Company in the proposed Offering. Until the final closing or upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 5 hereof, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent, solicit or accept offers to purchase the Securities other than through the Placement Agent. The Placement Agent will use its reasonable "best efforts" to solicit offers to purchase the Securities from the Company on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set forth in the Prospectus (as defined below). The Placement Agent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Company in obtaining performance by each Purchaser (as defined below) whose offer to purchase Securities has been solicited by the Placement Agent, but the Placement Agent shall not, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, be obligated to disclose the identity of any potential purchaser or have any liability to the Company in the event any such purchase is not consummated for any reason. The Company acknowledges that under no circumstances will the Placement Agent be obligated to underwrite or purchase any Securities for its own account and, in soliciting purchases of the Securities, the Placement Agent shall act solely as an agent of the Company. The Services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be on an "agency" basis and not on a "principal" basis. Following the prior written consent of the Company, the Placement Agent may retain other brokers or dealers to act as sub-agents or selected-dealers on its behalf in connection with the Offering.

The Placement Agent will solicit offers for the purchase of the Securities in the Offering at such times and in such amounts as the Placement Agent deems advisable. The Company shall have the sole right to accept offers to purchase Securities and may reject any such offer, in whole or in part. The Company and Placement Agent shall negotiate the timing and terms of the Offering and acknowledge that the Offering and the provision of the Services related to the Offering are subject to market conditions and the receipt of all required related clearances and approvals.

2. Fees; Expenses; Other Arrangements.

A. Placement Agent's Fee. As compensation for services rendered, the Company shall pay to the Placement Agent in cash by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the Placement Agent an amount (the "Placement Fee") equal to a percentage of the aggregate gross proceeds received by the Company from the sale of the Securities, at the closing of the Offering (the "Closing" and the date on which the Closing occurs, the "Closing Date"), which percentage shall be 7.25% of the aggregate gross proceeds from the sale of Securities in the Offering. The Placement Agent may deduct from the net proceeds of the Offering payable to the Company on the Closing Date the Placement Fee set forth herein to be paid by the Company to the Placement Agent.

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B. Offering Expenses. The Company will be responsible for and will pay all expenses relating to the Offering, including, without limitation, (a) all filing fees and expenses relating to the registration of the Securities with the Commission; (b) all FINRA filing fees; (c) all fees and expenses relating to the listing of the Shares (as defined below) on the Nasdaq Capital Market (the "Exchange"); (d) the costs of all mailing and printing of the documents related to the Offering; (e) transfer and/or stamp taxes, if any, payable upon the transfer of Securities from the Company to Investors (as defined below); (f) the fees and expenses of the Company's accountants; (g) FT Global's travel expenses and due diligence expenses not to exceed \$40,000; and (h) legal fees of FT Global's counsel not to exceed \$50,000. The Placement Agent may deduct from the net proceeds of the Offering payable to the Company on the Closing Date the expenses set forth herein to be paid by the Company to the Placement Agent, provided, however, that in the event that the Offering is terminated, the Company agrees to reimburse the Placement Agent for the amount of expenses and legal fees incurred, up to the maximum amounts set forth above, to the extent required by Section 5 hereof promptly after such termination.

C. Tail Financing. The Placement Agent shall be entitled to fees per Section 2.A. of this Agreement with respect to any public or private offering or other financing or capital-raising transaction of any kind ("Tail Financing") to the extent that such Tail Financing is provided to the Company by any investors that the Placement Agent has introduced to the Company through an in-person, an electronic or a telephonic communication or investors that the Placement Agent had "wall-crossed" in connection with this Offering (or any entity under common management or having a common investment advisor), if such Tail Financing is consummated at any time within the 12-month period following the termination of this Agreement. Any right to the fees provided by this paragraph shall be terminated upon termination of this Agreement by the Company for "Cause," which shall mean a material breach by the Placement Agent of this Agreement or a material failure by the Placement Agent to provide the Services as contemplated by this Agreement. Prior to ten (10) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Placement Agent will provide by electronic mail a written list of such persons or entities that the Placement Agent had introduced to the Company or "wall-crossed" in connection with this Offering during the term of this Agreement, which list shall be deemed to include entities under common management or having a common investment advisor with the entities included on such list.

D. The Services provided by the Placement Agent hereunder are solely for the benefit of the Company and are not intended to confer any rights upon any persons or entities not a party hereto (including, without limitation, securityholders, employees or creditors of the Company) as against the Placement Agent or its directors, officers, agents and employees.

3. Description of the Offering.

The Securities to be offered directly to various investors (each, an "Investor" or "Purchaser" and, collectively, the "Investors" or the "Purchasers") pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement dated on or about the date hereof between the Company and the Investors (the "Securities Purchase")

Agreement”) shall consist of shares (the “Shares” or the “Securities”) of the Company’s Class A common stock (“Common Stock”). The purchase price for one Share shall be \$[●] per Share (the “Purchase Price”). If the Company shall default in its obligations to deliver Securities to a Purchaser whose offer it has accepted and who has tendered payment, the Company shall indemnify and hold the Placement Agent harmless against any loss, claim, damage or expense arising from or as a result of such default by the Company under this Agreement.

4. Delivery and Payment; Closing.

Settlement of the Securities purchased by an Investor shall be made as set forth in the Securities Purchase Agreement. On the Closing Date, the Securities to which the Closing relates shall be delivered through such means as the parties to the Securities Purchase Agreement may hereafter agree. The Securities shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denominations as set forth in the Securities Purchase Agreement. The term “Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law to close in New York, New York.

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5. Term and Termination of Agreement.

The term of this Agreement will commence upon the execution of this Agreement and will terminate on the tenth Business Day after the execution of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any provision in this Agreement concerning or relating to confidentiality, indemnification, contribution, advancement, the Company’s representations and warranties and the Company’s obligations to pay fees, including without limitation as set forth in Section 2(C) and 2(D) above, and reimburse expenses will survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement, subject to the terms of this Agreement. If any condition specified in Section 8 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Placement Agent by written notice to the Company at any time on or prior to a Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that those portions of this Agreement specified in Section 19 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

6. Permitted Acts.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the ability of the Placement Agent, its officers, directors, employees, agents, associated persons and any individual or entity “controlling,” “controlled by,” or “under common control” with the Placement Agent (as those terms are defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) to conduct its business including without limitation the ability to pursue, investigate, analyze, invest in, or engage in investment banking, financial advisory or any other business relationship with any individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

7. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Company.

As of the date and time of the execution of this Agreement, the Closing Date and the Initial Sale Time (as defined herein), the Company (i) makes such representations and warranties to the Placement Agent as the Company makes to the Investors pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, and (ii) further represents, warrants and covenants to the Placement Agent, other than as disclosed in Prospectus (as defined below) or in any of its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) that are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement (as defined below), that:

A. Registration Matters.

i. The Company has filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-[●]) including a related prospectus, for the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder (the “Securities Act Regulations”). The registration statement has been declared effective under the Securities Act by the Commission on [●], 2024. The “Registration Statement,” as of any time, means such registration statement as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto at such time, including the exhibits and any schedules thereto at such time, the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein at such time and the documents otherwise deemed to be a part thereof as of such time pursuant to Rule 430A (“Rule 430A”). Any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act Regulations is hereinafter called the “Rule 462(b) Registration Statement,” and after such filing the term “Registration Statement” shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. The prospectus set forth in the Registration Statement in the form first used to confirm sales of the Shares (or in the form first made available to the Placement Agent by the Company to meet requests of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Securities Act) is hereinafter referred to as the “Prospectus” and the term “Preliminary Prospectus” means any preliminary form of the Prospectus, specifically related to the Shares filed with the Commission by the Company with the consent of the Placement Agent.

ii. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is “contained,” “included” or “stated” (or other references of like import) in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include all such financial statements and schedules and other information incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and the rules and regulations thereunder (the “Exchange Act Regulations”), incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, at or after the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

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iii. The term “Disclosure Package” means (i) the Preliminary Prospectus, as most recently amended or supplemented immediately prior to the Initial Sale Time (as defined herein), and (ii) the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses (as defined below), if any, identified in Schedule I hereto.

iv. The term “Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” means any issuer free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 433 of the Securities Act Regulations. The term “Free Writing Prospectus” means any free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act Regulations.

v. Any Preliminary Prospectus when filed with the Commission, and the Registration Statement as of each effective date and as of the date hereof, complied or will comply, and the Prospectus and any further amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus will, when they become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, comply, in all

material respects, with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations; and the documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus complied, and any further documents so incorporated will comply, when filed with the Commission, in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and Exchange Act Regulations.

vi. The issuance by the Company of the Securities has been registered under the Securities Act. The Securities will be issued pursuant to the Registration Statement and will be freely transferable and freely tradable by each of the Investors without restriction, unless otherwise restricted by applicable law or regulation. The Company is eligible to use Form S-1 under the Securities Act, including, without limitation, the incorporation by reference provisions in General Instruction VII of Form S-1.

B. Stock Exchange Listing. The Common Stock is approved for listing on the Exchange and the Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, delisting the Common Stock from the Exchange, nor has the Company received any notification that the Exchange is contemplating terminating such listing.

C. No Stop Orders, etc. Neither the Commission nor, to the Company's knowledge, any state regulatory authority has issued any order preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or has instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened to institute, any proceedings with respect to such an order. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information.

D. Disclosures in Registration Statement.

i. Compliance with Securities Act and 10b-5 Representation.

(a) Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time it became effective, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations. The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, at the time each was or will be filed with the Commission, complied or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations. The Preliminary Prospectus delivered to the Placement Agent for use in connection with this Offering and the Prospectus was or will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(b) None of the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, or the Preliminary Prospectus, as of [●] p.m. (Eastern time) on the date hereof (the "Initial Sale Time"), and at the Closing Date, contained, contains or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements made or statements omitted in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company with respect to the Placement Agent by the Placement Agent expressly for use in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto. The parties acknowledge and agree that such information provided by or on behalf of the Placement Agent consists solely of the following disclosure contained in the "Plan of Distribution" section of the Prospectus: (i) the name of the Placement Agent, and (ii) the information regarding its fees and expenses (the "Placement Agent's Information").

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(c) The Disclosure Package, as of the Initial Sale Time and at the Closing Date, did not, does not and will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus, and each such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as supplemented by and taken together with the Preliminary Prospectus as of the Initial Sale Time, did not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements made or statements omitted in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company with respect to the Placement Agent by the Placement Agent expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto. The parties acknowledge and agree that such information provided by or on behalf of any Placement Agent consists solely of the Placement Agent's Information; and

(d) Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of its issue date, at the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), or at the Closing Date, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to the Placement Agent's Information.

ii. Disclosure of Agreements. The agreements and documents described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained therein and there are no agreements or other documents required by the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations to be described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or to be filed with the Commission as exhibits to the Registration Statement, that have not been so described or filed. Each agreement or other instrument (however characterized or described) to which the Company is a party or by which it is or may be bound or affected and (i) that is referred to in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and (ii) is material to the Company's business, has been duly authorized and validly executed by the Company, is in full force and effect in all material respects and is enforceable against the Company and, to the Company's knowledge, the other parties thereto, in accordance with its terms, except (x) as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (y) as enforceability of any indemnification or contribution provision may be limited under the federal and state securities laws, and (z) that the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to the equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought. None of such agreements or instruments has been assigned by the Company, and neither the Company nor, to the Company's knowledge, any other party is in default thereunder and, to the Company's knowledge, no event has occurred that, with the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default thereunder, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. To the Company's knowledge, performance by the Company of the material provisions of such agreements or instruments will not result in a violation of any existing applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any governmental agency or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its assets or businesses, including, without limitation, those relating to environmental laws and regulations.

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iii. Changes After Dates in Registration Statement.

(a) No Material Adverse Change. Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise specifically stated therein: (i) there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or results of operations of the Company, nor any change or development that, singularly or in the aggregate, would involve a material adverse change, in or affecting the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, assets or prospects of the Company (a "Material Adverse Change"); (ii) there have been no material transactions entered into by the Company, other than as contemplated pursuant to this Agreement; and (iii) no officer or director of the Company has resigned from any position with the Company.

(b) Recent Securities Transactions, etc. Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and except as may otherwise be indicated or contemplated herein or disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company has not: (i) issued any securities (other than (i) grants under any share compensation plan and (ii) Common Stock issued upon the exercise or conversion of option, warrants or convertible securities described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus) or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, for borrowed money; or (ii) declared or paid any dividend or made any other distribution on or in respect to its capital stock.

E. Transactions Affecting Disclosure to FINRA.

i. Finder's Fees. There are no claims, payments, arrangements, agreements or understandings relating to the payment of a finder's, consulting or origination fee by the Company or any executive officer or director of the Company with respect to the sale of the Securities hereunder or any other arrangements, agreements or understandings of the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any of its stockholders.

ii. Payments Within Twelve (12) Months. The Company has not made any direct or indirect payments (in cash, securities or otherwise) to: (i) any person, as a finder's fee, consulting fee or otherwise, in consideration of such person raising capital for the Company or introducing to the Company persons who raised or provided capital to the Company; (ii) any FINRA member; or (iii) any person or entity that has any direct or indirect affiliation or association with any FINRA member, within the twelve (12) months prior to the date hereof, other than the payment to the Placement Agent as provided hereunder in connection with the Offering and other than (a) the fees paid to AC Sunshine Securities LLC as placement agent in connection with the public offering of 13,210,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock which closed on May 15, 2024, and (b) the fees paid to Maxim Group LLC as underwriter in connection with the public offering of 1,250,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock which closed on August 3, 2023.

iii. Use of Proceeds. None of the net proceeds of the Offering will be paid by the Company to any participating FINRA member or its affiliates, except as specifically authorized herein.

iv. FINRA Affiliation. There is no (i) officer or director of the Company, (ii) to the Company's knowledge, beneficial owner of 10% or more of any class of the Company's securities or (iii) to the Company's knowledge, beneficial owner of the Company's unregistered equity securities which were acquired during the 180-day period immediately preceding the submission of the confidential Registration Statement that is an affiliate or associated person of a FINRA member participating in the Offering (as determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of FINRA).

F. Integration. Neither the Company, nor any of its affiliates, nor any person acting on its or their behalf has, directly or indirectly, made any offers or sales of any security or solicited any offers to buy any security, under circumstances that would cause the Offering to be integrated with prior offerings by the Company for purposes of the Securities Act that would require the registration of any such securities under the Securities Act.

G. Restriction on Sales of Capital Stock. The Company, on behalf of itself and any successor entity, agrees that it will not, for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of the final prospectus (the "Lock-Up Period"), without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent (i) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of capital stock of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of the Company; (ii) file or cause to be filed any registration statement with the Commission relating to the offering of any shares of capital stock of the Company or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of the Company, other than pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8 for employee benefit plans; whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of shares of capital stock of the Company or such other securities, in cash or otherwise; or (iii) publicly announce an intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (i) or (ii). The restrictions contained in this section shall not apply to (i) the issuance by the Company of Common Stock upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or the conversion of a security, in each case, that are outstanding on the date hereof or issued in the Offering, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date hereof to increase the number of such securities or to decrease the exercise price, exchange price or conversion price of such securities (other than in connection with share splits or combinations) or to extend the term of such securities; (ii) the grant by the Company of stock options or other stock-based awards, or the issuance of shares of capital stock of the Company under any stock compensation plan of the Company in effect on the date hereof; and (iii) securities issued pursuant to acquisitions or strategic transactions approved by a majority of the disinterested directors of the Company, provided that such securities are issued as "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) and carry no registration rights that require or permit the filing of any registration statement in connection therewith during the Lock-Up Period, and provided that any such issuance shall only be to a person (or to the equityholders of a person) which is, itself or through its subsidiaries, an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the current business of the Company at such time and shall provide to the Company additional benefits in addition to the investment of funds, but shall not include a transaction in which the Company is issuing securities primarily for the purpose of raising capital or to an entity whose primary business is investing in securities.

H. Lock-Up Agreements. The Company has caused each of its officers, directors and beneficial owners of 5% or more of any class of the Company's securities to deliver to the Placement Agent an executed Lock-Up Agreement, in the form attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Lock-Up Agreement").

8. Conditions of the Obligations of the Placement Agent.

The obligations of the Placement Agent hereunder shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company set forth in Section 7 hereof, in each case as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as though then made, to the timely performance by each of the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder on and as of such dates, and to each of the following additional conditions:

A. Regulatory Matters.

i. Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Rule 424 Information. The Registration Statement is effective on or about the date of this Agreement, and, on the Closing Date no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the Securities Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, contemplated by the Commission. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed by the Closing Date shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424.

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ii. FINRA Clearance. On or before the Closing Date, the Placement Agent shall have received clearance from FINRA as to the amount of compensation allowable or payable to the Placement Agent as described in the Registration Statement.

iii. Listing of Additional Shares. On or before the Closing Date, the Company shall have filed a notice with the Exchange with respect to the Company's additional listing of the securities sold in the Offering.

B. Company Counsel Matters. On the Closing Date, the Placement Agent shall have received the opinion and negative assurance letter of Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC, securities counsel for the Company; and the opinions Maynard Nexsen, PC, North Carolina counsel for the Company, in each case dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Placement Agent, and in each case substantially in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Placement Agent.

C. Comfort Letter. The Placement Agent shall have received letters dated the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, each in form and substance satisfactory to the Placement Agent, from Assenture PAC containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement and Prospectus.

D. Officers' Certificate. On the Closing Date, the Placement Agent shall have received a certificate of the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Company, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that, (i) such officers have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and, in their opinion, the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto, as of the Initial Sale Time and through the Closing Date did not include any untrue statement of a material fact and did not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, and the Disclosure Package, as of the Initial Sale Time through the Closing Date, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus as of its date and as of the Closing Date, the Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto, as of the respective date thereof and as of the Closing Date, did not include any untrue statement of a material fact and did not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading; and (ii) as of the Closing Date the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein and in the Securities Purchase Agreement were and are accurate in all material respects, and that the obligations to be performed by the Company hereunder have been fully performed in all material respects.

E. Secretary's Certificate. On the Closing Date, the Placement Agent shall have received from the Company a certificate of the corporate secretary of the Company, dated the Closing Date, certifying to the organizational documents of the Company, good standing in the jurisdiction of formation of the Company and board resolutions authorizing the Offering of the Securities.

F. *Intentionally deleted.*

G. No Material Changes. Prior to and on the Closing Date: (i) there shall have been no Material Adverse Change or development involving a prospective Material Adverse Change in the condition or prospects or the business activities, financial or otherwise, of the Company from the latest dates as of which such condition is set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; (ii) no action, suit or proceeding, at law or in equity, shall have been pending or threatened against the Company or any affiliates of the Company before or by any court or federal or state commission, board or other administrative agency wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding may materially adversely affect the business, operations, prospects or financial condition or income of the Company, except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; (iii) no stop order shall have been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings therefor shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and (iv) the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto shall contain all material statements which are required to be stated therein in accordance with the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations and shall conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Act Regulations, and neither the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package nor the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

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H. Delivery of Agreements.

(i) Lock-Up Agreements. On or before the Closing Date, the Company shall have delivered to the Placement Agent executed copies of the Lock-Up Agreement from each of the Company's officers, directors and beneficial owners of 5% or more of any class of the Company's securities.

I. Additional Documents. At the Closing Date, Placement Agent's counsel shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Placement Agent and Placement Agent's counsel.

9. Indemnification and Contribution; Procedures.

A. Indemnification of the Placement Agent. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Placement Agent, its affiliates and each person controlling such Placement Agent (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act), and the directors, officers, agents and employees of the Placement Agent, its affiliates and each such controlling person (the Placement Agent, and each such entity or person hereafter is referred to as an "Indemnified Person") from and against any losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs and other liabilities (collectively, the "Liabilities"), and shall reimburse each Indemnified Person for all fees and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Indemnified Persons, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement) (collectively, the "Expenses") and agrees to advance payment of such

Expenses as they are incurred by an Indemnified Person in investigating, preparing, pursuing or defending any actions, whether or not any Indemnified Person is a party thereto, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in (i) the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (as from time to time each may be amended and supplemented); (ii) any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company in connection with the marketing of the Offering, including any "road show" or investor presentations made to investors by the Company (whether in person or electronically); or (iii) any application or other document or written communication (in this Section 9, collectively called "application") executed by the Company or based upon written information furnished by the Company in any jurisdiction in order to qualify the Securities under the securities laws thereof or filed with the Commission, any state securities commission or agency, any national securities exchange; or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, unless such statement or omission was made in reliance upon, and in conformity with, the Placement Agent's information. The Company also agrees to reimburse each Indemnified Person for all Expenses as they are incurred in connection with such Indemnified Person's enforcement of his or its rights under this Agreement. Each Indemnified Person is an intended third party beneficiary with the same rights to enforce the indemnification that each Indemnified Person would have if he was a party to this Agreement.

B. Procedure. Upon receipt by an Indemnified Person of actual notice of an action against such Indemnified Person with respect to which indemnity may reasonably be expected to be sought under this Agreement, such Indemnified Person shall promptly notify the Company in writing; provided that failure by any Indemnified Person so to notify the Company shall not relieve the Company from any obligation or liability which the Company may have on account of this Section 9 or otherwise to such Indemnified Person, except to the extent (and only to the extent) that its ability to assume the defense of any such action (as contemplated in the next sentence) is actually impaired by such failure or delay. The Company shall, if requested by the Placement Agent, assume the defense of any such action (including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Placement Agent). Any Indemnified Person shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such action and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless: (i) the Company has failed promptly to assume the defense and employ counsel for the benefit of the Placement Agent and the other Indemnified Persons or (ii) such Indemnified Person shall have been advised that in the opinion of counsel that there is an actual or potential conflict of interest that prevents (or makes it imprudent for) the counsel engaged by the Company for the purpose of representing the Indemnified Person, to represent both such Indemnified Person and any other person represented or proposed to be represented by such counsel, it being understood, however, that the Company shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (together with local counsel), representing the Placement Agent and all Indemnified Persons who are parties to such action. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement of any action effected without its written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld). In addition, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Placement Agent, settle, compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any pending or threatened action in respect of which advancement, reimbursement, indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not such Indemnified Person is a party thereto) unless such settlement, compromise, consent or termination (i) includes an unconditional release of each Indemnified Person, acceptable to such Indemnified Party, from all Liabilities arising out of such action for which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any Indemnified Person. The advancement, reimbursement, indemnification and contribution obligations of the Company required hereby shall be made by periodic payments of the amount thereof during the course of the investigation or defense, as every Liability and Expense is incurred and is due and payable, and in such amounts as fully satisfy each and every Liability and Expense as it is incurred (and in no event later than 30 days following the date of any invoice therefor).

C. Indemnification of the Company. The Placement Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, its officers who signed the Registration Statement and persons who control the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all Liabilities, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions made in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon, and in strict conformity with, the Placement Agent's Information. In case any action shall be brought against the Company or any other person so indemnified based on any Preliminary Prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, and in respect of which indemnity may be sought against the Placement Agent, the Placement Agent shall have the rights and duties given to the Company, and the Company and each other person so indemnified shall have the rights and duties given to the Placement Agent by the provisions of Section 9.B. The Company agrees promptly to notify the Placement Agent of the commencement of any litigation or proceedings against the Company or any of its officers, directors or any person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities or in connection with the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, provided, that failure by the Company so to notify the Placement Agent shall not relieve the Placement Agent from any obligation or liability which the Placement Agent may have on account of this Section 9.C. or otherwise to the Company, except to the extent the Placement Agent is materially prejudiced as a proximate result of such failure.

D. Contribution. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction makes a finding that indemnity is unavailable to any indemnified person, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the Liabilities and Expenses paid or payable by such indemnified person in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect (i) the relative benefits to the Company, on the one hand, and to the Placement Agent and any other Indemnified Person, on the other hand, of the matters contemplated by this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by the immediately preceding clause is not permitted by applicable law, not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Placement Agent and any other Indemnified Person, on the other hand, in connection with the matters as to which such Liabilities or Expenses relate, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations; provided that in no event shall the Company contribute less than the amount necessary to ensure that all Indemnified Persons, in the aggregate, are not liable for any Liabilities and Expenses in excess of the amount of commissions actually received by the Placement Agent pursuant to this Agreement. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Placement Agent on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Placement Agent agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this subsection (D) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (D). For purposes of this paragraph, the relative benefits to the Company, on the one hand, and to the Placement Agent on the other hand, of the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as: (a) the total value received by the Company in the Offering, whether or not such Offering is consummated, bears to (b) the commissions paid to the Placement Agent under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act shall be entitled to contribution from a party who was not guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation.

E. Limitation. The Company also agrees that no Indemnified Person shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort or otherwise) to the Company for or in connection with advice or services rendered or to be rendered by any Indemnified Person pursuant to this Agreement, the transactions contemplated thereby or any Indemnified Person's actions or inactions in connection with any such advice, services or

transactions, except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction has made a finding that Liabilities (and related Expenses) of the Company have resulted primarily from such Indemnified Person's gross negligence or willful misconduct in connection with any such advice, actions, inactions or services.

F. Survival. The advancement, reimbursement, indemnity and contribution obligations set forth in this Section 9 shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any termination of, or the completion of any Indemnified Person's services under or in connection with, this Agreement. Each Indemnified Person is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Section 9, and has the right to enforce the provisions of Section 9 as if he/she/it was a party to this Agreement.

10. Limitation of FT Global's Liability to the Company.

FT Global and the Company further agree that neither FT Global nor any of its affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, controlling persons (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act), employees or agents shall have any liability to the Company, its security holders or creditors, or any person asserting claims on behalf of or in the right of the Company (whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort, for an act of negligence or otherwise) for any losses, fees, damages, liabilities, costs, expenses or equitable relief arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Services rendered hereunder, except for losses, fees, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses that arise out of or are based on any action of or failure to act by FT Global and that are finally judicially determined to have resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FT Global.

11. Limitation of Engagement to the Company.

The Company acknowledges that FT Global has been retained only by the Company, that FT Global is providing services hereunder as an independent contractor (and not in any fiduciary or agency capacity) and that the Company's engagement of FT Global is not deemed to be on behalf of, and is not intended to confer rights upon, any shareholder, owner or partner of the Company or any other person not a party hereto as against FT Global or any of its affiliates, or any of its or their respective officers, directors, controlling persons (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act), employees or agents. Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing by FT Global, no one other than the Company is authorized to rely upon any statement or conduct of FT Global in connection with this Agreement. The Company acknowledges that any recommendation or advice, written or oral, given by FT Global to the Company in connection with FT Global's engagement is intended solely for the benefit and use of the Company's management and directors in considering a possible Offering, and any such recommendation or advice is not on behalf of, and shall not confer any rights or remedies upon, any other person or be used or relied upon for any other purpose. FT Global shall not have the authority to make any commitment binding on the Company. The Company, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to reject any investor introduced to it by FT Global. If any purchase agreement and/or related transaction documents are entered into between the Company and the investors in the Offering, FT Global will be entitled to rely on the representations, warranties, agreements and covenants of the Company contained in any such purchase agreement and related transaction documents as if such representations, warranties, agreements and covenants were made directly to FT Global by the Company.

12. Amendments and Waivers.

No supplement, modification or waiver of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party to be bound thereby. The failure of a party to exercise any right or remedy shall not be deemed or constitute a waiver of such right or remedy in the future. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision hereof (regardless of whether similar), nor shall any such waiver be deemed or constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided.

13. Confidentiality.

In the event of the consummation or public announcement of any Offering, FT Global shall have the right to disclose its participation in such Offering, including, without limitation, the placement at its cost of "tombstone" advertisements in financial and other newspapers and journals. FT Global agrees not to use any confidential information concerning the Company provided to FT Global by the Company for any purposes other than those contemplated under this Agreement.

14. Headings.

The headings of the various sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and will not be deemed to be part of this Agreement.

15. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and, if executed in more than one counterpart, the executed counterparts shall each be deemed to be an original and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. The words "execution," "signed" and "signature" and words of like import in this Agreement and all documents relating thereto, shall (to the extent permissible under governing documents) include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf," "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including, without limitation, any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including, without limitation, the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act and any other applicable law.

16. Severability.

The invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of any other section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

17. Use of Information.

The Company will furnish FT Global such written information as FT Global reasonably requests in connection with the performance of its services hereunder. The Company understands, acknowledges and agrees that, in performing its services hereunder, FT Global will use and rely entirely upon such information as well as publicly available information regarding the Company and other potential parties to an Offering and that FT Global does not assume responsibility for independent verification of the accuracy or completeness of any information, whether publicly available or otherwise furnished to it, concerning the Company or otherwise relevant to an Offering, including, without limitation, any financial information, forecasts or projections considered by FT Global in connection with the provision of its services.

18. Absence of Fiduciary Relationship.

The Company acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the Placement Agent has been retained solely to act as Placement Agent in connection with the sale of the Securities and that no fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship between the Company and the Placement Agent has been created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, irrespective of whether the Placement Agent has advised or is advising the Company on other matters; (b) the Purchase Price and other terms of the Securities set forth in this Agreement were established by the Company following discussions and arms-length negotiations with the Investors and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (c) it has been advised that the Placement Agent and its affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions that may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and that the Placement Agent has no obligation to disclose such interest and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship; and (d) it has been advised that the Placement Agent is acting, in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, solely for the benefit of the Placement Agent, and not on behalf of the Company and that the Placement Agent may have interests that differ from those of the Company. The Company waives to the full extent permitted by applicable law any claims it may have against the Placement Agent arising from an alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the Offering.

19. Survival of Indemnities, Representations, Warranties, Etc.

The respective indemnities, covenants, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and Placement Agent, as set forth in this Agreement or made by them respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Placement Agent, the Company, the Purchasers or any person controlling any of them and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, including without limitation any termination pursuant to Section 5, the payment, reimbursement, indemnity, contribution, advancement and limitation of liability agreements contained in Sections 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11, and the Company's covenants, representations, and warranties set forth in this Agreement, shall not terminate and shall remain in full force and effect at all times. The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in Section 9 and the covenants, warranties and representations of the Company contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any of the Placement Agent, any person who controls the Placement Agent within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or any affiliate of the Placement Agent, or by or on behalf of the Company, its directors or officers or any person who controls the Company within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and (iii) the issuance and delivery of the Securities.

20. Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be fully performed therein, without regard to its choice of law provisions. Any disputes that arise under this Agreement, even after the termination of this Agreement, will be heard only in the state or federal courts located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan. The parties hereto expressly agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the foregoing courts in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan. The parties hereto expressly waive any rights they may have to contest the jurisdiction, venue or authority of any court sitting in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan.

21. Notices.

All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed or hand delivered and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Company:

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.
6201 Fairview Road, Suite 225
Charlotte, North Carolina, 28210
Attention: CEO

If to the Placement Agent:

FT Global Capital, Inc.
1688 Meridian Avenue, Suite 700, Miami Beach, FL, 33139
Attention: President, CEO

Any party hereto may change the address for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

22. Miscellaneous.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of FT Global and the Company, and supersedes any prior agreements, with respect to the subject matter hereof. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such determination will not affect such provision in any other respect, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

23. Successors.

This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, and to the benefit of the employees, officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 9 hereof, and to their respective successors, and personal representatives, and, except as set forth in Section 9 of this Agreement, no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

In acknowledgment that the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding reached by FT Global and the Company, and intending to be legally bound, please sign in the space provided below, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement as of the date executed.

Very truly yours,

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Confirmed as of the date first written above:

FT Global Capital, Inc.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

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SCHEDULE I

Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses

None.

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Exhibit A

Lock-Up Agreement

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Common Stock Certificate

Certificate Number

Number of Shares

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.
Incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina

- i)

ii)
- Authorized Share Capital is US\$100,000 divided into
891,750,000 shares of Class A common stock of a par value of US\$0.0001 each;
108,250,000 shares of Class B common stock of a par value of US\$0.0001 each.

This certifies that [Name] of [Address] is the registered holder of [Number] shares of Class [Type of Class] common stock fully paid and non-assessable, subject to the Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The information regarding the relative rights, preferences, and limitations applicable to different classes of shares will be furnished to stockholders in writing and without charge.

[Transfer date]

Director

Director/ Secretary

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July 10, 2024

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.
6201 Fairview Road, Suite 225
Charlotte, North Carolina, 28210

RE: Form S-1 Registration Statement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with a Registration Statement on Form S-1, along with any amendments thereto (the "Registration Statement"), being filed by Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on or about the date hereof for a proposed offering (the "Offering") of up to 6,479,665 shares of the Company's Class A common stock, with a par value of \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock"), to be issued by the Company (the "Shares") pursuant to the Registration Statement. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the Registration Statement. This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the Shares.

We are acting as North Carolina counsel for the Company in connection with the Registration Statement. In connection with this opinion, we have examined and are familiar with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Company, as each of the same have been amended through the date hereof, and have examined the originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of corporate records, including minute books and resolutions, of the Company. We have also examined the Registration Statement and such statutes and other records, instruments, and documents pertaining thereto that we have deemed necessary to examine for the purposes of this opinion. In our examination, we have assumed the completeness and authenticity of any document submitted to us as an original, the completeness and conformity to the originals of any document submitted to us as a copy, the authenticity of the originals of such copies, the genuineness of all signatures and the legal capacity and mental competence of natural persons. With respect to certain facts, we have considered it appropriate to rely upon certificates or other comparable documents of public officials and officers or other appropriate representatives of the Company, without investigation or analysis of any underlying data contained therein. The opinion set forth below is limited to matters governed by the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws.

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On the basis of and in reliance upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares registered under the Registration Statement, when and if issued by the Company in the manner described in the Registration Statement (in the form declared effective by the Commission) and duly purchased and paid for, will be legally issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter speaks only as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update or supplement this opinion letter if any applicable laws change after the date of this opinion letter or if we become aware after the date of this opinion letter of any facts, whether existing before or arising after the date hereof, that might change the opinions expressed above. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that the Company will comply with all applicable notice requirements regarding uncertificated shares provided in the North Carolina Business Corporation Act.

This opinion is furnished in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement and may not be relied upon for any other purpose without our prior written consent in each instance. Further, no portion of this opinion may be quoted, circulated or referred to in any other document for any other purpose without our prior written consent.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion, or copies thereof, as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the statement made regarding our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement, but we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under the provisions of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ MAYNARD NEXSEN PC
MAYNARD NEXSEN PC

SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Securities Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement"), dated as of [●], 2024, is by and between Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Company"), and each purchaser identified on the signature pages hereto (each, including its successors and assigns, a "Purchaser" and collectively the "Purchasers").

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Company desires to issue and sell to each Purchaser, and each Purchaser, severally and not jointly, desires to purchase from the Company, securities of the Company as more fully described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and each Purchaser agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Definitions. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, for all purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set forth in this Section 1.1:

"Acquiring Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.5.

"Action" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(j).

"Affiliate" means any Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with a Person as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in The City of New York are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided, however, for clarification, commercial banks shall not be deemed to be authorized or required by law to remain closed due to "stay at home", "shelter-in-place", "non-essential employee" or any other similar orders or restrictions or the closure of any physical branch locations at the direction of any governmental authority so long as the electronic funds transfer systems (including for wire transfers) of commercial banks in The City of New York are generally are open for use by customers on such day.

"Closing" means the closing of the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to Section 2.1.

"Closing Date" means the Trading Day on which all of the Transaction Documents have been executed and delivered by the applicable parties thereto, and all conditions precedent to (i) the Purchasers' obligations to pay the Subscription Amount and (ii) the Company's obligations to deliver the Securities, in each case, have been satisfied or waived, but in no event later than the second (2nd) Trading Day following the date hereof.

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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"Common Stock" means the Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0001, and any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed.

"Common Stock Equivalents" means any securities of the Company or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, right, option, warrant or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.

"Company Counsel" means Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC, with offices located at 950 Third Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

"Disclosure Schedules" means the Disclosure Schedules of the Company delivered concurrently herewith.

"Disclosure Time" means, (i) if this Agreement is signed on a day that is not a Trading Day or after 9:00 a.m. (New York City time) and before midnight (New York City time) on any Trading Day, 9:01 a.m. (New York City time) on the Trading Day immediately following the date hereof, unless otherwise instructed as to an earlier time by the Placement Agent, and (ii) if this Agreement is signed between midnight (New York City time) and 9:00 a.m. (New York City time) on any Trading Day, no later than 9:01 a.m. (New York City time) on the date hereof, unless otherwise instructed as to an earlier time by the Placement Agent.

"Evaluation Date" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(s).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Exempt Issuance" means the issuance of (a) shares of Common Stock or options to employees, consultants, officers or directors of the Company pursuant to any stock or option plan duly adopted for such purpose, by a majority of the non-employee members of the Board of Directors or a majority of the members of a committee of non-employee directors established for such purpose for services rendered to the Company; (b) securities upon the exercise or exchange of or conversion of any Securities issued hereunder and/or other securities exercisable or exchangeable for or convertible into Common Stock issued and outstanding on the date of this Agreement, provided that such securities have not been amended since the date of this Agreement to increase the number of such securities or to decrease the exercise price, exchange price or conversion price of such securities (other than in connection with stock splits or combinations) or to extend the term of such securities; and (c) securities issued pursuant to acquisitions or strategic transactions approved by a majority of the disinterested directors of the Company, provided that such securities are issued as "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144) and carry no registration rights that require or permit the filing of any registration statement in connection therewith during the prohibition period in Section 4.11(a) herein, and provided that any such issuance shall only be to a Person (or to the equityholders of a Person) which is, itself or through its subsidiaries, an operating company or an owner of an asset in a business synergistic with the business of the Company and shall provide to the Company additional benefits in addition to the investment of funds, but shall not include a transaction in which the Company is issuing securities primarily for the purpose of raising capital or to an entity whose primary business is investing in securities.

"FCPA" means the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

"GAAP" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(h).

"Indebtedness" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(aa).

"Intellectual Property Rights" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(p).

"Liens" means a lien, charge, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, right of first refusal, preemptive right or other restriction.

"Material Adverse Effect" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.1(b).

"Material Permits" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(n).

"Per Share Purchase Price" equals \$[●], subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the date of this Agreement.

"Person" means an individual or corporation, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability company, joint stock company, government (or an agency or subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

"Placement Agent" means FT Global Capital, Inc.

"Proceeding" means an action, claim, suit, investigation or proceeding (including, without limitation, an informal investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition), whether commenced or threatened.

"Prospectus" means the final prospectus filed for the Registration Statement.

"Prospectus Supplement" means the supplement to the Prospectus complying with Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act that is filed with the Commission and delivered by the Company to each Purchaser at the Closing.

"Purchaser Party" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.8.

"Registration Statement" means the effective registration statement with Commission file No. 333-[] which registers the sale of the Shares to the Purchasers.

"Required Approvals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(e).

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended or interpreted from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same purpose and effect as such Rule.

"Rule 424" means Rule 424 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended or interpreted from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same purpose and effect as such Rule.

"SEC Reports" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3.1(h).

"Securities" means the Shares.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Shares" means shares of Common Stock issued or issuable to each Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.

"Short Sales" means all "short sales" as defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the Exchange Act (but shall not be deemed to include locating and/or borrowing shares of Common Stock).

"Subscription Amount" means, as to each Purchaser, the aggregate amount to be paid for Shares purchased hereunder as specified below such Purchaser's name on the signature page of this Agreement and next to the heading "Subscription Amount," in United States dollars and in immediately available funds.

"Subsequent Financing" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.11(a).

"Subsequent Financing Notice" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.11(b).

"Subsidiary" means any subsidiary of the Company as set forth on Schedule 3.1(a), and shall, where applicable, also include any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof.

"Trading Day" means a day on which the principal Trading Market is open for trading.

"Trading Market" means any of the following markets or exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question: the NYSE American, the Nasdaq Capital Market, the Nasdaq Global Market, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, and the New York Stock Exchange (or any successors to any of the foregoing).

"Transaction Documents" means this Agreement, exhibits and schedules thereto and hereto and any other documents or agreements

executed in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder.

"Transfer Agent" means VStock Transfer, LLC, the current transfer agent of the Company, with a mailing address of 18 Lafayette Place, Woodmere, New York 11598 and an email address of compliance@vstocktransfer.com, and any successor transfer agent of the Company.

"Variable Rate Transaction" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.11(b).

ARTICLE II. PURCHASE AND SALE

2.1 **Closing.** On the Closing Date, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, substantially concurrent with the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the parties hereto, the Company agrees to sell, and the Purchasers, severally and not jointly, agree to purchase, up to an aggregate of \$[●] of Shares. On the Closing Date, (i) each Purchaser shall pay its respective Subscription Amount to the Company as set forth on the signature page hereto executed by such Purchaser for the Shares to be issued and sold to such Purchaser at Closing, by wire transfer of immediately available funds in accordance with the Company's written wire instructions set forth in Section 2.2(iii), and (ii) the Company shall (A) cause the Transfer Agent via The Depository Trust Company Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system ("DWAC") to deliver Shares equal to such Purchaser's Subscription Amount divided by the Per Share Purchase Price, and (B) deliver to each such Purchaser the other items set forth in Section 2.2 deliverable at the Closing. Upon satisfaction of the covenants and conditions set forth in Sections 2.2 and 2.3, the Closing shall occur at the offices of Placement Agent counsel or such other location as the parties shall mutually agree.

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2.2 **Deliveries.**

(a) On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to each Purchaser the following:

- (i) this Agreement duly executed by the Company;
- (ii) a legal opinion of Company Counsel, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Placement Agent and the Purchasers addressed to the Placement Agent and the Purchasers;
- (iii) the Company shall have provided each Purchaser with the Company's wire instructions, on Company letterhead and executed by the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer;
- (iv) a copy of the irrevocable instructions to the Transfer Agent instructing the Transfer Agent to deliver on an expedited basis via The Depository Trust Company Deposit or Withdrawal at Custodian system ("DWAC") Shares equal to such Purchaser's Subscription Amount divided by the Per Share Purchase Price, registered in the name of such Purchaser;
- (v) a copy of the lockup agreement in the form of Exhibit A hereof (the "Lock-Up Agreement"), by and between the Company and the stockholders listed on Schedule 2.2(a)(4) attached hereto, duly executed by the parties thereto;
- (vi) the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement (which may be delivered in accordance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act).

(b) On or prior to the Closing Date, each Purchaser shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company the following:

- (i) this Agreement duly executed by such Purchaser; and
- (ii) such Purchaser's Subscription Amount.

2.3 **Closing Conditions.**

(a) The obligations of the Company hereunder in connection with the Closing are subject to the following conditions being met:

- (i) the accuracy in all material respects (or, to the extent representations or warranties are qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) on the Closing Date of the representations and warranties of the Purchasers contained herein (unless as of a specific date therein in which case they shall be accurate as of such date);

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- (ii) all obligations, covenants and agreements of each Purchaser required to be performed at or prior to the Closing Date shall have been performed; and

- (iii) the delivery by each Purchaser of the items set forth in Section 2.2(b) of this Agreement.

(b) The respective obligations of each Purchaser hereunder in connection with the Closing are subject to the following conditions being met:

- (i) the accuracy in all material respects (or, to the extent representations or warranties are qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) when made and on the Closing Date of the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein (unless as of a specific date therein in which case they shall be accurate as of such date);

- (ii) all obligations, covenants and agreements of the Company required to be performed at or prior to the Closing Date shall have been performed;

- (iii) the delivery by the Company of the items set forth in Section 2.2(a) of this Agreement;

- (iv) the Registration Statement shall be effective and available for the issuance and sale of the Securities hereunder and the Company shall have delivered to such Purchaser the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement as required thereunder;

(v) there shall have been no Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Company since the date hereof; and

(vi) from the date hereof to the Closing Date, trading in the Common Stock shall not have been suspended by the Commission or the Company's principal Trading Market, and, at any time prior to the Closing Date, trading in securities generally as reported by Bloomberg L.P. shall not have been suspended or limited, or minimum prices shall not have been established on securities whose trades are reported by such service, or on any Trading Market, nor shall a banking moratorium have been declared either by the United States or New York State authorities nor shall there have occurred any material outbreak or escalation of hostilities or other national or international calamity of such magnitude in its effect on, or any material adverse change in, any financial market which, in each case, in the reasonable judgment of such Purchaser, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to purchase the Securities at the Closing.

ARTICLE III. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 Representations and Warranties of the Company. Except as set forth in the SEC Reports and the Disclosure Schedules, which Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed a part hereof and shall qualify any representation made herein to the extent of the disclosure contained in the corresponding section of the Disclosure Schedules, the Company hereby makes the following representations and warranties to each Purchaser:

(a) Subsidiaries. All of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company (each, a "Subsidiary", and collectively, the "Subsidiaries") are as set forth on Schedule 3.1(a). The Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the capital stock or other equity interests of each Subsidiary free and clear of any Liens, and all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or equity interests, as applicable, of each Subsidiary are validly issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and free of preemptive rights. There are no outstanding options, warrants, scrips or rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities, rights or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or giving any Person any right to subscribe for or acquire, any capital stock or equity interests, as applicable, of any Subsidiary, or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which any Subsidiary is or may become bound to issue capital stock or equity interests, as applicable. If the Company has no Subsidiaries, all other references to the Subsidiaries or any of them in the Transaction Documents shall be disregarded.

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(b) Organization and Qualification. The Company and each of the Subsidiaries is an entity duly incorporated or otherwise organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with the requisite power and authority to own and use its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in violation nor default of any of the provisions of its respective certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational or charter documents. Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries is duly qualified to conduct business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation or other entity in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted or property owned by it makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, as the case may be, could not have or reasonably be expected to result in: (i) a material adverse effect on the legality, validity or enforceability of any Transaction Document, (ii) a material adverse effect on the results of operations, assets, business, or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (iii) a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to perform in any material respect on a timely basis its obligations under any Transaction Document (any of (i), (ii) or (iii), a "Material Adverse Effect") and no Proceeding has been instituted in any such jurisdiction revoking, limiting or curtailing or seeking to revoke, limit or curtail such power and authority or qualification.

(c) Authorization; Enforcement. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents by the Company and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Company and no further action is required by the Company, the Board of Directors or the Company's stockholders in connection herewith or therewith other than in connection with the Required Approvals. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party has been (or upon delivery will have been) duly executed by the Company and, when delivered in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof, will constitute the valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except (i) as limited by general equitable principles and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.

(d) No Conflicts. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the issuance and sale of the Securities and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby do not and will not (i) conflict with or violate any provision of the Company's or any Subsidiary's certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational or charter documents, or (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, anti-dilution or similar adjustments, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) of, any agreement, credit facility, debt or other instrument (evidencing a Company or Subsidiary debt or otherwise) or other understanding to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which any property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or affected, or (iii) subject to the Required Approvals, conflict with or result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment, injunction, decree or other restriction of any court or governmental authority to which the Company or a Subsidiary is subject (including federal and state securities laws and regulations), or by which any property or asset of the Company or a Subsidiary is bound or affected; except in the case of each of clauses (ii) and (iii), such as could not have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

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(e) Filings, Consents and Approvals. The Company is not required to obtain any consent, waiver, authorization or order of, give any notice to, or make any filing or registration with, any court or other federal, state, local or other governmental authority or other Person in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents, other than: (i) the filings required pursuant to Section 4.4 of this Agreement, (ii) the filing with the Commission of the Prospectus Supplement, (iii) application(s) to the Trading Market for the listing of the Securities for trading thereon in the time and manner required thereby, (iv) approval of the Board of Directors of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein; and (v) such filings as are required to be made under applicable state securities laws (collectively, the "Required Approvals").

(f) Issuance of the Securities; Registration. The Securities are duly authorized and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the applicable Transaction Documents, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of all Liens imposed by the Company. The Company has reserved from its duly authorized capital stock the maximum number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to this Agreement. The Company has prepared and filed the Registration Statement in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, which became effective on [●], 2024 (the "Effective Date"), including the Prospectus, and such amendments and supplements thereto as may have been required to the date of this Agreement. The Registration Statement is effective under the Securities Act and no stop order preventing or suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or suspending or preventing the use of the Prospectus has been issued by the Commission and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the knowledge of the Company, are threatened by the Commission. The Company, if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, shall file the Prospectus Supplement with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b). At the time the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto became effective, at the date of this Agreement and at the Closing Date, the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto conformed and will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and the Prospectus, Prospectus Supplement and any amendments or supplements thereto, at the time the Prospectus, Prospectus Supplement or any amendment or supplement thereto was issued and at the Closing Date, conformed and will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(g) Capitalization. The capitalization of the Company as of the date hereof is as set forth on Schedule 3.1(g), which Schedule 3.1(g) shall also include the number of shares of Common Stock owned beneficially, and of record, by Affiliates of the Company as of the date hereof. The Company has not issued any capital stock since its most recently filed Form 10-K, other than (i) pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options under the Company's stock option plans disclosed in the SEC Reports, (ii) pursuant to the issuance of Common Stock to employees pursuant to the Company's employee stock purchase plans disclosed in the SEC Reports, (iii) pursuant to the conversion and/or exercise of Common Stock Equivalents outstanding as of the date of the most recently filed Form 10-K, and (iv) in connection with the public offering of 13,210,000 shares of Common Stock which closed on May 15, 2024. No Person has any right of first refusal, preemptive right, right of participation, or any similar right to participate in the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.1(g) and except as a result of the purchase and sale of the Securities, there are no outstanding options, warrants, scrip rights to subscribe to, calls or commitments of any character whatsoever relating to, or securities, rights or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or giving any Person any right to subscribe for or acquire, any Common Stock or the capital stock of any Subsidiary, or contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which the Company or any Subsidiary is or may become bound to issue additional Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents or capital stock of any Subsidiary. The issuance and sale of the Securities will not obligate the Company or any Subsidiary to issue Common Stock or other securities to any Person (other than the Purchasers). There are no outstanding securities or instruments of the Company or any Subsidiary with any provision that adjusts the exercise, conversion, exchange or reset price of such security or instrument upon an issuance of securities by the Company or any Subsidiary. There are no outstanding securities or instruments of the Company or any Subsidiary that contain any redemption or similar provisions, and there are no contracts, commitments, understandings or arrangements by which the Company or any Subsidiary is or may become bound to redeem a security of the Company or such Subsidiary. The Company does not have any stock appreciation rights or "phantom stock" plans or agreements or any similar plan or agreement. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws, and none of such outstanding shares was issued in violation of any preemptive rights or similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities. No further approval or authorization of any stockholder, the Board of Directors, or others is required for the issuance and sale of the Securities. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.1(g) and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there are no stockholders agreements, voting agreements or other similar agreements with respect to the Company's capital stock to which the Company is a party or, to the knowledge of the Company, between or among any of the Company's stockholders.

(h) SEC Reports; Financial Statements. The Company has filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents required to be filed by the Company under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, including pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) thereof, for the two years preceding the date hereof (or such shorter period as the Company was required by law or regulation to file such material) (the foregoing materials, including the exhibits thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein, together with the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, being collectively referred to herein as the "SEC Reports") on a timely basis or has received a valid extension of such time of filing and has filed any such SEC Reports prior to the expiration of any such extension. As of their respective dates, the SEC Reports complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable, and none of the SEC Reports, when filed, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Company has never been an issuer subject to Rule 144(i) under the Securities Act. The financial statements of the Company included in the SEC Reports comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing, or the amendments thereto. Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved ("GAAP"), except as may be otherwise specified in such financial statements or the notes thereto and except that unaudited financial statements may not contain all footnotes required by GAAP, and fairly present in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of and for the dates thereof and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal, immaterial, year-end audit adjustments.

(i) Material Changes; Undisclosed Events, Liabilities or Developments. Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, except as set forth on Schedule 3.1(i), (i) there has been no event, occurrence or development that has had or that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the Company has not incurred any liabilities (contingent or otherwise) other than (A) trade payables and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (B) liabilities not required to be reflected in the Company's financial statements pursuant to GAAP or disclosed in filings made with the Commission, (iii) the Company has not altered its method of accounting, (iv) the Company has not declared or made any dividend or distribution of cash or other property to its stockholders or purchased, redeemed or made any agreements to purchase or redeem any shares of its capital stock and (v) the Company has not issued any equity securities to any officer, director or Affiliate, except pursuant to existing Company stock option plans. The Company does not have pending before the Commission any request for confidential treatment of information. Except for the issuance of the Securities contemplated by this Agreement or as set forth on Schedule 3.1(i), no event, liability, fact, circumstance, occurrence or development has occurred or exists or is reasonably expected to occur or exist with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, prospects, properties, operations, assets or financial condition that would be required to be disclosed by the Company under applicable securities laws at the time this representation is made or deemed made that has not been publicly disclosed at least one Trading Day prior to the

date that this representation is made.

(j) Litigation. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.1(j), there is no action, suit, inquiry, notice of violation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties before or by any court, arbitrator, governmental or administrative agency or regulatory authority (federal, state, county, local or foreign) (collectively, an "Action"). None of the Actions set forth on Schedule 3.1(j) (i) adversely affects or challenges the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Transaction Documents or the Securities or (ii) could, if there were an unfavorable decision, have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor any director or officer thereof, is or has been the subject of any Action involving a claim of violation of or liability under federal or state securities laws or a claim of breach of fiduciary duty. There has not been, and to the knowledge of the Company, there is not pending or contemplated or threatened, any investigation by the Commission involving the Company or any current or former director or officer of the Company. The Commission has not issued any stop order or other order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement filed by the Company or any Subsidiary under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act.

(k) Labor Relations. No labor dispute exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent with respect to any of the employees of the Company, which could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' employees is a member of a union that relates to such employee's relationship with the Company or such Subsidiary, and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to a collective bargaining agreement, and the Company and its Subsidiaries believe that their relationships with their employees are good. To the knowledge of the Company, no executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary, is, or is now expected to be, in violation of any material term of any employment contract, confidentiality, disclosure or proprietary information agreement or non-competition agreement, or any other contract or agreement or any restrictive covenant in favor of any third party, and the continued employment of each such executive officer does not subject the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any liability with respect to any of the foregoing matters. The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, except where the failure to be in compliance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

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(l) Compliance. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary: (i) is in default under or in violation of (and no event has occurred that has not been waived that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would result in a default by the Company or any Subsidiary under), nor has the Company or any Subsidiary received notice of a claim that it is in default under or that it is in violation of, any indenture, loan or credit agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties is bound (whether or not such default or violation has been waived), (ii) is in violation of any judgment, decree or order of any court, arbitrator or other governmental authority or (iii) is or has been in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance or regulation of any governmental authority, including without limitation all foreign, federal, state and local laws relating to taxes, environmental protection, occupational health and safety, product quality and safety and employment and labor matters, except in each case as could not have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(m) Environmental Laws. The Company and its Subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with all federal, state, local and foreign laws relating to pollution or protection of human health or the environment (including ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata), including laws relating to emissions, discharges, releases or threatened releases of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, or toxic or hazardous substances or wastes (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") into the environment, or otherwise relating to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials, as well as all authorizations, codes, decrees, demands, or demand letters, injunctions, judgments, licenses, notices or notice letters, orders, permits, plans or regulations, issued, entered, promulgated or approved thereunder ("Environmental Laws"); (ii) have received all permits licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses; and (iii) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval where in each clause (i), (ii) and (iii), the failure to so comply could be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(n) Regulatory Permits. The Company and the Subsidiaries possess all certificates, authorizations and permits issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports, except where the failure to possess such permits could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect ("Material Permits"), and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Material Permit.

(o) Title to Assets. The Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property owned by them and good and marketable title in all personal property owned by them that is material to the business of the Company and the Subsidiaries, in each case free and clear of all Liens, except for (i) Liens as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and the Subsidiaries and (ii) Liens for the payment of federal, state or other taxes, for which appropriate reserves have been made therefor in accordance with GAAP and, the payment of which is neither delinquent nor subject to penalties. Any real property and facilities held under lease by the Company and the Subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with which the Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance.

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(p) Intellectual Property. The Company and the Subsidiaries have, or have rights to use, all patents, patent applications, trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, trade names, trade secrets, inventions, copyrights, licenses and other intellectual property rights and similar rights necessary or required for use in connection with their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports and which the failure to so have could have a Material Adverse Effect (collectively, the "Intellectual Property Rights"). None of, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received a notice (written or otherwise) that any of, the Intellectual Property Rights has expired, terminated or been abandoned, or is expected to expire or terminate or be abandoned, within two (2) years from the date of this Agreement. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received, since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, a written notice of a claim or otherwise has any knowledge that the Intellectual Property Rights violate or infringe upon the rights of any Person, except as could not have or reasonably be expected to not have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company, all such Intellectual Property Rights are enforceable and there is no existing infringement by another Person of any of the Intellectual Property Rights. The Company and its Subsidiaries have taken reasonable security measures to protect the secrecy, confidentiality and value of all of their intellectual properties, except where failure to do so could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(q) Insurance. The Company and the Subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which the Company and the Subsidiaries are engaged, including, but not limited to, directors and officers insurance coverage of \$5 million. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has any reason to

believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business without a significant increase in cost.

(r) Transactions With Affiliates and Employees. None of the officers or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary and, to the knowledge of the Company, none of the employees of the Company or any Subsidiary is presently a party to any transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary (other than for services as employees, officers and directors), including any contract, agreement or other arrangement providing for the furnishing of services to or by, providing for rental of real or personal property to or from, providing for the borrowing of money from or lending of money to or otherwise requiring payments to or from any officer, director or such employee or, to the knowledge of the Company, any entity in which any officer, director, or any such employee has a substantial interest or is an officer, director, trustee, stockholder, member or partner, in each case in excess of \$120,000 other than for (i) payment of salary or consulting fees for services rendered, (ii) reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Company and (iii) other employee benefits, including stock option agreements under any stock option plan of the Company.

(s) Sarbanes-Oxley; Internal Accounting Controls. The Company and the Subsidiaries are in compliance with any and all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are effective as of the date hereof, and any and all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission thereunder that are effective as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date. The Company and the Subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Company and the Subsidiaries have established disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the Company and the Subsidiaries and designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. The Company's certifying officers have evaluated the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of the end of the period covered by the most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act (such date, the "Evaluation Date"). The Company presented in its most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act the conclusions of the certifying officers about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on their evaluations as of the Evaluation Date. Since the Evaluation Date, there have been no changes in the internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in the Exchange Act) of the Company and its Subsidiaries that have materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the internal control over financial reporting of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

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(t) Certain Fees. Except as set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, no brokerage or finder's fees or commissions are or will be payable by the Company or any Subsidiary to any broker, financial advisor or consultant, finder, placement agent, investment banker, bank or other Person with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. The Purchasers shall have no obligation with respect to any fees or with respect to any claims made by or on behalf of other Persons for fees of a type contemplated in this Section that may be due in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(u) Investment Company. The Company is not, and is not an Affiliate of, and immediately after receipt of payment for the Securities, will not be or be an Affiliate of, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company shall conduct its business in a manner so that it will not become an "investment company" subject to registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(v) Registration Rights. No Person has any right to cause the Company or any Subsidiary to effect the registration under the Securities Act of any securities of the Company or any Subsidiary.

(w) Listing and Maintenance Requirements. The Common Stock is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or which to its knowledge is likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission is contemplating terminating such registration. The Company has not, in the 12 months preceding the date hereof, received notice from any Trading Market on which the Common Stock is or has been listed or quoted to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of such Trading Market. The Company is, and has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be, in compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements. The Common Stock is currently eligible for electronic transfer through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation and the Company is current in payment of the fees to the Depository Trust Company (or such other established clearing corporation) in connection with such electronic transfer.

(x) Application of Takeover Protections. The Company and the Board of Directors have taken all necessary action, if any, in order to render inapplicable any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or other similar anti-takeover provision under the Company's articles of incorporation (or similar charter documents) or the laws of its state of incorporation that is or could become applicable to the Purchasers as a result of the Purchasers and the Company fulfilling their obligations or exercising their rights under the Transaction Documents, including without limitation as a result of the Company's issuance of the Securities and the Purchasers' ownership of the Securities.

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(y) Disclosure. Except with respect to the material terms and conditions of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, the Company confirms that neither it nor any other Person acting on its behalf has provided any of the Purchasers or their agents or counsel with any information that it believes constitutes or might constitute material, non-public information which is not otherwise disclosed in the Prospectus Supplement. The Company understands and confirms that the Purchasers will rely on the foregoing representation in effecting transactions in securities of the Company. All of the disclosure furnished by or on behalf of the Company to the Purchasers regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries, their respective businesses and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Disclosure Schedules to this Agreement, is true and correct and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The press releases disseminated by the Company during the twelve months preceding the date of this Agreement taken as a whole do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made and when made, not misleading. The Company acknowledges and agrees that no Purchaser makes or has made any representations or warranties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby other than those

specifically set forth in Section 3.2 hereof.

(z) No Integrated Offering. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchasers' representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.2, neither the Company, nor any of its Affiliates, nor any Person acting on its or their behalf has, directly or indirectly, made any offers or sales of any security or solicited any offers to buy any security, under circumstances that would cause this offering of the Securities to be integrated with prior offerings by the Company for purposes of any applicable shareholder approval provisions of any Trading Market on which any of the securities of the Company are listed or designated.

(aa) Solvency. Based on the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of the Closing Date, after giving effect to the receipt by the Company of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder, (i) the fair saleable value of the Company's assets exceeds the amount that will be required to be paid on or in respect of the Company's existing debts and other liabilities (including known contingent liabilities) as they mature, (ii) the Company's assets do not constitute unreasonably small capital to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted including its capital needs taking into account the particular capital requirements of the business conducted by the Company, consolidated and projected capital requirements and capital availability thereof, and (iii) the current cash flow of the Company, together with the proceeds the Company would receive, were it to liquidate all of its assets, after taking into account all anticipated uses of the cash, would be sufficient to pay all amounts on or in respect of its liabilities when such amounts are required to be paid. The Company does not intend to incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature (taking into account the timing and amounts of cash to be payable on or in respect of its debt). The Company has no knowledge of any facts or circumstances which lead it to believe that it will file for reorganization or liquidation under the bankruptcy or reorganization laws of any jurisdiction within one year from the Closing Date. The SEC Reports sets forth as of the date hereof all outstanding secured and unsecured Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary, or for which the Company or any Subsidiary has commitments. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Indebtedness" means (x) any liabilities for borrowed money or amounts owed in excess of \$50,000 (other than trade accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business), (y) all guaranties, endorsements and other contingent obligations in respect of indebtedness of others, whether or not the same are or should be reflected in the Company's consolidated balance sheet (or the notes thereto), except guaranties by endorsement of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection or similar transactions in the ordinary course of business; and (z) the present value of any lease payments in excess of \$50,000 due under leases required to be capitalized in accordance with GAAP. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in default with respect to any Indebtedness.

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(bb) Tax Status. Except for matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Company and its Subsidiaries each (i) has made or filed all United States federal, state and local income and all foreign income and franchise tax returns, reports and declarations required by any jurisdiction to which it is subject, (ii) has paid all taxes and other governmental assessments and charges that are material in amount, shown or determined to be due on such returns, reports and declarations and (iii) has set aside on its books provision reasonably adequate for the payment of all material taxes for periods subsequent to the periods to which such returns, reports or declarations apply. There are no unpaid taxes in any material amount claimed to be due by the taxing authority of any jurisdiction, and the officers of the Company or of any Subsidiary know of no basis for any such claim.

(cc) Foreign Corrupt Practices. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary, nor to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, any agent or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary, has (i) directly or indirectly, used any funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses related to foreign or domestic political activity, (ii) made any unlawful payment to foreign or domestic government officials or employees or to any foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from corporate funds, (iii) failed to disclose fully any contribution made by the Company or any Subsidiary (or made by any person acting on its behalf of which the Company is aware) which is in violation of law, or (iv) violated in any material respect any provision of FCPA.

(dd) Accountants. The Company's accounting firm is set forth on Schedule 3.1(dd) of the Disclosure Schedules. To the knowledge and belief of the Company, such accounting firm (i) is a registered public accounting firm as required by the Exchange Act, and (ii) shall express its opinion with respect to the financial statements to be included in the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

(ee) Acknowledgment Regarding Purchasers' Purchase of Securities. The Company acknowledges and agrees that each of the Purchasers is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length purchaser with respect to the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby. The Company further acknowledges that no Purchaser is acting as a financial advisor or fiduciary of the Company (or in any similar capacity) with respect to the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby and any advice given by any Purchaser or any of their respective representatives or agents in connection with the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby is merely incidental to the Purchasers' purchase of the Securities. The Company further represents to each Purchaser that the Company's decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents has been based solely on the independent evaluation of the transactions contemplated hereby by the Company and its representatives.

(ff) Acknowledgment Regarding Purchaser's Trading Activity. Anything in this Agreement or elsewhere herein to the contrary notwithstanding (except for Sections 3.2(f) and 4.14 hereof), it is understood and acknowledged by the Company that: (i) none of the Purchasers has been asked by the Company to agree, nor has any Purchaser agreed, to desist from purchasing or selling, long and/or short, securities of the Company, or "derivative" securities based on securities issued by the Company or to hold the Securities for any specified term; (ii) past or future open market or other transactions by any Purchaser, specifically including, without limitation, Short Sales or "derivative" transactions, before or after the closing of this or future private placement transactions, may negatively impact the market price of the Company's publicly-traded securities; (iii) any Purchaser, and counter-parties in "derivative" transactions to which any such Purchaser is a party, directly or indirectly, presently may have a "short" position in the Common Stock, and (iv) each Purchaser shall not be deemed to have any affiliation with or control over any arm's length counter-party in any "derivative" transaction. The Company further understands and acknowledges that (y) one or more Purchasers may engage in hedging activities at various times during the period that the Securities are outstanding, and (z) such hedging activities (if any) could reduce the value of the existing stockholders' equity interests in the Company at and after the time that the hedging activities are being conducted. The Company acknowledges that such aforementioned hedging activities do not constitute a breach of any of the Transaction Documents.

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(gg) Regulation M Compliance. The Company has not, and to its knowledge no one acting on its behalf has, (i) taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or to result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of any of the Securities, (ii) sold, bid for, purchased, or paid any compensation for soliciting purchases of, any of the Securities, or (iii) paid or agreed to pay to any Person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company, other than, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), compensation paid to the Company's placement agent in connection with the placement of the Securities.

(hh) Stock Equity Plans. Each stock option or equity award granted by the Company under the Company's equity award plans was granted (i) in accordance with the terms of the Company's stockholder approved equity award plan(s) and (ii) with an exercise price at least equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date such option or equity award would be considered granted under GAAP and applicable law. No stock option or equity award granted under the Company's or equity award plan(s) has been backdated. The Company has not knowingly granted, and there is no and has been no Company policy or practice to knowingly grant, options prior to, or otherwise knowingly coordinate the grant of stock options with, the release or other public announcement of material information regarding the Company or its Subsidiaries or their financial results or prospects.

(ii) Office of Foreign Assets Control. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary nor, to the Company's knowledge, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any Subsidiary is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("OFAC").

(jj) U.S. Real Property Holding Corporation. The Company is not and has never been a U.S. real property holding corporation within the meaning of Section 897 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Company shall so certify upon Purchaser's request.

(kk) Bank Holding Company Act. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is subject to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the "BHCA") and to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"). Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates owns or controls, directly or indirectly, five percent (5%) or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting securities or twenty-five percent or more of the total equity of a bank or any entity that is subject to the BHCA and to regulation by the Federal Reserve. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates exercises a controlling influence over the management or policies of a bank or any entity that is subject to the BHCA and to regulation by the Federal Reserve.

(ll) Money Laundering. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, applicable money laundering statutes and applicable rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"), and no Action or Proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any Subsidiary with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, threatened.

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(mm) Smaller Reporting Company. The Company is a "smaller reporting company," as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act Regulations.

3.2 Representations and Warranties of the Purchasers. Each Purchaser, for itself and for no other Purchaser, hereby represents and warrants as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date to the Company as follows (unless as of a specific date therein, in which case they shall be accurate as of such date):

(a) Organization; Authority. Such Purchaser is either an individual or an entity duly incorporated or formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or formation with full right, corporate, partnership, limited liability company or similar power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents and performance by such Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership, limited liability company or similar action, as applicable, on the part of such Purchaser. Each Transaction Document to which it is a party has been duly executed by such Purchaser, and when delivered by such Purchaser in accordance with the terms hereof, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of such Purchaser, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except: (i) as limited by general equitable principles and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.

(b) Understandings or Arrangements. Such Purchaser is acquiring the Securities as principal for its own account and has no direct or indirect arrangement or understandings with any other persons to distribute or regarding the distribution of such Securities (this representation and warranty not limiting such Purchaser's right to sell the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws). Such Purchaser is acquiring the Securities hereunder in the ordinary course of its business.

(c) Purchaser Status. At the time such Purchaser was offered the Securities, it was, and as of the date hereof it is, an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7) or (a)(8) under the Securities Act.

(d) Experience of Such Purchaser. Such Purchaser, either alone or together with its representatives, has such knowledge, sophistication and experience in business and financial matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Securities, and has so evaluated the merits and risks of such investment. Such Purchaser is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Securities and, at the present time, is able to afford a complete loss of such investment.

(e) Access to Information. Such Purchaser acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to review the Transaction Documents (including all exhibits and schedules thereto) and the SEC Reports and has been afforded, (i) the opportunity to ask such questions as it has deemed necessary of, and to receive answers from, representatives of the Company concerning the terms and conditions of the offering of the Securities and the merits and risks of investing in the Securities; (ii) access to information about the Company and its financial condition, results of operations, business, properties, management and prospects sufficient to enable it to evaluate its investment; and (iii) the opportunity to obtain such additional information that the Company possesses or can acquire without unreasonable effort or expense that is necessary to make an informed investment decision with respect to the investment. Such Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that neither the Placement Agent nor any Affiliate of the Placement Agent has provided such Purchaser with any information or advice with respect to the Securities nor is such information or advice necessary or desired. Neither the Placement Agent nor any Affiliate has made or makes any representation as to the Company or the quality of the Securities and the Placement Agent and any Affiliate may have acquired non-public information with respect to the Company which such Purchaser agrees need not be provided to it. In connection with the issuance of the Securities to such Purchaser, neither the Placement Agent nor any of its Affiliates has acted as a financial advisor or fiduciary to such Purchaser.

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(f) Certain Transactions and Confidentiality. Other than consummating the transactions contemplated hereunder, such Purchaser has not, nor has any Person acting on behalf of or pursuant to any understanding with such Purchaser, directly or indirectly executed any purchases

or sales, including Short Sales, of the securities of the Company during the period commencing as of the time that such Purchaser first received a term sheet (written or oral) from the Company or any other Person representing the Company setting forth the material terms of the transactions contemplated hereunder and ending immediately prior to the execution hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a Purchaser that is a multi-managed investment vehicle whereby separate portfolio managers manage separate portions of such Purchaser's assets and the portfolio managers have no direct knowledge of the investment decisions made by the portfolio managers managing other portions of such Purchaser's assets, the representation set forth above shall only apply with respect to the portion of assets managed by the portfolio manager that made the investment decision to purchase the Securities covered by this Agreement. Other than to other Persons party to this Agreement or to such Purchaser's representatives, including, without limitation, its officers, directors, partners, legal and other advisors, employees, agents and Affiliates, such Purchaser has maintained the confidentiality of all disclosures made to it in connection with this transaction (including the existence and terms of this transaction). Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing contained herein shall constitute a representation or warranty, or preclude any actions, with respect to locating or borrowing shares in order to effect Short Sales or similar transactions in the future.

The Company acknowledges and agrees that the representations contained in this Section 3.2 shall not modify, amend or affect such Purchaser's right to rely on the Company's representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or any representations and warranties contained in any other Transaction Document or any other document or instrument executed and/or delivered in connection with this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing contained herein shall constitute a representation or warranty, or preclude any actions, with respect to locating or borrowing shares in order to effect Short Sales or similar transactions in the future.

ARTICLE IV. OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES

4.1 Reserved.

4.2 Furnishing of Information. Until the earliest of the time that no Purchaser owns Securities, the Company covenants to timely file (or obtain extensions in respect thereof and file within the applicable grace period) all reports required to be filed by the Company after the date hereof pursuant to the Exchange Act even if the Company is not then subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act.

4.3 Integration. The Company shall not sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any security (as defined in Section 2 of the Securities Act) that would be integrated with the offer or sale of the Securities for purposes of the rules and regulations of any Trading Market such that it would require shareholder approval prior to the closing of such other transaction unless shareholder approval is obtained before the closing of such subsequent transaction.

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4.4 Securities Laws Disclosure: Publicity. The Company shall (a) by the Disclosure Time, issue a press release disclosing the material terms of the transactions contemplated hereby, and (b) file a Current Report on Form 8-K, including the Transaction Documents as exhibits thereto, with the Commission within the time required by the Exchange Act. From and after the issuance of such press release, the Company represents to the Purchasers that it shall have publicly disclosed all material, non-public information delivered to any of the Purchasers by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. In addition, effective upon the issuance of such press release, the Company acknowledges and agrees that any and all confidentiality or similar obligations under any agreement, whether written or oral, between the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees or Affiliates on the one hand, and any of the Purchasers or any of their Affiliates on the other hand, shall terminate. The Company and each Purchaser shall consult with each other in issuing any other press releases with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and neither the Company nor any Purchaser shall issue any such press release nor otherwise make any such public statement without the prior consent of the Company, with respect to any press release of any Purchaser, or without the prior consent of each Purchaser, with respect to any press release of the Company, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed, except if such disclosure is required by law, in which case the disclosing party shall promptly provide the other party with prior notice of such public statement or communication. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not publicly disclose the name of any Purchaser, or include the name of any Purchaser in any filing with the Commission or any regulatory agency or Trading Market, without the prior written consent of such Purchaser, except to the extent such disclosure is required by law or Trading Market regulations, in which case the Company shall provide the Purchasers with prior notice of such disclosure permitted pursuant to this sentence.

4.5 Shareholder Rights Plan. No claim will be made or enforced by the Company or, with the consent of the Company, any other Person, that any Purchaser is an "Acquiring Person" under any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or similar anti-takeover plan or arrangement in effect or hereafter adopted by the Company, or that any Purchaser could be deemed to trigger the provisions of any such plan or arrangement, by virtue of receiving Securities under the Transaction Documents or under any other agreement between the Company and the Purchasers.

4.6 Non-Public Information. Except with respect to the material terms and conditions of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, which shall be disclosed pursuant to Section 4.4, the Company covenants and agrees that neither it, nor any other Person acting on its behalf will provide any Purchaser or its agents or counsel with any information that constitutes, or the Company reasonably believes constitutes, material non-public information, unless prior thereto such Purchaser shall have consented to the receipt of such information and agreed with the Company to keep such information confidential. The Company understands and confirms that each Purchaser shall be relying on the foregoing covenant in effecting transactions in securities of the Company. To the extent that the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees or Affiliates delivers any material, non-public information to a Purchaser without such Purchaser's consent, the Company hereby covenants and agrees that such Purchaser shall not have any duty of confidentiality to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees or Affiliates, or a duty to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective officers, directors, agents, employees or Affiliates not to trade on the basis of, such material, non-public information, provided that the Purchaser shall remain subject to applicable law. To the extent that any notice provided pursuant to any Transaction Document constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any Subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Company understands and confirms that each Purchaser shall be relying on the foregoing covenant in effecting transactions in securities of the Company.

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4.7 Use of Proceeds. The Company shall use the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder for working capital purposes and shall not use such proceeds: (a) for the satisfaction of any portion of the Company's debt (other than payment of trade payables in the ordinary course of the Company's business and prior practices), (b) for the redemption of any Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents, (c) for the settlement of any outstanding litigation or (d) in violation of FCPA or OFAC regulations.

4.8 Indemnification of Purchasers. The Company will indemnify and hold each Purchaser and its directors, officers, shareholders, members, partners, employees and agents (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title), each Person who controls such Purchaser (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, members, partners or employees (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title) of such controlling persons (each, a "Purchaser Party") harmless from any and all losses, liabilities, obligations, claims, contingencies, damages, costs and expenses, including all judgments, amounts paid in settlements, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation that any such Purchaser Party may suffer or incur as a result of or relating to (a) any breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by the Company in this Agreement or in the other Transaction Documents or (b) any action instituted against the Purchaser Parties in any capacity (including a Purchaser Party's status as an investor), or any of them or their respective Affiliates, by the Company or any stockholder of the Company who is not an Affiliate of such Purchaser Party, arising out of or relating to any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. For the avoidance of doubt, the indemnification provided herein is intended to, and shall also cover, direct claims brought by the Company against the Purchaser Parties; provided, however, that such indemnification shall not cover any loss, claim, damage or liability to the extent it is finally judicially determined to be attributable to any Purchaser Party's breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by such Purchaser Party in any Transaction Document or any conduct by a Purchaser Party which is finally judicially determined to constitute fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. If any action shall be brought against any Purchaser Party in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to this Agreement, such Purchaser Party shall promptly notify the Company in writing, and, except with respect to direct claims brought by the Company, the Company shall have the right to assume the defense thereof with counsel of its own choosing reasonably acceptable to the Purchaser Party. Any Purchaser Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such action and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Purchaser Party except to the extent that (i) the employment thereof has been specifically authorized by the Company in writing, (ii) the Company has failed after a reasonable period of time to assume such defense and to employ counsel or (iii) in such action there is, in the reasonable opinion of counsel to the applicable Purchaser Party (which may be internal counsel), a material conflict on any material issue between the position of the Company and the position of such Purchaser Party, in which case the Company shall be responsible for the reasonable fees and expenses of no more than one such separate counsel. The Company will not be liable to any Purchaser Party under this Agreement for any settlement by a Purchaser Party effected without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In addition, if any Purchaser Party takes actions to collect amounts due under any Transaction Documents or to enforce the provisions of any Transaction Documents, then the Company shall pay the costs incurred by such Purchaser Party for such collection, enforcement or action, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and disbursements. The indemnification and other payment obligations required by this Section 4.8 shall be made by periodic payments of the amount thereof during the course of the investigation, defense, collection, enforcement or action, as and when bills are received or are incurred; provided, that if any Purchaser Party is finally judicially determined not to be entitled to indemnification or payment under this Section 4.8 such Purchaser Party shall promptly reimburse the Company for any payments that are advanced under this sentence. The indemnity agreements contained herein shall be in addition to any cause of action or similar right of any Purchaser Party against the Company or others and any liabilities the Company may be subject to pursuant to law.

4.9 Reserved.

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4.10 Listing of Common Stock. The Company hereby agrees to use best efforts to maintain the listing or quotation of the Common Stock on the Trading Market on which it is currently listed, and prior to the Closing, the Company shall apply to list or quote all of the Shares on such Trading Market and promptly secure the listing of all of the Shares on such Trading Market. The Company further agrees, if the Company applies to have the Common Stock traded on any other Trading Market, it will then include in such application all of the Shares, and will take such other action as is necessary to cause all of the Shares to be listed or quoted on such other Trading Market as promptly as possible. The Company will then take all action reasonably necessary to continue the listing and trading of its Common Stock on a Trading Market and will comply in all respects with the Company's reporting, filing and other obligations under the bylaws or rules of the Trading Market. The Company agrees to maintain the eligibility of the Common Stock for electronic transfer through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation, including, without limitation, by timely payment of fees to the Depository Trust Company or such other established clearing corporation in connection with such electronic transfer.

4.11 Subsequent Equity Sales.

(a) From the date hereof until 90 days after the Closing Date, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary shall issue, enter into any agreement to issue or announce the issuance or proposed issuance of any Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents (each, a "Subsequent Placement").

(b) From the date hereof until 180 days after the Closing Date, the Company shall be prohibited from effecting or entering into an agreement to effect any issuance by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents (or a combination of units thereof) involving a Variable Rate Transaction. "Variable Rate Transaction" means a transaction in which the Company (i) issues or sells any debt or equity securities that are convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for, or include the right to receive additional shares of Common Stock either (A) at a conversion price, exercise price or exchange rate or other price that is based upon and/or varies with the trading prices of or quotations for the shares of Common Stock at any time after the initial issuance of such debt or equity securities, or (B) with a conversion, exercise or exchange price that is subject to being reset at some future date after the initial issuance of such debt or equity security or upon the occurrence of specified or contingent events directly or indirectly related to the business of the Company or the market for the Common Stock or (ii) enters into, or effects a transaction under, any agreement, including, but not limited to, an equity line of credit, whereby the Company may issue securities at a future determined price. Any Purchaser shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief against the Company to preclude any such issuance, which remedy shall be in addition to any right to collect damages.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 4.11 shall not apply in respect of an Exempt Issuance, except that no Variable Rate Transaction shall be an Exempt Issuance.

4.12 Equal Treatment of Purchasers. No consideration (including any modification of any Transaction Document) shall be offered or paid to any Person to amend or consent to a waiver or modification of any provision of the Transaction Documents unless the same consideration is also offered to all of the parties to the Transaction Documents. For clarification purposes, this provision constitutes a separate right granted to each Purchaser by the Company and negotiated separately by each Purchaser, and is intended for the Company to treat the Purchasers as a class and shall not in any way be construed as the Purchasers acting in concert or as a group with respect to the purchase, disposition or voting of Securities or otherwise.

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4.13 Certain Transactions and Confidentiality. Each Purchaser, severally and not jointly with the other Purchasers, covenants that neither it nor any Affiliate acting on its behalf or pursuant to any understanding with it will execute any purchases or sales, including Short Sales of any of the Company's securities during the period commencing with the execution of this Agreement and ending at such time that the transactions contemplated by

this Agreement are first publicly announced pursuant to the initial press release as described in Section 4.4. Each Purchaser, severally and not jointly with the other Purchasers, covenants that until such time as the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are publicly disclosed by the Company pursuant to the initial press release as described in Section 4.4, such Purchaser will maintain the confidentiality of the existence and terms of this transaction and the information included in the Disclosure Schedules. Notwithstanding the foregoing and notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company expressly acknowledges and agrees that (i) no Purchaser makes any representation, warranty or covenant hereby that it will not engage in effecting transactions in any securities of the Company after the time that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are first publicly announced pursuant to the initial press release as described in Section 4.4, (ii) no Purchaser shall be restricted or prohibited from effecting any transactions in any securities of the Company in accordance with applicable securities laws from and after the time that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are first publicly announced pursuant to the initial press release as described in Section 4.4 and (iii) no Purchaser shall have any duty of confidentiality or duty not to trade in the securities of the Company to the Company or its Subsidiaries after the issuance of the initial press release as described in Section 4.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a Purchaser that is a multi-managed investment vehicle whereby separate portfolio managers manage separate portions of such Purchaser's assets and the portfolio managers have no direct knowledge of the investment decisions made by the portfolio managers managing other portions of such Purchaser's assets, the covenant set forth above shall only apply with respect to the portion of assets managed by the portfolio manager that made the investment decision to purchase the Securities covered by this Agreement.

4.14 Reserved.

4.15 Acknowledgment of Dilution. The Company acknowledges that the issuance of the Securities may result in dilution of the outstanding Common Stock, which dilution may be substantial under certain market conditions. The Company further acknowledges that its obligations under the Transaction Documents, including, without limitation, its obligation to issue the Shares pursuant to the Transaction Documents, are unconditional and absolute and not subject to any right of set off, counterclaim, delay or reduction, regardless of the effect of any such dilution or any claim the Company may have against any Purchaser and regardless of the dilutive effect that such issuance may have on the ownership of the other stockholders of the Company.

4.16 No Waiver of Lockup Agreement. The Company shall not amend, waive, modify or fail to use best efforts to enforce any provision of the Lockup Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, no Purchaser shall be a third party beneficiary of any Lockup Agreement.

**ARTICLE V.
MISCELLANEOUS**

5.1 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by any Purchaser, as to such Purchaser's obligations hereunder only and without any effect whatsoever on the obligations between the Company and the other Purchasers, by written notice to the other parties, if the Closing has not been consummated on or before the fifth (5th) Trading Day following the date hereof; provided, however, that no such termination will affect the right of any party to sue for any breach by any other party (or parties).

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5.2 Fees and Expenses. Except as expressly set forth in the Transaction Documents to the contrary, each party shall pay the fees and expenses of its advisers, counsel, accountants and other experts, if any, and all other expenses incurred by such party incident to the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement. The Company shall pay all Transfer Agent fees (including, without limitation, any fees required for same-day processing of any instruction letter delivered by the Company and any exercise notice delivered by a Purchaser), stamp taxes and other taxes and duties levied in connection with the delivery of any Securities to the Purchasers. In addition to the Transaction Expenses, the Company shall be responsible for the payment of any placement agent's fees, financial advisory fees, transfer agent fees, Depositary Fees, DTC fees or broker's commissions (other than for Persons engaged by any Purchaser) relating to or arising out of the transactions contemplated hereby (including, without limitation, (x) any fees or commissions payable to the Placement Agent, who is the Company's sole placement agent in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (y) any fees required for same-day processing of any instruction letter delivered by the Company and any exercise notice delivered by a Purchaser), and any stamp taxes and other taxes and duties levied in connection with the delivery of any Securities to the Purchasers. The Company shall pay, and hold each Purchaser harmless against, any liability, loss or expense (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket expenses) arising in connection with any claim relating to any such payment. Except as otherwise set forth in the Transaction Documents, each party to this Agreement shall bear its own expenses in connection with the sale of the Securities to the Purchasers.

5.3 Entire Agreement. The Transaction Documents, together with the exhibits and schedules thereto, the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters, which the parties acknowledge have been merged into such documents, exhibits and schedules.

5.4 Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of: (a) the time of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via email attachment at the email address as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto at or prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on a Trading Day, (b) the next Trading Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via email attachment at the email address as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto on a day that is not a Trading Day or later than 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any Trading Day, (c) the second (2nd) Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service or (d) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given. The address for such notices and communications shall be as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto. To the extent that any notice provided pursuant to any Transaction Document constitutes, or contains, material, non-public information regarding the Company or any Subsidiaries, the Company shall simultaneously file such notice with the Commission pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K.

5.5 Amendments; Waivers. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified, supplemented or amended except in a written instrument signed, in the case of an amendment, by the Company and Purchasers which purchased (a) if on or prior to the Closing Date, 100% or (b) if after the Closing Date, at least 50.1%, as applicable, in interest of the Shares based on the initial Subscription Amounts hereunder or, in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom enforcement of any such waived provision is sought, provided that if any amendment, modification or waiver disproportionately and adversely impacts a Purchaser (or group of Purchasers), the consent of such disproportionately impacted Purchaser (or group of Purchasers) shall also be required. No waiver of any default with respect to any provision, condition or requirement of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a continuing waiver in the future or a waiver of any subsequent default or a waiver of any other provision, condition or requirement hereof, nor shall any delay or omission of any party to exercise any right hereunder in any manner impair the exercise of any such right. Any proposed amendment or waiver that disproportionately, materially and adversely affects the rights and obligations of any Purchaser relative to the comparable rights and obligations of the other Purchasers shall require the prior written consent of such adversely affected Purchaser. Any amendment effected in accordance with this Section 5.5 shall be binding upon each Purchaser and holder of Securities and the Company.

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5.6 Headings. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

5.7 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and permitted assigns. The Company may not assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Purchaser (other than by merger). Any Purchaser may assign any or all of its rights under this Agreement to any Person to whom such Purchaser assigns or transfers any Securities, provided that such transferee agrees in writing to be bound, with respect to the transferred Securities, by the provisions of the Transaction Documents that apply to the "Purchasers."

5.8 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. The Placement Agent shall be the third party beneficiary of the representations and warranties of the Company in Section 3.1 and the representations and warranties of the Purchasers in Section 3.2. This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other Person, except as otherwise set forth in Section 4.8 and this Section 5.8.

5.9 Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of the Transaction Documents shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all legal Proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any other Transaction Documents (whether brought against a party hereto or its respective affiliates, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein (including with respect to the enforcement of any of the Transaction Documents), and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any Action or Proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such Action or Proceeding is improper or is an inconvenient venue for such Proceeding. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such Action or Proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. If any party shall commence an Action or Proceeding to enforce any provisions of the Transaction Documents, then, in addition to the obligations of the Company under Section 4.8, the prevailing party in such Action or Proceeding shall be reimbursed by the non-prevailing party for its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation and prosecution of such Action or Proceeding.

5.10 Survival. The representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the Closing and the delivery of the Securities.

5.11 Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to each other party, it being understood that the parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

5.12 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restriction. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.

5.13 Rescission and Withdrawal Right. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in (and without limiting any similar provisions of) any of the other Transaction Documents, whenever any Purchaser exercises a right, election, demand or option under a Transaction Document and the Company does not timely perform its related obligations within the periods therein provided, then such Purchaser may rescind or withdraw, in its sole discretion from time to time upon written notice to the Company, any relevant notice, demand or election in whole or in part without prejudice to its future actions and rights.

5.14 Replacement of Securities. If any certificate or instrument evidencing any Securities is mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Company shall issue or cause to be issued in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation thereof (in the case of mutilation), or in lieu of and substitution therefor, a new certificate or instrument, but only upon receipt of evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Company of such loss, theft or destruction. The applicant for a new certificate or instrument under such circumstances shall also pay any reasonable third-party costs (including customary indemnity) associated with the issuance of such replacement Securities.

5.15 Remedies. In addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided herein or granted by law, including recovery of damages, each of the Purchasers and the Company will be entitled to specific performance under the Transaction Documents. The parties agree that monetary damages may not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of any breach of obligations contained in the Transaction Documents and hereby agree to waive and not to assert in any Action for specific performance of any such obligation the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

5.16 Payment Set Aside. To the extent that the Company makes a payment or payments to any Purchaser pursuant to any Transaction Document or a Purchaser enforces or exercises its rights thereunder, and such payment or payments or the proceeds of such enforcement or exercise or any part thereof are subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside, recovered from, disgorged by or are required to be refunded, repaid or otherwise restored to the Company, a trustee, receiver or any other Person under any law (including, without limitation, any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause of action), then to the extent of any such restoration the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such enforcement or setoff had not occurred.

5.17 Independent Nature of Purchasers' Obligations and Rights. The obligations of each Purchaser under any Transaction Document are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Purchaser, and no Purchaser shall be responsible in any way for the performance or non-performance of the obligations of any other Purchaser under any Transaction Document. Nothing contained herein or in any other Transaction Document, and no action taken by any Purchaser pursuant hereto or thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Purchasers as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Purchasers are in any way acting in concert or as a group with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. Each Purchaser shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights including, without limitation, the rights arising out of this Agreement or out of the other Transaction Documents, and it shall not be

necessary for any other Purchaser to be joined as an additional party in any Proceeding for such purpose. Each Purchaser has been represented by its own separate legal counsel in its review and negotiation of the Transaction Documents. The Company has elected to provide all Purchasers with the same terms and Transaction Documents for the convenience of the Company and not because it was required or requested to do so by any of the Purchasers. It is expressly understood and agreed that each provision contained in this Agreement and in each other Transaction Document is between the Company and a Purchaser, solely, and not between the Company and the Purchasers collectively and not between and among the Purchasers.

5.18 Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, etc. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall not be a Business Day, then such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Business Day.

5.19 Construction. The parties agree that each of them and/or their respective counsel have reviewed and had an opportunity to revise the Transaction Documents and, therefore, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of the Transaction Documents or any amendments thereto. In addition, each and every reference to share prices and Common Stock in any Transaction Document shall be subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the date of this Agreement.

5.20 Sales During Pre-Settlement Period. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time on or after the time of execution of this Agreement by the Company and an applicable Purchaser, through and including the time immediately prior to the Closing (the "Pre-Settlement Period"), such Purchaser sells to any Person all, or any portion, of any Shares to be issued hereunder to such Purchaser at the Closing (collectively, the "Pre-Settlement Shares"), such Purchaser shall, automatically hereunder (without any additional required actions by such Purchaser or the Company), be deemed to be unconditionally bound to purchase, and the Company shall be deemed unconditionally bound to sell, such Pre-Settlement Shares to such Purchaser at the Closing; provided, that the Company shall not be required to deliver any Pre-Settlement Shares to such Purchaser prior to the Company's receipt of the purchase price of such Pre-Settlement Shares hereunder; and provided further that the Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the forgoing shall not constitute a representation or covenant by such Purchaser as to whether or not during the Pre-Settlement Period such Purchaser shall sell any Shares to any Person and that any such decision to sell any Shares by such Purchaser shall be made, in the sole discretion of such Purchaser, at the time such Purchaser elects to effect any such sale, if any.

5.21 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR PROCEEDING IN ANY JURISDICTION BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY AGAINST ANY OTHER PARTY, THE PARTIES EACH KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY AND EXPRESSLY WAIVES FOREVER TRIAL BY JURY.

(Signature Pages Follow)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Securities Purchase Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized signatories as of the date first indicated above.

CHEETAH NET SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICE INC.

Address for Notice:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

E-Mail

With a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR PURCHASER FOLLOWS]

[PURCHASER SIGNATURE PAGES TO CHEETAH NET SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICE INC.
SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Securities Purchase Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized signatories as of the date first indicated above.

Name of Purchaser: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory of Purchaser: _____

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Email Address of Authorized Signatory: _____

Address for Notice to Purchaser:

Address for Delivery of Securities to Purchaser (if not same as address for notice):

Subscription Amount: \$ _____

Shares: _____

EIN Number: _____

“ Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, by checking this box (i) the obligations of the above-signed to purchase the securities set forth in this Agreement to be purchased from the Company by the above-signed, and the obligations of the Company to sell such securities to the above-signed, shall be unconditional and all conditions to Closing shall be disregarded, (ii) the Closing shall occur on the second (2nd) Trading Day following the date of this Agreement and (iii) any condition to Closing contemplated by this Agreement (but prior to being disregarded by clause (i) above) that required delivery by the Company or the above-signed of any agreement, instrument, certificate or the like or purchase price (as applicable) shall no longer be a condition and shall instead be an unconditional obligation of the Company or the above-signed (as applicable) to deliver such agreement, instrument, certificate or the like or purchase price (as applicable) to such other party on the Closing Date.

Exhibit A
Lock-Up Agreement

CHEETAH NET SUPPLY CHAIN SERVICE INC.

Subsidiaries of the Registrant

Subsidiaries	Place of Incorporation
Allen-Boy International LLC	Delaware
Pacific Consulting LLC	New York
Entour Solutions LLC	New York
Cheetah Net Logistics LLC	New York
Edward Transit Express Group Inc.	California



INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM'S CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. on Form S-1 of our report dated April 7, 2023 with respect to our audit of the consolidated balance sheet and related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. as of December 31, 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2022 appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2023. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

We were dismissed as auditor on October 2, 2023, and accordingly, we have not performed any audit or review procedures with respect to any financial statements for the period after the date of our dismissal.

/s/ Marcum Asia CPAs LLP

New York, New York
July 10th, 2024



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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use of our report dated March 18, 2024, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc. and its subsidiaries, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the Registration Statement.

/s/ Assentsure PAC

Singapore
July 9, 2024

Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

S-1
(Form Type)

Cheetah Net Supply Chain Service Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ⁽²⁾	Rule 457(o)	—	\$ —	\$ 2,980,645.9	0.00014760	\$ 439.94
	Total Offering Amounts					\$ 2,980,645.9		\$ 439.94
	Total Fees Previously Paid							\$ 0
	Total Fee Offset							\$ 0
	Net Fee Due							\$ 439.94

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the amount of registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

(2) In accordance with Rule 416, the Registrant is also registering an indeterminate number of additional shares of Class A common stock that shall be issuable after the date hereof as a result of stock splits, stock dividends, or similar transactions.