

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

**FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Microsoft Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

91-1144442  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Debt Securities	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)

(1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price and amount of debt securities is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices.

(2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

PROSPECTUS



# Microsoft Corporation

## Debt Securities

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We may, from time to time, offer to sell debt securities in one or more offerings. This prospectus describes some of the general terms and conditions that may apply to these securities. We will provide the specific terms and conditions of these securities in prospectus supplements to this prospectus.

We may offer and sell these debt securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis.

**Investing in our debt securities involves risks. You should consider the risk factors described in any accompanying prospectus supplement or any documents we incorporate by reference.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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This prospectus is dated December 10, 2021

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectus filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or in any such free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates thereof. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We are not making an offer to sell these debt securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, at any time and from time to time, sell in one or more offerings any of our debt securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the debt securities that we may offer. Each time we sell debt securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the specific amounts, prices and terms and conditions of the securities offered. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

You should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”

References in this prospectus to “Microsoft,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” and all similar references are to Microsoft Corporation and our consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires. However, in the “Description of the Debt Securities” section of this prospectus, references to “we,” “us” and “our” are to Microsoft Corporation (parent company only) and not to any of our subsidiaries.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains an Internet web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We also make available, free of charge, on or through our Internet web site (<http://www.microsoft.com>) our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Please note, however, that we have not incorporated any other information by reference from our Internet web site, other than the documents listed below under the heading "Incorporation by Reference." In addition, you may request copies of these filings at no cost through our Investor Relations Department at: Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, telephone: 800-285-7772 (U.S.) or (425) 706-4400 (international), e-mail: [msft@microsoft.com](mailto:msft@microsoft.com) or <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/investor>.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the debt securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of ours, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document.

## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document. Any information referred to in this way is considered part of this prospectus from the date we file that document. Any reports filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and before the date that the offering of the debt securities by means of this prospectus is terminated will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents set forth below that have been previously filed with the SEC; provided, however, that we are not incorporating any documents or information deemed to have been furnished rather than filed in accordance with SEC rules:

- our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021;
- the information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on [October 14, 2021](#), as amended on [October 29, 2021](#);
- our Quarterly Report on [Form 10-Q](#) for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on [July 8, 2021](#) and [November 30, 2021](#); and
- any filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of this offering.

To obtain copies of these filings, see "Where You Can Find More Information."

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words “believe,” “project,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “intend,” “strategy,” “future,” “opportunity,” “plan,” “may,” “should,” “will,” “would,” “will be,” “will continue,” “will likely result,” and similar expressions. Accordingly, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management’s expectations at the time they were made and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially because of, among others, the following factors:

- we face intense competition across all markets for our products and services, which may lead to lower revenue or operating margins;
- our increasing focus on cloud-based services presents execution and competitive risks;
- we make significant investments in products and services that may not achieve expected returns;
- acquisitions, joint ventures, and strategic alliances may have an adverse effect on our business;
- our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets may become impaired, which may require us to record a significant charge to earnings;
- cyberattacks and security vulnerabilities could lead to reduced revenue, increased costs, liability claims, or harm to our reputation or competitive position;
- disclosure and misuse of personal data could result in liability and harm our reputation;
- we may not be able to protect information in our products and services from use by others;
- abuse of our platforms may harm our reputation or user engagement;
- the development of the Internet of Things presents security, privacy, and execution risks;
- issues in the development and use of artificial intelligence may result in reputational harm or liability;
- we may have excessive outages, data losses, and disruptions of our online services if we fail to maintain an adequate operations infrastructure;
- we may experience quality or supply problems;
- government litigation and regulatory activity relating to competition rules may limit how we design and market our products;
- our global operations subject us to potential consequences under anti-corruption, trade, and other laws and regulations;
- laws and regulations relating to the handling of personal data may impede the adoption of our services or result in increased costs, legal claims, fines against us, or reputational damage;
- we have claims and lawsuits against us that may result in adverse outcomes;
- our business with government customers may present additional uncertainties;
- we may have additional tax liabilities;
- we may not be able to protect our source code from copying if there is an unauthorized disclosure;
- legal changes, our evolving business model, piracy, and other factors may decrease the value of our intellectual property;
- third parties may claim we infringe their intellectual property rights

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- if our reputation or our brands are damaged, our business and operating results may be harmed;
- adverse economic or market conditions may harm our business;
- catastrophic events or geopolitical conditions may disrupt our business;
- our global business exposes us to operational and economic risks; and
- our business depends on our ability to attract and retain talented employees.

A detailed discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements is included in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q in the section entitled “Risk Factors” and as may be included from time to time in our reports filed with the SEC.

We undertake no obligation to update to revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

## **OUR COMPANY**

We were founded as a partnership in 1975 and incorporated in 1981. We are a technology company whose mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. We strive to create local opportunity, growth, and impact in every country around the world. Our platforms and tools help drive small business productivity, large business competitiveness, and public-sector efficiency. They also support new startups, improve educational and health outcomes, and empower human ingenuity.

We develop and support software, services, devices, and solutions that deliver new value for customers and help people and businesses realize their full potential.

We offer an array of services, including cloud-based solutions that provide customers with software, services, platforms, and content, and we provide solution support and consulting services. We also deliver relevant online advertising to a global audience.

Our products include operating systems, cross-device productivity applications, server applications, business solution applications, desktop and server management tools, software development tools, and video games. We also design and sell devices, including PCs, tablets, gaming and entertainment consoles, other intelligent devices, and related accessories.

Microsoft is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. Our principal executive offices are located at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, and our main telephone number is (425) 882-8080.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in the debt securities involves risks. Before making a decision to invest in the debt securities, you should carefully consider the risks described under “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, filed with the SEC on July 29, 2021, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021, filed with the SEC on October 26, 2021, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should also consider the risk factors described in any accompanying prospectus supplement or any documents we incorporate by reference in the future. See “Where You Can Find More Information.”

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from sales of the debt securities for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, funding for working capital, capital expenditures, repurchases of our capital stock, acquisitions and repayment of our existing debt.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

We have summarized below general terms and conditions of the debt securities that we will offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus. When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms and conditions of the series in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. We will also indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement whether the general terms and conditions described in this prospectus apply to the series of debt securities. In addition, the terms and conditions of the debt securities of a series may be different in one or more respects from the terms and conditions described below. If so, those differences will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may, but need not, describe any additional or different terms and conditions of such debt securities in an annual report on Form 10-K, a quarterly report on Form 10-Q or a current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC, the information in which would be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and such report will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will issue the debt securities in one or more series under an indenture between us and the trustee. The following summary of provisions of the indenture does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the indenture, including definitions therein of certain terms. This summary may not contain all of the information that you may find useful. The terms and conditions of the debt securities of each series will be set forth in those debt securities and in the indenture. For a comprehensive description of any series of debt securities being offered to you pursuant to this prospectus, you should read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement.

The indenture has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. A form of each debt security, reflecting the specific terms and provisions of that series of debt securities, will be filed with the SEC in connection with each offering of debt securities and will be incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. You may obtain a copy of the indenture and any form of debt security that has been filed in the manner described under “Where You Can Find More Information.”

Capitalized terms used and not defined in this summary have the meanings specified in the indenture. For purposes of this section of this prospectus, references to “we,” “us” and “our” are to Microsoft Corporation (parent company only) and not to any of our subsidiaries. References to the “applicable prospectus supplement” are to the prospectus supplement to this prospectus that describes the specific terms and conditions of a series of debt securities.

### General

We may offer the debt securities from time to time in as many distinct series as we may determine. All debt securities will be our senior unsecured obligations. The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue under that indenture. We may, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of any series, issue additional debt securities ranking equally with, and otherwise similar in all respects to, the debt securities of the series (except for the public offering price, the issue date, the issue price, the date from which interest will accrue and, if applicable, the date on which interest will first be paid) so that those additional debt securities will be consolidated and form a single series with the debt securities of the series previously offered and sold.

The debt securities of each series will be issued in fully registered form without interest coupons. We currently anticipate that the debt securities of each series offered and sold pursuant to this prospectus will be issued as global debt securities as described under “—Book-Entry; Delivery and Form; Global Securities” and will trade in book-entry form only.

Debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If the



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debt securities of a series are denominated in a foreign or composite currency, the applicable prospectus supplement will specify the denomination or denominations in which those debt securities will be issued.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will repay the debt securities of each series at 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon at maturity, except if those debt securities have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of each series will not be listed on any securities exchange.

### **Provisions of Indenture**

The indenture provides that debt securities may be issued under it from time to time in one or more series. For each series of debt securities, this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms and conditions of that series of debt securities:

- the title of the series;
- the maximum aggregate principal amount, if any, established for debt securities of the series;
- the person to whom any interest on a debt security of the series will be payable, if other than the person in whose name that debt security (or one or more predecessor debt securities) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest;
- the date or dates on which the principal of any debt securities of the series will be payable or the method used to determine or extend those dates;
- the rate or rates at which any debt securities of the series will bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue, the interest payment dates on which any such interest will be payable and the regular record date for any such interest payable on any interest payment date;
- the place or places where the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on any debt securities of the series will be payable and the manner in which any payment may be made;
- the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which any debt securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option and, if other than by a board resolution, the manner in which any election by us to redeem the debt securities will be evidenced;
- our obligation or right, if any, to redeem or purchase any debt securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or at the option of the holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which any debt securities of the series will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
- if other than denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which any debt securities of the series will be issuable;
- if the amount of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any debt securities of the series may be determined with reference to a financial or economic measure or index or pursuant to a formula, the manner in which such amounts will be determined;
- if other than U.S. dollars, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any debt securities of the series will be payable and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in U.S. dollars for any purpose;
- if the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any debt securities of the series is to be payable, at our election or the election of the holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which such debt securities are stated to be payable, the currency, currencies or currency

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units in which the principal of or premium, if any, or interest on such debt securities as to which such election is made will be payable, the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made and the amount so payable (or the manner in which such amount will be determined);

- if other than the entire principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of any debt securities of the series which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to the indenture;
- if the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of any debt securities of the series will not be determinable as of any one or more dates prior to the stated maturity, the amount which will be deemed to be the principal amount of such debt securities as of any such date for any purpose thereunder or hereunder, including the principal amount thereof which will be due and payable upon any maturity other than the stated maturity or which will be deemed to be outstanding as of any date prior to the stated maturity (or, in any such case, the manner in which such amount deemed to be the principal amount will be determined);
- if other than by a board resolution, the manner in which any election by us to defease any debt securities of the series pursuant to the indenture will be evidenced; whether any debt securities of the series other than debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars and bearing interest at a fixed rate are to be subject to the defeasance provisions of the indenture; or, in the case of debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars and bearing interest at a fixed rate, if applicable, that the debt securities of the series, in whole or any specified part, will not be defeasible pursuant to the indenture;
- if applicable, that any debt securities of the series will be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities and, in such case, the respective depositaries for such global securities and the form of any legend or legends which will be borne by any such global securities, and any circumstances in which any such global security may be exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities registered, and any transfer of such global security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name or names of persons other than the depositary for such global security or a nominee thereof;
- any addition to, deletion from or change in the events of default applicable to any debt securities of the series and any change in the right of the trustee or the requisite holders of such debt securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable;
- any addition to, deletion from or change in the covenants applicable to debt securities of the series;
- if the debt securities of the series are to be convertible into or exchangeable for cash and/or any securities or other property of any person (including us), the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be so convertible or exchangeable;
- whether the debt securities of the series will be guaranteed by any persons and, if so, the identity of such persons, the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be guaranteed and, if applicable, the terms and conditions upon which such guarantees may be subordinated to other indebtedness of the respective guarantors;
- whether the debt securities of the series will be secured by any collateral and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be secured and, if applicable, upon which such liens may be subordinated to other liens securing other indebtedness of us or of any guarantor; and
- any other terms of the debt securities of the series (which terms will not be inconsistent with the provisions of the indenture, except as permitted thereunder).

## **Interest and Interest Rates**

### ***General***

In the applicable prospectus supplement, we will designate the debt securities of a series as being either debt securities bearing interest at a fixed rate of interest or debt securities bearing interest at a floating rate of interest.

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Each debt security will begin to accrue interest from the date on which it is originally issued. Interest on each such debt security will be payable in arrears on the interest payment dates set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement and as otherwise described below and at maturity or, if earlier, the redemption date described below. Interest will be payable to the holder of record of the debt securities at the close of business on the record date for each interest payment date, which record dates will be specified in such prospectus supplement.

As used in the indenture, the term “business day” means, with respect to debt securities of a series, any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close in the place where the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities are payable.

### ***Fixed Rate Debt Securities***

If the debt securities of a series being offered will bear interest at a fixed rate of interest, the debt securities of that series will bear interest at the annual interest rate specified on the cover page of the applicable prospectus supplement. Interest on those debt securities will be payable in arrears on the interest payment dates specified in the applicable prospectus supplement for those debt securities. If the maturity date, the redemption date or an interest payment date is not a business day, we will pay principal, premium, if any, the redemption price, if any, and interest on the next succeeding business day, and no interest will accrue from and after the relevant maturity date, redemption date or interest payment date to the date of that payment. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, interest on the fixed rate debt securities will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

### ***Floating Rate Debt Securities***

If the debt securities of a series being offered will bear interest at a floating rate of interest, the debt securities of that series will bear interest during each relevant interest period at the rate determined as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. In the applicable prospectus supplement, we will indicate any spread or spread multiplier to be applied in the interest rate formula to determine the interest rate applicable in any interest period. The applicable prospectus supplement will identify the calculation agent for each series of floating rate debt securities, which will compute the interest accruing on the debt securities of the relevant series.

## **Optional Redemption**

### ***Redemption at Our Option***

If specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may elect to redeem all or part of the outstanding debt securities of a series from time to time before the maturity date of the debt securities of that series. Upon such election, we will notify the trustee of the redemption date and the principal amount of debt securities of the series to be redeemed. If less than all the debt securities of the series are to be redeemed, the particular debt securities of that series to be redeemed will be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee deems fair and appropriate. The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the redemption price for the debt securities to be redeemed (or the method of calculating such price), in each case in accordance with the terms and conditions of those debt securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, notice of redemption will be given to each holder of the debt securities to be redeemed not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date set for such redemption. This notice will include the following information: the redemption date; the redemption price (or the method of calculating such price); if less than all of the outstanding debt securities of such series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the particular debt securities to be redeemed; the place or places where such debt securities are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and, if applicable, the CUSIP number of the debt securities to be redeemed.

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By no later than 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the redemption date, we will deposit or cause to be deposited with the trustee or with a paying agent (or, if we are acting as our own paying agent with respect to the debt securities being redeemed, we will segregate and hold in trust as provided in the indenture) an amount of money sufficient to pay the aggregate redemption price of, and (except if the redemption date shall be an interest payment date or the debt securities of such series provide otherwise) accrued interest on, all of the debt securities or the part thereof to be redeemed on that date. On the redemption date, the redemption price will become due and payable upon all of the debt securities to be redeemed, and interest, if any, on the debt securities to be redeemed will cease to accrue from and after that date. Upon surrender of any such debt securities for redemption, we will pay those debt securities surrendered at the redemption price together, if applicable, with accrued interest to the redemption date.

Any debt securities to be redeemed only in part must be surrendered at the office or agency established by us for such purpose, and we will execute, and the trustee will authenticate and deliver to a holder without service charge, new debt securities of the same series and of like tenor, of any authorized denominations as requested by that holder, in a principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the debt securities that holder surrenders.

### ***Repayment at Holder's Option***

If specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holders of the debt securities of a series will have the option to elect repayment of those debt securities by us prior to the stated maturity of the debt securities of that series at time or times and subject to the conditions specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If the holders of those debt securities have that option, the applicable prospectus supplement will specify the optional repayment date or dates on which the debt security may be repaid and the optional repayment price, or the method by which such price will be determined. The optional repayment price is the price at which, together with accrued interest to the optional repayment date, the debt security may be repaid at the holder's option on each such optional repayment date.

Any tender of a debt security by the holder for repayment will be irrevocable. Any repayment option of a holder may be exercised by the holder of debt securities for less than the entire principal amount of the debt security; provided that the principal amount of the debt security remaining outstanding after repayment will be an authorized denomination. Upon such partial repayment, the debt securities will be canceled and new debt securities for the remaining principal amount will be issued in the name of the holder of the repaid debt securities.

If debt securities are represented by a global security as described under “—Book-Entry; Delivery and Form; Global Securities,” the securities depository for the global security or its nominee will be the holder of the debt security and, therefore, will be the only person that can exercise a right to repayment. In order to ensure that the depository or its nominee will timely exercise a right to repayment relating to a particular debt security, the beneficial owner of the debt security must instruct the broker or other direct or indirect participant in the depository through which it holds an interest in the debt security to notify the depository of its desire to exercise a right to repayment by the appropriate cut-off time for notifying the participant. Different firms have different cut-off times for accepting instructions from their customers. Accordingly, you should consult the broker or other direct or indirect participant through which you hold an interest in a debt security in order to ascertain the cut-off time by which such an instruction must be given for timely notice to be delivered to the appropriate depository.

### **Payment and Transfer or Exchange**

Principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of each series will be payable, and the debt securities may be exchanged or transferred, at the office or agency maintained by us for such purpose. Payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on a global security registered in the name of or held by The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, or its nominee will be made in immediately available funds to DTC

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or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such global security. If any of the debt securities is no longer represented by a global security, payment of interest on certificated debt securities in definitive form may, at our option, be made by check mailed directly to holders at their registered addresses. See “—Book-Entry; Delivery and Form; Global Securities.”

A holder may transfer or exchange any certificated debt securities in definitive form at the same location given in the preceding paragraph. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or other similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

We are not required to transfer or exchange any debt security selected for redemption for a period of 15 days before mailing of a notice of redemption of the debt security to be redeemed.

The registered holder of a debt security will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

All amounts of principal of and premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities paid by us that remain unclaimed two years after such payment was due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holders of such debt securities will thereafter look solely to us for payment.

### **Covenants**

The indenture sets forth limited covenants, including the covenant described below, that will apply to each series of debt securities issued under the indenture, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, these covenants do not, among other things:

- limit the amount of indebtedness or lease obligations that may be incurred by us and our subsidiaries;
- limit our ability or that of our subsidiaries to issue, assume or guarantee debt secured by liens; or
- restrict us from paying dividends or making distributions on our capital stock or purchasing or redeeming our capital stock.

### ***Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets***

The indenture provides that we may consolidate with or merge with or into any other person, and may sell, transfer, or lease or convey all or substantially all of our properties and assets to another person; provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- we are the continuing entity, or the resulting, surviving or transferee person (the “Successor”) is a person organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor (if not us) will expressly assume, by supplemental indenture, all of our obligations under the debt securities and the indenture and, for each security that by its terms provides for conversion, provide for the right to convert such security in accordance with its terms;
- immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no default or event of default under the indenture has occurred and is continuing; and
- if requested, the trustee receives from us, an officers’ certificate and an opinion of counsel that the merger, consolidation or transfer and such supplemental indenture, as the case may be, complies with the applicable provisions of the indenture.

If we consolidate or merge with or into any other person or sell, transfer, lease or convey all or substantially all of our properties and assets in accordance with the indenture, the Successor will be substituted for us in the indenture, with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the indenture. As a result, the Successor may exercise our rights and powers under the indenture, and we will be released from all our liabilities and obligations under the indenture and under the debt securities.

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Any substitution of the Successor for us might be deemed for federal income tax purposes to be an exchange of the debt securities for “new” debt securities, resulting in recognition of gain or loss for such purposes and possibly certain other adverse tax consequences to beneficial owners of the debt securities. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of any such substitution.

For purposes of this covenant, “person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

### **Events of Default**

Each of the following events are defined in the indenture as an “event of default” (whatever the reason for such event of default and whether or not it will be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body) with respect to the debt securities of any series:

(1) default in the payment of any installment of interest on any debt securities of that series for 30 days after becoming due;

(2) default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, on any debt securities of that series when it becomes due and payable at its stated maturity, upon optional redemption, upon declaration or otherwise;

(3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of any debt securities of that series;

(4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or agreement of ours in the indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series (other than as referred to in clause (1), (2) or (3) above), which continues for a period of 90 days after written notice to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series;

(5) we pursuant to or within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Law:

- commence a voluntary case or proceeding;
- consent to the entry of an order for relief against us in an involuntary case or proceeding;
- consent to the appointment of a Custodian of us or for all or substantially all of our property;
- make a general assignment for the benefit of our creditors;
- file a petition in bankruptcy or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief;
- consent to the filing of such petition or the appointment of or taking possession by a Custodian; or
- take any comparable action under any foreign laws relating to insolvency;

(6) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

- is for relief against us in an involuntary case, or adjudicates us insolvent or bankrupt;
- appoints a Custodian of us or for all or substantially all of our property; or
- orders the winding-up or liquidation of us (or any similar relief is granted under any foreign laws);

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days; or

(7) any other event of default provided with respect to debt securities of that series occurs.

“Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11, United States Code or any similar federal or state or foreign law for the relief of debtors.

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“Custodian” means any custodian, receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or other similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

If an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series (other than an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization of us) occurs and is continuing, the trustee by notice to us, or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series by notice to us and the trustee, may, and the trustee at the request of these holders will, declare the principal of and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal, premium and accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable immediately. If an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization of us occurs and is continuing, the principal of and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on the debt securities of that series will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holders.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may rescind a declaration of acceleration and its consequences, if we have deposited certain sums with the trustee and all events of default with respect to the debt securities of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal or interest which have become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived, as provided in the indenture.

An event of default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default for any other series of debt securities issued under the indenture.

We are required to furnish the trustee annually a statement by certain of our officers to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, we are not in default in the fulfillment of any of our obligations under the indenture or, if there has been a default in the fulfillment of any such obligation, specifying each such default.

No holder of any debt securities of any series will have any right to institute any judicial or other proceeding with respect to the indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy unless:

(1) an event of default has occurred and is continuing and such holder has given the trustee prior written notice of such continuing event of default with respect to the debt securities of that series;

(2) the holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default;

(3) the trustee has been offered indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against its costs, expenses and liabilities in complying with such request;

(4) the trustee has failed to institute proceedings 60 days after the receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity; and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given for 60 days by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of a series will have the right, subject to certain limitations, to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series or exercising any trust or power conferred to the trustee, and to waive certain defaults. The indenture provides that if an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will exercise such of its rights and powers under the indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of the debt securities of a series unless they will have offered to the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of any debt security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on that debt security on or after the due dates expressed in that debt security and to institute suit for the enforcement of payment.

### **Modification and Waivers**

Modification and amendments of the indenture and the debt securities of any series may be made by us and the trustee with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series affected thereby; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of that series affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest on, any debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of any debt security or reduce the amount of the principal of any debt security which would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or reduce the rate of interest on any debt security;
- reduce any premium payable on the redemption of any debt security or change the date on which any debt security may or must be redeemed;
- change the coin or currency in which the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any debt security is payable;
- impair the right of any holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any debt security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date);
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, the consent of whose holders is required in order to take certain actions;
- reduce the requirements for quorum or voting by holders of debt securities in the indenture or the debt security;
- modify any of the provisions in the indenture regarding the waiver of past defaults and the waiver of certain covenants by the holders of debt securities except to increase any percentage vote required or to provide that certain other provisions of the indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected thereby;
- make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any debt security or decreases the conversion or exchange rate or increases the conversion price of any convertible or exchangeable debt security, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of the debt securities; or
- modify any of the above provisions.

We and the trustee may, without the consent of any holders, modify or amend the terms of the indenture and the debt securities of any series with respect to the following:

- to add to our covenants for the benefit of holders of the debt securities of all or any series or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us;
- to evidence the succession of another person to, and the assumption by the successor of our covenants, agreements and obligations under, the indenture pursuant to the covenant described under “—Covenants—Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets”;
- to add any additional events of default for the benefit of holders of the debt securities of all or any series;
- to add one or more guarantees for the benefit of holders of the debt securities;
- to secure the debt securities pursuant to the covenants of the indenture;



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- to add or appoint a successor or separate trustee or other agent;
- to provide for the issuance of additional debt securities of any series;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series as permitted by the indenture;
- to comply with the rules of any applicable securities depository;
- to provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities;
- to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture in respect of one or more series of debt securities; provided that any such addition, change or elimination (a) shall neither (1) apply to any debt security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (2) modify the rights of the holder of any such debt security with respect to such provision or (b) shall become effective only when there is no debt security described in clause (1) outstanding;
- to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency; or
- to change any other provision; provided that the change does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of any series in any material respect.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive compliance by us with certain restrictive provisions of the indenture. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive any past default and its consequences under the indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series, except a default (1) in the payment of principal or premium, if any, or interest on debt securities of that series or (2) in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each debt security of that series. Upon any such waiver, such default will cease to exist, and any event of default arising therefrom will be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of the indenture; however, no such waiver will extend to any subsequent or other default or event of default or impair any rights consequent thereon.

### **Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

We may discharge certain obligations to holders of the debt securities of a series that have not already been delivered to the trustee for cancellation and that either have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year (or scheduled for redemption within one year) by depositing with the trustee, in trust, funds in U.S. dollars in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness including the principal and premium, if any, and interest to the date of such deposit (if the debt securities have become due and payable) or to the maturity thereof or the redemption date of the debt securities of that series, as the case may be. We may direct the trustee to invest such funds in U.S. Treasury securities with a maturity of one year or less or in a money market fund that invests solely in short-term U.S. Treasury securities.

The indenture provides that we may elect either (1) to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the debt securities of a series (except for, among other things, obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities, to maintain an office or agency with respect to the debt securities and to hold moneys for payment in trust) (“legal defeasance”) or (2) to be released from our obligations to comply with the restrictive covenants under the indenture, and any omission to comply with such obligations will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the debt securities of a series and clauses (4) and (7) under “— Events of Default” will no longer be applied (“covenant defeasance”). Legal defeasance or covenant defeasance, as the case may be, will be conditioned upon, among other things, the irrevocable deposit by us with the trustee, in trust, of an amount in U.S. dollars, or U.S. government obligations, or both, applicable to the debt securities of that series which

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through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal or premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities on the scheduled due dates therefor.

If we effect covenant defeasance with respect to the debt securities of any series, the amount in U.S. dollars, or U.S. government obligations, or both, on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants, to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from such event of default. However, we would remain liable to make payment of such amounts due at the time of acceleration.

We will be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance will not cause the holders and beneficial owners of the debt securities of that series to recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect.

We may exercise our legal defeasance option notwithstanding our prior exercise of our covenant defeasance option.

### **Same-Day Settlement and Payment**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will trade in the same-day funds settlement system of DTC until maturity or until we issue the debt securities in certificated form. DTC will therefore require secondary market trading activity in the debt securities to settle in immediately available funds. We can give no assurance as to the effect, if any, of settlement in immediately available funds on trading activity in the debt securities.

### **Book-Entry; Delivery and Form; Global Securities**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of each series will be issued in the form of one or more global debt securities, in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons, each of which we refer to as a “global security.” Each such global security will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC in New York, New York for the accounts of participants in DTC.

Investors may hold their interests in a global security directly through DTC if they are DTC participants, or indirectly through organizations that are DTC participants. Except in the limited circumstances described below, holders of debt securities represented by interests in a global security will not be entitled to receive their debt securities in fully registered certificated form.

DTC has advised us as follows: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities of institutions that have accounts with DTC (“participants”) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC’s participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC’s book-entry system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, whether directly or indirectly.

### ***Ownership of Beneficial Interests***

Upon the issuance of each global security, DTC will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amount of the individual beneficial interests represented by the global security to the accounts of participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in each global security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in each global security will be shown on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to participants' interests) and such participants (with respect to the owners of beneficial interests in the global security other than participants).

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered holder and owner of a global security, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole legal owner of the debt security represented by the global security for all purposes under the indenture, the debt securities and applicable law. Except as set forth below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to receive certificated debt securities and will not be considered to be the owners or holders of any debt securities represented by the global security. We understand that under existing industry practice, in the event an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security desires to take any actions that DTC, as the holder of the global security, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the participants to take such action, and that participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them. No beneficial owner of an interest in a global security will be able to transfer such interest except in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures, in addition to those provided for under the indenture. Because DTC can only act on behalf of participants, who in turn act on behalf of others, the ability of a person having a beneficial interest in a global security to pledge that interest to persons that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise to take actions in respect of that interest, may be impaired by the lack of a physical certificate representing that interest.

All payments on the debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of and held by DTC or its nominee will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the global security.

We expect that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest in respect of a global security, will credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the global security as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices as is now the case with securities held for accounts for customers registered in the names of nominees for such customers. These payments, however, will be the responsibility of such participants and indirect participants, and neither we, the trustee nor any paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in any global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and its participants or the relationship between such participants and the owners of beneficial interests in the global security.

Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for certificated debt securities, each global security may not be transferred except as a whole by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC. Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in same-day funds.

We expect that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of debt securities only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the DTC interests in a global security are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an event of default under the

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debt securities, DTC will exchange each global security for certificated debt securities, which it will distribute to its participants.

Although we expect that DTC will agree to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in each global security among participants of DTC, DTC is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of us, the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance or nonperformance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

The indenture provides that the global securities will be exchanged for debt securities in certificated form of like tenor and of an equal principal amount, in authorized denominations in the following limited circumstances:

- (1) DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository or if DTC ceases to be eligible under the indenture and we do not appoint a successor depository within 90 days;
- (2) we determine that the debt securities will no longer be represented by global securities and execute and deliver to the trustee an order to such effect; or
- (3) an event of default with respect to the debt securities will have occurred and be continuing.

These certificated debt securities will be registered in such name or names as DTC will instruct the trustee. It is expected that such instructions may be based upon directions received by DTC from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in global securities.

The information in this section of this prospectus concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we do not take responsibility for this information.

### ***Euroclear and Clearstream***

If the depository for a global security is DTC, you may hold interests in the global security through Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, which we refer to as "Clearstream," or Euroclear Bank SA/ NV, as operator of the Euroclear System, which we refer to as "Euroclear," in each case, as a participant in DTC. Euroclear and Clearstream will hold interests, in each case, on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in the names of Euroclear and Clearstream on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities in the depositories' names on DTC's books.

Payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices and other matters relating to the debt securities made through Euroclear or Clearstream must comply with the rules and procedures of those systems. Those systems could change their rules and procedures at any time. We have no control over those systems or their participants, and we take no responsibility for their activities. Transactions between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream, on one hand, and other participants in DTC, on the other hand, would also be subject to DTC's rules and procedures.

Investors will be able to make and receive through Euroclear and Clearstream payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices and other transactions involving any securities held through those systems only on days when those systems are open for business. Those systems may not be open for business on days when banks, brokers and other institutions are open for business in the United States.

In addition, because of time-zone differences, U.S. investors who hold their interests in the debt securities through these systems and wish on a particular day, to transfer their interests, or to receive or make a payment or delivery or exercise any other right with respect to their interests, may find that the transaction will not be effected until the next business day in Luxembourg or Brussels, as applicable. Thus, investors who wish to exercise rights that expire on a particular day may need to act before the expiration date. In addition, investors

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who hold their interests through both DTC and Euroclear or Clearstream may need to make special arrangements to finance any purchase or sales of their interests between the U.S. and European clearing systems, and those transactions may settle later than transactions within one clearing system.

**Governing Law**

The indenture and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

**Regarding the Trustee**

The trustee under the indenture will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The trustee under the indenture is permitted to engage in transactions, including commercial banking and other transactions, with us and our subsidiaries from time to time; provided that if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict upon the occurrence of an event of default, or else resign.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the debt securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions:

- to purchasers directly;
- to underwriters for public offering and sale by them;
- through agents;
- through dealers; or
- through a combination of any of the foregoing methods of sale.

We may sell the debt securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, with respect to any resale of the debt securities. A prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any sale of debt securities we are offering hereunder. Direct sales may be arranged by a securities broker-dealer or other financial intermediary.

The applicable prospectus supplement will name any underwriter involved in a sale of debt securities. Underwriters may offer and sell debt securities at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or from time to time at market prices or at negotiated prices. Underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from us from sales of debt securities in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from purchasers of debt securities for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may be involved in any at the market offering of debt securities by or on our behalf.

Underwriters may sell debt securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions (which may be changed from time to time) from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of any underwriters to purchase debt securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the debt securities if any are purchased.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth whether or not underwriters may over-allot or effect transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the debt securities at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open market, including, for example, by entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate covering transactions or imposing penalty bids.

We will name any agent involved in a sale of debt securities, as well as any commissions payable by us to such agent, in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a reasonable efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

If we utilize a dealer in the sale of the debt securities being offered pursuant to this prospectus, we will sell the debt securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the debt securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in a sale of the debt securities may be deemed to be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the debt securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions, under the Securities Act. We may have agreements with underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to reimburse them for certain expenses.

Underwriters or agents and their affiliates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us or our affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

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Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not list the debt securities on any securities exchange. The debt securities will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters that purchase the debt securities for public offering and sale may make a market in such debt securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We make no assurance as to the liquidity of or the trading markets for any debt securities.

## VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

The validity of the securities will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Palo Alto, California, and, with respect to matters of Washington law, by Keith R. Dolliver, Esq., our Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, and for any underwriters or agents by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Mr. Dolliver beneficially owns, or has the right to acquire, an aggregate of less than 0.01% of the Common Stock of Microsoft Corporation.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2021, incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports. Such financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of such firm given their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

With respect to the unaudited interim financial information for the periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 which is incorporated by reference herein, Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, have applied limited procedures in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) for a review of such information. However, as stated in their report included in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 and incorporated by reference herein, they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. Deloitte & Touche LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because the report is not a "report" or a "part" of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act of 1933.



**PART II****Information Not Required in Prospectus****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following is a statement of the expenses (all of which are estimated) to be incurred by the Registrant in connection with a distribution of securities being registered under this registration statement:

	<u>Amount to be paid</u>
SEC registration fee	\$ *
Legal fees and expenses	**
Accounting fees and expenses	**
Printing fees	**
Rating agency fees	**
Trustee's fees and expenses	**
Miscellaneous	**
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ **</u>

\* The Registrant is registering an indeterminate amount of securities under this Registration Statement and in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

\*\* The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the estimated aggregate amount of expenses payable in respect of any offering of securities.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Sections 23B.08.510 and 23B.08.570 of the Washington Business Corporation Act ("WBCA") authorizes Washington corporations to indemnify their officers and directors under certain circumstances against expenses and liabilities incurred in legal proceedings involving them as a result of their service as an officer or director. Section 23B.08.560 of the WBCA authorizes a corporation by provision in its articles of incorporation to indemnify or agree to indemnify a director made a party to a proceeding, or obligate itself to advance or reimburse expenses incurred in a proceeding, without regard to the limitations imposed by Sections 23B.08.510 through .550 of the WBCA; provided, however, that no such indemnity shall be made for or on account of (a) acts or omissions of the director finally adjudged to be intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (b) conduct of the director finally adjudged to be in violation of Section 23B.08.310 of the WBCA (relating to unlawful distributions) or (c) any transaction with respect to which it was finally adjudged that the director personally received a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

The Registrant's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation require indemnification of the Registrant's officers and directors and advancement of expenses to the fullest extent not prohibited by applicable law. The Registrant's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provide for procedures for those seeking indemnification and/or advancement of expenses. In addition, as authorized by Section 23B.08.320 of the WBCA, the Registrant's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation contain a provision eliminating the personal liability of directors to the Registrant or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for (a) omissions involving intentional misconduct by the director or a knowing violation of law by the director, (b) conduct violating Section 23B.08.310 of the WBCA or (c) any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

The Registrant has established an indemnification trust ("2016 Directors' Trust") to fund the Registrant's obligations to indemnify and/or advance expenses to directors arising from their board service in the event the Registrant does not or is financially unable to provide the indemnification and/or advancement. As required by the 2016 Directors' Trust agreement, the Registrant has funded a minimum balance of principal assets of no less

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than \$50 million in the trust. The Registrant also has an indemnification trust (“2016 Officers’ Trust”) that funds the Registrant’s indemnification obligations to certain past and present officers arising from their activities as such. As required by the 2016 Officers’ Trust agreement, the Registrant has funded a minimum balance of principal assets of no less than \$50 million in the trust. The 2016 Directors’ Trust and 2016 Officers’ Trust are successors to certain trusts originally established in 1993, and amended from time to time, to fund Registrant’s indemnification obligations to directors and officers. The Registrant has also entered into separate indemnification agreements with certain of its directors and executive officers.

### **Item 16. Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1*	<a href="#">Form of Underwriting Agreement (Standard Provisions)</a>
4.1***	<a href="#">Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, between Microsoft Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed by Microsoft Corporation on October 29, 2015)</a>
4.2**	Form of Debt Security
5.1*	<a href="#">Opinion of Simpson Thacher &amp; Bartlett LLP, as to the legality of the securities being registered</a>
5.2*	<a href="#">Opinion of Keith R. Dolliver, Esq., Microsoft Corporation’s Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, as to matters of the law of the State of Washington</a>
15.1*	<a href="#">Awareness Letter of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</a>
23.1*	<a href="#">Consent of Simpson Thacher &amp; Bartlett LLP (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)</a>
23.2*	<a href="#">Consent of Keith R. Dolliver, Esq. (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.2)</a>
23.3*	<a href="#">Consent of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</a>
24.1*	<a href="#">Powers of Attorney (included on signature page)</a>
25.1*	<a href="#">Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of a Corporation Designated to Act as Trustee on Form T-1 of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. under the Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, between Microsoft Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee</a>
25.2*	<a href="#">Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of a Corporation Designated to Act as Trustee on Form T-1 of U.S. Bank National Association under the Indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, between Microsoft Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee</a>

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a document to be incorporated by reference herein in connection with an offering of securities.

\*\*\* Incorporated by reference.

### **Item 17. Undertakings**

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a)(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

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(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment 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) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *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 effective date, 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 effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 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

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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.

(b) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement 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.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, 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 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) To file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Redmond, State of Washington, on the 10th day of December, 2021.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Satya Nadella

Name: Satya Nadella

Title: Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Satya Nadella, Amy E. Hood and Alice L. Jolla, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 10th day of December, 2021.

Signature

Title

/s/ Satya Nadella  
Satya Nadella

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

/s/ Amy E. Hood  
Amy E. Hood

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)

/s/ Alice L. Jolla  
Alice L. Jolla

Corporate Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)

/s/ Reid Hoffman  
Reid Hoffman

Director

/s/ Hugh F. Johnston  
Hugh F. Johnston

Director

/s/ Teri L. List  
Teri L. List

Director

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Signature

Title

<u>/s/ Sandra E. Peterson</u> Sandra E. Peterson	Director
<u>/s/ Penny S. Pritzker</u> Penny S. Pritzker	Director
<u>/s/ Carlos A. Rodriguez</u> Carlos A. Rodriguez	Director
<u>/s/ Charles W. Scharf</u> Charles W. Scharf	Director
<u>/s/ John W. Stanton</u> John W. Stanton	Director
<u>/s/ John W. Thompson</u> John W. Thompson	Lead Independent Director
<u>/s/ Emma N. Walmsley</u> Emma N. Walmsley	Director
<u>/s/ Padmasree Warrior</u> Padmasree Warrior	Director

## MICROSOFT CORPORATION

**Standard Provisions of  
Underwriting Agreements for Debt Securities**

From time to time, Microsoft Corporation, a corporation incorporated in the State of Washington (the “Company”), may enter into one or more underwriting agreements in the form of Annex A hereto (each, an “Underwriting Agreement”) that provide for the sale of the debt securities designated in such Underwriting Agreement (the “Securities”). The basic provisions set forth herein (the “Standard Provisions”) to the extent applicable to securities of the type represented by the Securities will be incorporated by reference in any such Underwriting Agreement relating to a particular issue of Securities. Each Underwriting Agreement will be entered into, with such additions and deletions to the Standard Provisions as the parties thereto may determine and shall be specified in such Underwriting Agreement. The Underwriting Agreement may appoint a lead underwriter or underwriters (collectively, the “Representatives”) for the particular issue of Securities and will specify the underwriters participating in such offering (such underwriters together with the Representatives, the “Underwriters”). The Securities will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009 (the “Base Indenture”), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, and the supplemental indenture(s) identified in the Underwriting Agreement (collectively, the “Supplemental Indenture,” and together with the Base Indenture, and as further amended or supplemented from time to time, the “Indenture”). The trustee identified in the applicable Supplemental Indenture (the “Trustee”) is the trustee for any and all debt securities issued under such Supplemental Indenture. At or prior to the time when sales of the Securities are first made (which time shall be set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the “Applicable Time”), the Company will prepare certain information (collectively, and together with the Pricing Prospectus (as defined below), the “Pricing Disclosure Package”) which information will be identified in Schedule III of the Underwriting Agreement.

1. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each Underwriter named in the applicable Underwriting Agreement that:

(a) An “automatic shelf registration statement” as defined under Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), on Form S-3 in respect of the Securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) not earlier than three years prior to the date of the Underwriting Agreement; such registration statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, became effective on filing; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement or any part thereof has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such registration statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act has been received by the Company; the various parts of such registration statement, including all exhibits thereto (other than the Statements of Eligibility and Qualification on Form T-1) and including any prospectus

supplement relating to the Securities that is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act and deemed by Rule 430B under the Securities Act to be part of such registration statement, each as amended at the time such part of the registration statement became effective, are hereinafter collectively called the "Registration Statement"; the base prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement, in the form in which it was most recently filed with the Commission prior to or on the date of the Underwriting Agreement, is hereinafter called the "Base Prospectus"; the final prospectus supplement to such prospectus (including the Base Prospectus) relating to the Securities, in the form filed or to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, is hereinafter called the "Prospectus"; any preliminary prospectus (including any preliminary prospectus supplement) relating to the Securities, in the form filed or to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), is hereinafter called a "Preliminary Prospectus"; the Base Prospectus, as amended or supplemented immediately prior to the Applicable Time, including, without limitation, any Preliminary Prospectus relating to the Securities, is hereinafter called the "Pricing Prospectus"; any reference in the Underwriting Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, on or before the date of the Underwriting Agreement or the issue date of any such prospectus; any reference to "amend," "amendment," "supplement" or similar terms with respect to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, after the date of the Underwriting Agreement or the issue date of any such prospectus which are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein; and any "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) relating to the Securities that (x) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company or (y) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) under the Securities Act because it contains a description of the Securities or the offering that does not reflect the final terms is hereinafter called an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus";

(b) The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus (including, without limitation, the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference therein), when they were filed with the Commission or became effective, as the case may be, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; none of such documents contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus (including, without limitation, the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference therein), when such documents are filed with the Commission or become effective, as the case may be, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall



not apply to any statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(c) The Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus and the Pricing Prospectus conform, and the Prospectus and any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus will conform, in all material respects, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and (i) the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, as of their applicable effective dates relating to the Securities, did not and will not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, as of their issue dates, did not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading and (iii) the Prospectus and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented, if applicable, at the Time of Delivery (as defined below), will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact 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 any statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(d) The Company has been, and continues to be, a "well-known seasoned issuer" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), and has not been, and continues not to be, an "ineligible issuer" (as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), in each case as from the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a "*bona fide*" offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the Securities Act) of the Securities;

(e) The Pricing Disclosure Package, as of the Applicable Time, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus identified in Schedule III of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the Securities does not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements or omissions made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by an Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein;

(f) The Company has not made, and, without the prior written consent of the Representatives, will not make, any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act; *provided, however*, that the prior written consent of the Representatives shall be deemed to have been given with respect to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses identified on

Schedule III of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the Securities; and the Company has complied, and will comply, with the requirements of Rule 433 under the Securities Act applicable to any such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record-keeping;

- (g) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Washington, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;
- (h) The Securities have been duly authorized and, when authenticated in accordance with the Indenture and issued and delivered pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms and entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);
- (i) The Indenture has been duly authorized and duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act and, when executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustee, at the Time of Delivery, will constitute, a valid and legally binding instrument of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and
- (j) The Indenture conforms, and the Securities will conform, to the descriptions thereof contained in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

2. Purchase and Sale of Securities. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the Company agrees to issue and sell to each of the Underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at the purchase prices set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, the principal amounts of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule I of the Underwriting Agreement.

The Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement will be delivered by the Company to the Representatives in the form of global Securities, representing all of the Securities, which will be deposited by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters with The Depository Trust Company, or its nominee, for credit to the respective accounts of the Underwriters. Payment of the purchase price of the Securities shall be made by the Underwriters in same day funds by wire transfer to the account specified by the Company against delivery of the Securities. The Company will cause the global notes representing the Securities to be made available to the Representatives for review at least twenty-four hours prior to the Closing Time. The time and date of such delivery and payment shall be 9:00 a.m. New York City Time on the date and in the place specified in the Underwriting Agreement or such other time and date as the Representatives and the Company may agree upon in writing, such time and date being referred to herein as the "Time of Delivery".

3. Offer and Sale of Securities by the Underwriters. Upon the authorization of the Representatives of the release of the Securities, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

4. Representations, Warranties and Agreements of the Underwriters. (a) Each Underwriter, on behalf of itself and each of its affiliates, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company that it and each such affiliate have not offered, sold, purchased or delivered, and will not offer, sell, purchase or deliver, directly or indirectly, any of the Securities or distribute any offering material in relation thereto in any jurisdiction outside the United States except under circumstances that will, to the best of its or such affiliate's knowledge, result in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations thereof. In the event that the offer or sale of the Securities by an Underwriter in a jurisdiction outside the United States requires any action on the part of the Company in or with respect to such jurisdiction, such Underwriter agrees with the Company that it will use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Company in complying with such requirements.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company and the Representatives that it has not made, and unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Company and the Representatives, it will not make, any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) required to be filed with the Commission; *provided, however*, that the prior written consent of the Company shall be deemed to have been given with respect to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses identified on Schedule III of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the Securities. The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat any such issuer free writing prospectus or free writing prospectus to which it so consents as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable thereto, including with respect to timely filing with the Commission, legending and record-keeping.

5. Further Agreements of the Company. The Company agrees with each of the Underwriters:

(a) To prepare the Prospectus in a form reasonably approved by the Representatives and to file the Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act no later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the date of determination of the public offering price of the Securities or, if applicable, such earlier time as may be required by Rule 424(b); and to make no further amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus after the date of the Underwriting Agreement and prior to the Time of Delivery which shall be reasonably disapproved by the Representatives promptly after reasonable notice thereof unless in the opinion of counsel for the Company such amendment or supplement is required by law; *provided, however*, that in the case of any periodic filing to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during such period, the Company shall furnish to the Representatives a draft of

any such filing for review by the Representatives prior to filing with the Commission and shall discuss any reasonable comments that the Representatives may have with respect to such draft prior to filing;

(b) To prepare a pricing term sheet (the "Pricing Term Sheet") reflecting the final terms of the Securities, in the form previously agreed upon by the Company and the Underwriters, and to file such Pricing Term Sheet as an "issuer free writing prospectus" pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act prior to the close of business two business days after the date of the Underwriting Agreement; *provided, however*, that the Company shall furnish the Representatives with copies of the Pricing Term Sheet prior to such proposed filing and shall not use or file any such document which shall be disapproved by the Representatives; and to file promptly any other Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or other material required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act;

(c) To file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Securities Act) is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities (the "prospectus delivery period"); and, during the prospectus delivery period, to advise the Representatives, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of (i) the time when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus has been filed with the Commission (*provided* that no such notification need be given in connection with any such amendment or supplement consisting of a document filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the Time of Delivery with respect to the Securities unless the Representatives have advised the Company that the Underwriters have not completed the distribution of the Securities), (ii) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, of any order suspending or preventing the use of any prospectus relating to the Securities or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or of any notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act, (iii) the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, (iv) the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for the purpose of any of the foregoing or (v) any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement or of the Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or any such order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or other prospectus relating to the Securities or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus relating to the Securities or suspending any such qualification, or of any such notice of objection pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act, to use promptly its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and, in the event of any such issuance of a notice of objection, promptly to take such steps including, without limitation, amending the Registration Statement or filing a new registration statement, at its own expense, as may be necessary to permit offers and sales of the Securities by the Underwriters (references herein to the "Registration Statement" shall include any such amendment or new registration statement);

(d) To take such action as the Representatives may reasonably request to qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution or sale of the Securities; *provided, however*, that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(e) To furnish each Underwriter with one copy of the Registration Statement and, during the prospectus delivery period referred to in Section 5(c) hereof, to furnish the Underwriters with copies of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in New York City in such quantities as the Representatives may reasonably request (excluding, in each case, any documents incorporated by reference therein to the extent available through the Commission's EDGAR system);

(f) If, during the prospectus delivery period referred to in Section 5(c) hereof, any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered, not misleading or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary in the opinion of counsel for the Company during such prospectus delivery period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file with the Commission any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act, to notify the Representatives and prepare and file such document and to furnish without charge to each Underwriter as many copies as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance;

(g) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 18 months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Securities Act), an earning statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158);

(h) During the period beginning from the date of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the Securities and continuing to and including the Time of Delivery with respect to the Securities, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, except as provided hereunder, any securities of the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities without the prior written consent of the Representatives; and

(i) To pay the Commission the required filing fees relating to the Securities within the time period required by Rule 456(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

6. **Payment of Expenses.** The Company covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of counsel for the Company and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act and

all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto, and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers and any out-of-pocket costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors; (ii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 5(d) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky and legal investment memoranda (not to exceed \$5,000); (iii) any fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (iv) the cost of preparing the Securities; (v) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any agent of the Trustee and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee and any such agent in connection with the Indenture and the Securities; and (vi) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the Company's obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section 6. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section 6 and Sections 8 and 11 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including any transfer taxes on resale of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

7. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligation. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Securities at the Time of Delivery as provided in the Underwriting Agreement shall be subject, in the discretion of the Representatives, to (i) the condition that all representations and warranties of the Company herein are as of the Time of Delivery true and correct, (ii) the condition that the Company shall have performed all of its obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed and (iii) the following additional conditions:

(a) Any Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act within the applicable time period prescribed for each such filing by the rules and regulations under the Securities Act and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; and the Pricing Term Sheet provided for in Section 5(b) hereof and any other Issuer Free Writing Prospectus relating to the Securities shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 433 and in accordance with Section 5(b) hereof (unless such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus is not required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i));

(b) No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof or suspending or preventing the use of the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been issued, and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Securities Act shall have been received;

(c) The General Counsel of the Company, any Deputy General Counsel of the Company, any Associate General Counsel of the Company or such other person named in the Underwriting Agreement, shall have furnished to the Representatives his or her written opinion, dated the Time of Delivery, in form and substance substantially to the effect set forth in Schedule IV hereto;

- (d) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Time of Delivery, in form and substance substantially to the effect set forth in Schedule V hereto;
- (e) The Representatives shall have received an opinion and negative assurance letter of counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Time of Delivery, with respect to the validity of the Indenture and the Securities, the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such documents and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters;
- (f) On the date of the Underwriting Agreement and at the Time of Delivery, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall have furnished to the Representatives a “comfort” letter or letters, dated the date of the Underwriting Agreement and Time of Delivery, respectively, as to such matters as the Representatives may reasonably request and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives (which comfort letter or letters shall, as applicable, be substantially consistent with drafts provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP to the Representatives prior to or on the date of the Underwriting Agreement or comfort letters previously delivered in respect of offerings of securities by the Company);
- (g) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there shall not have been a material adverse change in the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (excluding any amendment or supplement thereto), the effect of which is in the judgment of the Representatives so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;
- (h) On or after the date of the Underwriting Agreement there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading of any securities issued by the Company; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either Federal or New York State authorities; (iv) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war; or (v) the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis affecting the financial markets of the United States, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in the reasonable judgment of the Representatives makes it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;
- (i) On or after the date of the Underwriting Agreement and prior to the Time of Delivery (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating assigned to the Company’s debt securities by Standard and Poor’s Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., or Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and (ii) neither of these rating organizations shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating

of the Company's debt securities, the effect of which, in any event specified in clause (i) or (ii), in the reasonable judgment of the Representatives, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

(j) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to the Representatives at the Time of Delivery a certificate of the Company signed by an officer of the Company reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives as to (i) the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein as of the Time of Delivery, (ii) the performance by the Company of all of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to the Time of Delivery and (iii) the matters set forth in Sections 7(b) and 7(g) hereof.

8. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Securities Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment thereto, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Pricing Disclosure Package, or any "issuer free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act) relating to the offering of the Securities, or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, the Pricing Disclosure Package, or any such issuer free writing prospectus, made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein.

(b) Each Underwriter will, severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless the Company to the same extent as the indemnity set forth in Section 8(a) hereof, but only insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of, or omission or alleged omission to state, a material fact made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein, and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred.



(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) hereof of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission to so notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such Section 8(a) or 8(b), as the case may be, for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation; *provided, however*, that any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood that, notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this Section 8(c), the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to not more than one separate local counsel in any jurisdiction in which the indemnified party requires representation by separate counsel) for all such indemnified parties. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim 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 party. An indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement effected by an indemnified party without its prior written consent, but if the settlement is made with such consent, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or 8(b) hereof in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, from the offering of the Securities. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under Section 8(c) hereof, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in

such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover page of the Prospectus. 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 required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading relates to information supplied by the Company, on the one hand, or by the Underwriters, 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 Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8(d), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this Section 8(d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the Company under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and any other affiliate (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act) of any Underwriter; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 8 shall be in addition to any liability which the respective Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company, each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and any other affiliate (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act) of the Company.

9. Defaulting Underwriters. (a) If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to purchase the Securities which it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the Representatives may in their discretion arrange for themselves or another party or other parties to purchase such Securities on the terms contained herein. If within thirty-six hours after such default by any Underwriter the Representatives do not arrange for the purchase of such Securities, then the Company shall be

entitled to a further period of thirty-six hours within which to procure another party or other parties satisfactory to the Representatives to purchase such Securities on such terms. In the event that, within the respective prescribed periods, the Representatives notify the Company that the Representatives have so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, or the Company notifies the Representatives that it has so arranged for the purchase of such Securities, the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Time of Delivery for a period of not more than seven days, in order to effect whatever changes may thereby be made necessary in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any other documents or arrangements, and the Company agrees to file promptly any amendments to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which in the Representatives' opinion may thereby be made necessary. The term "Underwriter" as used in the Underwriting Agreement shall include any person substituted under this Section 9 with like effect as if such person had originally been a party to the Underwriting Agreement with respect to such Securities.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representatives and the Company as provided in Section 9(a) hereof, the aggregate principal amount of such Securities which remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, then the Company shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder and, in addition, to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase its pro rata share (based on the principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Securities of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

(c) If after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by the Representatives and the Company as provided in Section 9(a) hereof, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities which remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate principal amount of all the Securities, as referred to in Section 9(b) hereof, or if the Company shall not exercise the right described in Section 9(b) hereof to require non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase the Securities of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then the Underwriting Agreement shall thereupon terminate, without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company, except for the expenses to be borne by the Company and the Underwriters as provided in Section 6 hereof and the indemnity and contribution agreements in Section 8 hereof; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

10. Survival. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the several Underwriters, as set forth in the Underwriting Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or any controlling person of any Underwriter, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Securities.

11. Termination. If the Underwriting Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to Section 9 hereof, the Company shall not then be under any liability to any Underwriter except as provided

in Sections 6 and 8 hereof; but if for any other reason any Securities are not delivered by or on behalf of the Company as provided herein, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters through the Representatives for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses approved in writing by the Representatives, including fees and disbursements of counsel, reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in making preparations for the purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities, but the Company shall then be under no further liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 6 and 8 hereof.

12. Nature of Underwriters' Obligations. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (ii) in connection with the offering contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement and the process leading to such transaction, each Underwriter is, and has been, acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company directly or indirectly, (iii) no Underwriter has assumed, or will assume, an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any similar obligation to the Company with respect to the offering of the Securities contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement except the obligations expressly set forth in the Underwriting Agreement and (iv) the Company has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

13. Authority of Representatives. In all dealings hereunder, the Representatives shall act on behalf of each of the Underwriters, and the Company shall be entitled to act and rely upon any statement, request, notice or agreement on behalf of any Underwriter made or given by the Representatives jointly or by any Representatives and may assume that such statement, request, notice or agreement has been duly authorized by such Underwriter.

14. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing or by telephone if promptly confirmed in writing, and if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent by facsimile transmission or registered mail to the Representatives at the addresses set forth on Schedule II of the Underwriting Agreement; and if to the Company, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent by facsimile transmission or registered mail to Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, Attention: Corporate Vice President and Treasurer; *provided, however,* that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 8(c) hereof shall be delivered or sent by registered mail to such Underwriter at its address which, if not set forth on Schedule II of the Underwriting Agreement, shall be provided to the Company by the Representatives upon request.

15. Persons Entitled to Benefit of Agreement. The Underwriting Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters, the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 8 and 10 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company, each person who controls the Company or any Underwriter and any other affiliate of any Underwriter, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of the Underwriting Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

16. Time of Essence. Time shall be of the essence of the Underwriting Agreement. As used herein, the term “business day” shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, which is not a day or which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.
17. Definitive Agreement. The Underwriting Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.
18. Governing Law. The Underwriting Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.
19. Waiver of Jury Trial. The Company and each of the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the Underwriting Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby.
20. Counterparts. The Underwriting Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

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Underwriting Agreement

[●], 20[●]

[Name(s) of Representatives(s)]  
As Representatives(s) of the several Underwriters  
listed in Schedule I hereto

c/o [Name(s) and Address(es) of Representatives(s)]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several underwriters listed in Schedule I hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representatives(s) (the "Representatives(s)"), \$[●] principal amount of its Notes due 20[●] (the "Notes due 20[●]") and \$[●] principal amount of its Notes due 20[●] (the "Notes due 20[●]") and, together with the Notes due 20[●], the "Securities") having the terms set forth in Schedule II hereto. The Securities will be issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009, between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, and as supplemented by the [●] supplemental indenture and [●] supplemental indenture thereto, each to be dated as of [●], 20[●], between the Company and [●], as trustee (the "Trustee"), and as further amended or supplemented from time to time (the "Indenture").

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Underwriting Agreement, the Company agrees to issue and sell to each of the several Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective principal amount of Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule I hereto at the purchase prices set forth in Schedule II hereto. The Company will not be obligated to deliver any of the Securities except upon payment for all the Securities to be purchased as provided herein.

The Company understands that the Underwriters intend to initially offer the Securities on the terms set forth in Schedule III hereto and the Prospectus. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriters may offer and sell Securities to or through any affiliate of an Underwriter and that any such affiliate may offer and sell Securities purchased by it to or through any Underwriter. For the purposes of this Underwriting Agreement, the "Applicable Time" is [●]:[●] [●].M., New York City time, on [●], 20[●].

Payment for and delivery of the Securities shall be made at the offices of [●] at [●]:[●] A.M., New York City time, on [●], 20[●], or at such other time or place on the same or such other date, not later than the fifth business day thereafter, as the Representatives(s) and the Company may agree upon in writing. The time and date of such payment and delivery is referred to herein as the "Time of Delivery".

Payment for the Securities shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account(s) specified by the Company to the Representatives(s) against delivery to the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, for the account of the Underwriters, of one or more global notes representing the Notes due 20[●] and one or more global notes representing the Notes due 20[●] (collectively, the "Global Notes"), with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Securities duly paid by the Company. The Global Notes will be made available for inspection by the Representatives(s) not later than 1:00 P.M., New York City time, on the business day prior to the Time of Delivery.

The Company and the Underwriters understand and agree that the only written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriters through the Representatives(s) expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any amendment or supplement thereto, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto is the name of such Underwriter set forth on the cover page of the Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus[, *insert references to appropriate additional information provided by the Underwriters*].

All provisions contained in the document entitled “Standard Provisions of Underwriting Agreements for Debt Securities” filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the registration statement on Form S-3 filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on [●], 2021 (333-[●]) (the “Standard Provisions”) are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety and shall be deemed to be a part of this Underwriting Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein, except that if any term defined in such Standard Provisions is otherwise defined herein, the definition set forth herein shall control.

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

*[Remainder of the page intentionally left blank]*

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

Very truly yours,

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

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

Name:

Title:

Accepted: [●], 20[●]

For themselves and on behalf of the several Underwriters listed in Schedule 1 hereto.

[NAME(S) OF REPRESENTATIVE(S)]

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

Name:

Title:



<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Principal Amount of 20[•] Notes</u>	<u>Principal Amount of 20[•] Notes</u>
[•]	[•]	[•]
[•]	[•]	[•]
[•]	[•]	[•]
Total	[•]	[•]

## TERMS OF SECURITIES AND OFFERING

Underwriting Agreement: dated [●], 20[●]

Registration Statement No.: 333-[●]

Representatives: [●]  
[●]  
[●]

Title of the Securities:

[●]% Notes due 20[●] (the “[●] Notes”)

[●]% Notes due 20[●] (the “[●] Notes” and, collectively with the [●] Notes, the “Notes”)

Aggregate Principal Amount:

20[●] Notes: \$[●]

20[●] Notes: \$[●]

Denominations:

\$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Price to Public:

[●] Notes: [●]% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from [●], 20[●]

[●] Notes: [●]% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from [●], 20[●]

Purchase Price by Underwriters:

[●] Notes: [●]% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from [●], 20[●]

[●] Notes: [●]% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from [●], 20[●]

Maturity:

[●] Notes: [●], 20[●]

[●] Notes: [●], 20[●]

Interest Rate:

[●] Notes: [●]% per annum

[●] Notes: [●]% per annum

Interest Payment Dates:

Interest on the Notes will be paid semi-annually in arrears on [●] and [●], beginning on [●], 20[●]

Optional Redemption Provisions

[At any time prior to [●], 20[●] (in the case of the 20[●] Notes) and [●], 20[●] (in the case of the 20[●] Notes), as the case may be, the Notes of such series shall be redeemable in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, at the Company's option, on at least [●] days' but not more than [●] days' prior notice sent to the registered address of each Holder of Notes to be redeemed, at a redemption price, calculated by the Company, equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of each remaining scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Notes to be redeemed (exclusive of interest accrued to the Redemption Date) discounted to the Redemption Date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus [●] basis points (in the case of the 20[●] Notes) or [●] basis points (in the case of the 20[●] Notes).]

[At any time on or after [●], 20[●] (in the case of the 20[●] Notes) and [●], 20[●] (in the case of the 20[●] Notes), as the case may be, the Notes of such series shall be redeemable in whole or in part, at any time, at the Company's option, on at least [●] days' but not more than [●] days' prior notice sent to the registered address of each Holder of Notes to be redeemed, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed.]

Sinking Fund Provisions:

None.

Other Terms:

Defeasance provisions of the Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes.

Time of Delivery: [●]

ISSUER FREE WRITING PROSPECTUSES

- Pricing Term Sheet, dated [●], 20[●], relating to the Securities, which will be filed pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act.

**FORM OF OPINION OF GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL,  
ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL OR [●] OF THE COMPANY**

(i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation under the law of the State of Washington and has all corporate power and authority to conduct its business and own its properties as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Underwriting Agreement, the Securities and the Indenture.

(ii) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(iii) The Securities have been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company.

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

(v) The issuance and sale of the Securities by the Company and the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Underwriting Agreement and the Indenture will not breach or result in a default under any material loan agreement of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or other material agreement or instrument of the Company or any of its subsidiaries known to such counsel, nor will such action violate the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or any Washington State statute or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any Washington State statute or any order known to such counsel issued pursuant to any Washington State statute by any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, provided that no opinion is expressed in this paragraph (v) with respect to securities laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(vi) No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any Washington State governmental agency or body or, to the knowledge of such counsel, any Washington State court is required for the issue and sale of the Securities by the Company, or the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Underwriting Agreement and the Indenture, provided that no opinion is expressed in this paragraph (vi) with respect to securities laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(vii) To the knowledge of such counsel, there are no statutes or pending or threatened legal or governmental proceedings required to be described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus which are not described as required.

(viii) To the knowledge of such counsel, there are no contracts or other documents of a character required to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which are not filed as required.

(ix) The documents incorporated by reference in the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus or any amendment thereto prior to the Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements or other financial data therein, as to which such counsel need not express any opinion), as of the date they were filed with the Commission or became effective, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act

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or the Securities Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and such counsel has no reason to believe that any of such documents, when they were so filed or became effective, as the case may be, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted 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 when such documents were so filed, not misleading.

In rendering such opinions, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials, and such counsel may rely upon the opinion of counsel for the Company as to all matters of New York State law.

**FORM OF OPINION AND NEGATIVE ASSURANCE LETTER OF COUNSEL FOR THE COMPANY**

(i) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”), and, assuming that the Indenture is the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trustee, the Indenture constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to (a) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally, (b) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (c) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

(ii) The Securities have been duly authorized, executed and issued by the Company and, assuming due authentication thereof by the Trustee, upon payment and delivery in accordance with this Underwriting Agreement, the Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms and entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, subject to (a) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally, (b) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (c) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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

(iv) The statements made in each of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Description of the Notes” (including, in the case of the Pricing Disclosure Package, the information contained in the Pricing Term Sheet), insofar as they purport to constitute summaries of the Indenture and the Securities referred to therein, constitute accurate summaries of such terms of such terms in all material respects.

(v) The statements made in each of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Certain U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders,” insofar as they purport to constitute summaries of matters of United States federal income tax law and regulations or legal conclusions with respect thereto, constitute accurate summaries of such matters in all material respects.

(vi) The issue and sale of the Securities by the Company, the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Underwriting Agreement and the execution and delivery of the Indenture by the Company will not violate any federal or New York State statute or any rule or regulation that has been issued pursuant to any federal or New York State statute, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph (vi) with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law.

(vii) No consent, approval, authorization or order of, or registration or qualification with, any federal or New York State governmental agency or body or, to the knowledge of such counsel, any federal or New York State court is required for the issue and sale of the Securities

by the Company, the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Underwriting Agreement and the execution and delivery of the Indenture by the Company, except that it is understood that no opinion is given in this paragraph (vii) with respect to any federal or state securities law or any rule or regulation issued pursuant to any federal or state securities law.

(viii) The Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and the Prospectus was filed on [●] pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act and, to the knowledge of such counsel, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued or proceeding for that purpose has been instituted or threatened by the Commission.

(ix) The Company is not, and after giving effect to the issue and the sale of the Securities and assuming the application of the proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus, the Company would not as of the date hereof be, an “investment company” within the meaning of and subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Such counsel shall also advise that each of the Registration Statement, as of the date it first became effective under the Securities Act, and the Prospectus, as of its date, appeared, on its face, to be appropriately responsive, in all material respects, to the requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, except that in each case such counsel need not express any view with respect to the financial statements or other financial or accounting data contained in, incorporated by reference in, or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein.

In addition, such counsel shall state that nothing has come to such counsel’s attention that causes them to believe that (a) the Registration Statement (including the documents incorporated by reference therein and the Prospectus deemed to be a part thereof), as of the date of this Underwriting Agreement, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (b) the Pricing Disclosure Package (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of the Applicable Time, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (c) the Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference therein), as of its date or as of the Time of Delivery, contained or contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that such counsel need not express any belief in any of clauses (a), (b) or (c) above with respect to the financial statements or other financial or accounting data contained in, incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in, or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein.

In rendering such opinions, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact, to the extent such counsel deems proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials, and such counsel may rely upon the opinion of [●] as to all matters of Washington State law.



## SIMPSON THACHER &amp; BARTLETT LLP

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December 10, 2021

Microsoft Corporation  
One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, Washington 98052-6399

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the issuance by the Company from time to time of an indeterminate aggregate initial offering price of senior unsecured debt securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued under an Indenture dated as of May 18, 2009 (the "Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

We have examined the Registration Statement and the Indenture (including the form of Securities set forth therein), which is an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In addition, we have examined, and have relied as to matters of fact upon, originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and have made such other investigations as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinion hereinafter set forth.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. We also have assumed that at the time of the execution, authentication and delivery of the Securities, the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the applicable Trustees.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have assumed further that the execution, issuance, delivery and performance by the Company of the Indenture (a) do not constitute a breach or default under any agreement or instrument which is binding upon the Company and (b) comply with all applicable regulatory requirements.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that assuming (a) the taking of all necessary corporate action by the Board of Directors of the Company, a duly constituted and acting committee of such Board or duly authorized officers of the Company (such Board of Directors, committee or authorized officers being hereinafter referred to as the "Board") to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Securities and the terms of the offering thereof so as to not violate any applicable law or agreement or instrument then binding on the Company and (b) the due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Securities, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive underwriting, purchase or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and such agreement, the Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

Our opinion set forth above is subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. In addition, we express no opinion as to the validity, legally binding effect or enforceability of (i) the waiver of rights and defenses contained in Section 114 of the Indenture or (ii) Section 110 of the Indenture relating to the separability of the provisions of the Indenture.

Insofar as the opinion expressed herein relate to or are dependent upon matters governed by the law of the State of Washington, we have relied, without any independent investigation, upon the opinion of Keith R. Dolliver, Esq., Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of the Company dated the date hereof and our opinion is subject to the qualifications, assumptions, limitations and exceptions set forth therein.

We do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the law of the State of New York and, to the extent set forth herein, the law of the State of Washington.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption “Validity of the Securities” in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

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Redmond, WA 98052-6399

Tel 425 882 8080  
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December 10, 2021

Microsoft Corporation  
One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, WA 98052

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Microsoft Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "Company"). I have acted in such capacity in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the issuance by the Company from time to time of senior unsecured debt securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued under supplemental indentures (the "Supplemental Indentures") between the Company and the trustee named therein (each, a "Trustee"), to the indenture, dated as of May 18, 2009 (the "Base Indenture" and, as amended and supplemented by the Supplemental Indentures, the "Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

I have examined the Registration Statement and the Base Indenture. In addition, I have examined, and relied as to matters of fact upon, originals, or duplicates or certified or conformed copies, of such records, agreements, documents and other instruments and such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company and have made such other investigations as I have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinion hereinafter set forth.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. I also have assumed that the Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the applicable Trustees.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, I am of the opinion that the Securities have been duly authorized and, when executed and delivered in accordance with the Indenture, will be duly executed and delivered by the Company in accordance with the law of the State of Washington.

The opinion set forth above is subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

I do not express any opinion herein concerning any law other than the law of the State of Washington.

In rendering its opinion, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP may rely upon this opinion as to matters of the law of the State of Washington addressed herein as if this opinion were addressed directly to them.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.2 to the Registration Statement and to the use of my name under the caption "Validity of the Securities" in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Keith R. Dolliver

Keith R. Dolliver, Esq.  
Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

December 10, 2021

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Microsoft Corporation  
One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, Washington 98052-6399

We are aware that our report dated October 26, 2021, on our review of interim financial information of Microsoft Corporation appearing in Microsoft Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2021, is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Seattle, Washington

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated July 29, 2021 relating to the financial statements of Microsoft Corporation and the effectiveness of Microsoft Corporation's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Microsoft Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2021. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Seattle, Washington  
December 10, 2021

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

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**FORM T-1**

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**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939  
OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

- CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)**
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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation  
if not a U.S. national bank)

95-3571558  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

400 South Hope Street  
Suite 500  
Los Angeles, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

90071  
(Zip code)

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**Microsoft Corporation**  
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

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Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

91-1144442  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

One Microsoft Way  
Redmond, Washington  
(Address of principal executive offices)

98052-6399  
(Zip code)

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**Debt Securities**  
(Title of the indenture securities)

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**1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:**

**(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.**

Name	Address
Comptroller of the Currency United States Department of the Treasury	Washington, DC 20219
Federal Reserve Bank	San Francisco, CA 94105
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, DC 20429

**(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.**

Yes.

**2. Affiliations with Obligor.**

**If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.**

None.

**16. List of Exhibits.**

**Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act").**

1. A copy of the articles of association of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121948 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-152875).
2. A copy of certificate of authority of the trustee to commence business. (Exhibit 2 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No.333-121948).
3. A copy of the authorization of the trustee to exercise corporate trust powers (Exhibit 3 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No.333-152875).

4. A copy of the existing by-laws of the trustee (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-229762).
6. The consent of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-152875).
7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Pittsburgh, and State of Pennsylvania, on the 2nd day of December, 2021.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

By: /s/ Shannon Matthews  
Name: Shannon Matthews  
Title: Vice President

Consolidated Report of Condition of  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.  
of 400 South Hope Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90071

At the close of business September 30, 2021, published in accordance with Federal regulatory authority instructions.

Dollar amounts  
in thousands

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	3,451
Interest-bearing balances	401,237
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	0
Available-for-sale debt securities	51,411
Equity securities with readily determinable fair values not held for trading	0
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:	
Federal funds sold in domestic offices	0
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases held for sale	0
Loans and leases, held for investment	0
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0
Loans and leases held for investment, net of allowance	0
Trading assets	
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	
Other real estate owned	20,136
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	
Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures	0
Intangible assets	
Other assets	856,313
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,422,604</u>

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	749
Noninterest-bearing	749
Interest-bearing	0
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:	
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money:	
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	0
Not applicable	
Not applicable	
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	269,306
Total liabilities	270,055
Not applicable	

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,000
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	324,707
Not available	
Retained earnings	826,156
Accumulated other comprehensive income	686
Other equity capital components	0
Not available	
Total bank equity capital	1,152,549
Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated subsidiaries	0
Total equity capital	1,152,549
Total liabilities and equity capital	<u>1,422,604</u>

I, Matthew J. McNulty, CFO of the above-named bank do hereby declare that the Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) for this report date have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Matthew J. McNulty ) CFO

We, the undersigned directors (trustees), attest to the correctness of the Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) for this report date and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and is true and correct.

Antonio I. Portuondo, President )  
Michael P. Scott, Managing Director ) Directors (Trustees)  
Kevin P. Caffrey, Managing Director )

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM T-1**

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**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY  
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939  
OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE**

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

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**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

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**31-0841368**  
I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

**800 Nicollet Mall**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55402**  
(Zip Code)

**Thomas Zrust**  
**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**1420 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor**  
**Seattle, WA 98101**  
**(206) 344-4687**  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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**ABC Corporation**  
(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

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**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**91-1144442**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Microsoft Way**  
**Redmond, Washington**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98052-7329**  
(Zip Code)

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**Debt Securities**  
(Title of the Indenture Securities)

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**FORM T-1**

**Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.

a) *Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.*

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Washington, D.C.

b) *Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.*

Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.*

None

**Items 3-15** *Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.*

**Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.*

1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee.\*
2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
3. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, attached as Exhibit 3.
4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee.\*\*
5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of June 30, 2021 published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25.1 to Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on S-4, Registration Number 333-128217 filed on November 15, 2005.

\*\* Incorporated by reference to 305(b)(2), Registration Number 333-229783 filed on June 21, 2021.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of New York, State of New York on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2021.

By: /s/ Thomas Zrust

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Thomas Zrust

Vice President





**CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.
2. "U.S. Bank National Association," Cincinnati, Ohio (Charter No. 24), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, July 23, 2021, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia

Acting Comptroller of the Currency





**CERTIFICATE OF FIDUCIARY POWERS**

I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

1. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.

2. "U.S. Bank National Association," Cincinnati, Ohio (Charter No. 24), was granted, under the hand and seal of the Comptroller, the right to act in all fiduciary capacities authorized under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved September 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 668, 12 USC 92a, and that the authority so granted remains in full force and effect on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, July 23, 2021, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Acting Comptroller of the Currency



**Exhibit 6**

**CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: December 1, 2021

By: /s/ Thoams Zrust

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Thomas Zrust

Vice President

**Exhibit 7**  
**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**As of 9/30/2021**

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	9/30/2021
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions	\$ 63,715,510
Securities	148,000,109
Federal Funds	22,403
Loans & Lease Financing Receivables	298,005,995
Fixed Assets	6,031,305
Intangible Assets	13,529,305
Other Assets	27,506,020
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$556,810,647</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Deposits	\$449,625,649
Fed Funds	2,016,875
Treasury Demand Notes	0
Trading Liabilities	1,136,642
Other Borrowed Money	33,001,952
Acceptances	0
Subordinated Notes and Debentures	3,600,000
Other Liabilities	14,733,477
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$504,114,595</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Common and Preferred Stock	18,200
Surplus	14,266,915
Undivided Profits	37,606,027
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries	804,910
<b>Total Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$ 52,696,052</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$556,810,647</b>