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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 11, 2023

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

> 6 St Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

001-41224 (Commission File Number) 87-1013956 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10013 (Zip Code)

(248) 890-7200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Units, each consisting of one share of Series A	ACABU	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
common stock, \$0.0001 par value, and one-half of		
one redeemable warrant		
Shares of Series A common stock included as part	ACAB	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
of the units		
Warrants included as part of the units, each whole	ACABW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
warrant exercisable for one share of Series A		
common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b–2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b–2 of this chapter).

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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 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

General

On December 11, 2023, Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation ("<u>ACAB</u>"), Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Merger Sub</u>"), and Abpro Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>" or "<u>Abpro</u>"), entered into a business combination agreement (the "<u>Business Combination Agreement</u>"). The terms of the Business Combination Agreement, which contains customary representations and warranties, covenants, closing conditions, termination provisions and other terms relating to the Merger (defined below) and the other transactions contemplated thereby, are summarized below. Capitalized terms used in this Current Report on Form 8-K but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Business Combination Agreement.

The Business Combination Agreement

Structure of the Transaction

Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, on the Closing Date (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement), Merger Sub, a newly formed, wholly-owned direct subsidiary of ACAB, will be merged with and into the Company (the "<u>Business Combination</u>," together with the other transactions related thereto, the "<u>Proposed Transactions</u>"), with the Company surviving the Business Combination as a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of ACAB (the "<u>Surviving Company</u>"). In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, ACAB will change its corporate name to "Abpro Corporation". The respective boards of directors of ACAB and Abpro have duly approved the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Conversion of Securities

Immediately prior to the effective time of the Business Combination (the "<u>Effective Time</u>"), the Company will cause (i) all outstanding Company convertible notes to be converted into shares of Company Common Stock, (ii) all outstanding Company warrants to acquire equity securities of the Company to be converted into a number of shares of Shares of Company Common Stock and (iii) the Company Preferred Shares (including those shares resulting from the convertible notes conversion and warrant conversion) that are issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time to be converted into shares of Company Common Stock.

At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Business Combination and without any action on the part of ACAB, Merger Sub, the Company or the holders of any of the Company's securities:

- (i) All shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will be canceled and converted into the right to receive the number of newly issued ACAB Series A Common Stock (as defined below) (the "<u>ACAB New Common Shares</u>") based on the Exchange Ratio (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement);
- (ii) All shares of Company Common Stock and Company Preferred Shares held in the treasury of the Company will be canceled without any conversion thereof and no payment or distribution will be made with respect thereto;
- (iii) Each share of capital stock of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will be converted into and exchanged for one validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable share of ACAB New Common Shares;

- (iv) Each Company option that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether vested or unvested, will be converted into an option to purchase a number of ACAB New Common Shares (such option, an "<u>Exchanged Option</u>") equal to the product (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of (i) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Company option immediately prior to the Effective Time and (ii) the Exchange Ratio (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement), at an exercise price per share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to (A) the exercise price per share of such Company option immediately prior to the Effective Time divided by (B) Exchange Ratio. Except as specifically provided in the Business Combination Agreement, following the Effective Time, each Exchanged Option will continue to be governed by the same terms and conditions (including vesting and exercisability terms) as were applicable to the corresponding former Company option immediately prior to the Effective Time; and
- (v) Each unvested Company restricted stock unit that is either held by a Company employee or held by a member of the Post-Closing Board, shall be converted into a restricted stock unit representing the right to receive on settlement, a number of ACAB New Common Shares equal to the Exchange Ratio.

Earnout

During period that is five years from the Closing (the "Earnout Period"), current equityholders of the Company will be entitled to receive Earnout Shares promptly after the occurrence of certain triggering events in accordance with their respective Earnout Shares. The Earnout Shares will vest in three equal tranches based on the volume-weighted price per ACAB New Common Share for at least 20 trading days in any 30-day trading period during the Earnout Period equaling or exceeding \$13.00, \$15.00 or \$18.00.

Proxy Statement

As promptly as practicable after the date of the Business Combination Agreement, (i) ACAB and the Company will prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>") a proxy statement/prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Proxy</u> <u>Statement/Prospectus</u>") to be sent to the existing ACAB Stockholders prior to the Closing relating to the ACAB Special Meeting of the Stockholders to be held to consider approval and adoption of (A) the Business Combination Agreement and the Proposed Transactions, (B) the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of ACAB (the "<u>Proposed Charter</u>"), (C) a separate proposal with respect to certain governance provisions in the Proposed Charter, (D) a director election proposal, (E) the issuance of ACAB New Common Shares in connection with the conversion of securities described above, (F) an employee stock purchase plan, (G) each other proposal that either the SEC or The Nasdaq Stock Market indicates is necessary in its comments, (H) any other proposals the parties deem necessary to effectuate the Business Combination, and (I) a proposal for the postponement or adjournment of the ACAB Stockholders Meeting, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies because there are not sufficient votes to approve and adopt any of the foregoing (collectively, the "<u>ACAB Proposals</u>") and (ii) ACAB will prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), in which the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be included as a prospectus, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), of ACAB New Common Shares to be issued to the Company Stockholders pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement.

Stock Exchange Listing

ACAB will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the ACAB New Common Shares to be issued in connection with the Proposed Transactions to be approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or a comparable exchange ("<u>Nasdaq</u>") at Closing (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement). Until the Closing, ACAB shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep the ACAB Common Shares and ACAB Warrants listed for trading on Nasdaq.

Representations, Warranties and Covenants

The Business Combination Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants of each of the parties thereto that are customary for transactions of this type. ACAB has also agreed to take all action within its power as may be necessary or appropriate such that, effective immediately after the Closing, the ACAB board of directors will be composed of a total of five directors, which directors shall include one individual designated by ACAB and four individuals designated by the Company, and a majority of such individuals shall be determined to qualify as "independent directors" under the listing rules of Nasdag.

Conditions to Closing

The obligations of ACAB and the Company to consummate the Business Combination are subject to certain closing conditions, including, but not limited to, (i) the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, (ii) the absence of any law or governmental order or other legal restraint or prohibition preventing the consummation of the Business Combination, (iii) the Registration Statement being declared effective under the Securities Act, (iv) the ACAB New Common Shares to be issued in connection with the Business Combination having been approved for listing on Nasdaq, (v) the approval of certain of the ACAB Proposals by ACAB's stockholders, (vi) obtaining the Company's written consent approving the Business Combination (the "<u>Written Consent</u>"); (vii) ACAB having at least \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets (as determined in accordance with Rule 3a51-1(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) remaining after the Closing; and (viii) ACAB arranging for binding commitments of at least \$8.7 million in available closing cash consisting of funds in the Trust Account (after reduction for payments made in connection with redemptions by ACAB stockholders) plus any funds available pursuant to a PIPE Financing, forward purchase agreement, equity line of credit, convertible note financing and other sources of financing, less any Unpaid SPAC Expenses, as described in the Business Combination Agreement, subject to the Company's waiver of such amount.

Termination

The Business Combination Agreement may be terminated under certain circumstances prior to the Closing, including, but not limited to, (i) by mutual written consent of ACAB and the Company, (ii) by the Company if ACAB breaches its representations, warranties or covenants such that the conditions set forth in the Business Combination Agreement would not be satisfied, and such party fails to cure such breach (other than for certain limited exceptions), (iii) by ACAB if the Company breaches its representations, warranties or covenants such that the conditions set forth in the Business Combination Agreement would not be satisfied, and such party fails to cure such breach (other than for certain limited exceptions), (iii) by ACAB if the Company breaches its representations, warranties or covenants such that the conditions set forth in the Business Combination Agreement would not be satisfied, and such party fails to cure such breach (other than for certain limited exceptions), (iv) by either ACAB or the Company if the Business Combination is not consummated by June 1, 2024, (v) by either ACAB or the Company if any governmental entity issues an order or taken any other action permanently enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting the Business Combination and such order or other action has become final and non-appealable, (vi) by either ACAB or the Company if certain required approvals are not obtained from the ACAB stockholders after the conclusion of a special meeting of ACAB's stockholders held for such purpose at which such shareholders voted on such approvals and (vii) by ACAB, if the Company does not deliver to ACAB the required Company Stockholder Written Consent (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) prior to the Company Stockholder Written Consent Deadline (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement).

If the Business Combination Agreement is validly terminated, none of the parties to the Business Combination Agreement will have any liability or any further obligation under the Business Combination Agreement, other than customary confidentiality obligations, except in the case of willful Breach or fraud.

A copy of the Business Combination Agreement is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Business Combination Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Business Combination Agreement filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Business Combination Agreement is included to provide investors and security holders with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about ACAB, the Company or the other parties thereto. In particular, the assertions embodied in representations and warranties by ACAB, the Company and Merger Sub contained in the Business Combination Agreement. These disclosure schedules contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the Business Combination Agreement. Moreover, certain representations and warranties in the Business Combination Agreement were used for the purpose of allocating risk between the parties, rather than establishing matters as facts. Accordingly, investors and security holders should not rely on the representations and warranties in the Business Combination of the actual state of facts about ACAB, the Company or Merger Sub.

Sponsor Letter Agreement

On December 11, 2023, Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Management II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Sponsor</u>") entered into an agreement with ACAB, the Company and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd (the "<u>Sponsor Letter Agreement</u>"), whereby Sponsor agrees to (i) retain 2.95 million shares of ACAB Series A Common Stock held by it, (ii) divide 2,458,333 shares of ACAB Series A Common Stock held by it among the Sponsor, who will be entitled to 491,667 of the shares, the Company, who will be entitled to 983,333 of the shares, and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd, who will be entitled to 983,333 of the shares, for such party to use to obtain non-redemption commitments from ACAB stockholders or other capital for ACAB or the Surviving Company (with any shares unused for such purpose to be retained by such party) and (ii) forfeit the remainder of any ACAB Series A Common Stock and ACAB Series B Common Stock held by it.

The foregoing description of the Sponsor Letter Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sponsor Support Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Sponsor Support Agreement

On December 11, 2023, ACAB, the Company and the Sponsor entered into the Sponsor Support Agreement pursuant to which the Sponsor agreed to, among other things, vote all of its shares of ACAB Series A Common Shares and ACAB Series B Common Shares held by it, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, (i) in favor of the approval and adoption of the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby (including the Business Combination), and (ii) against any proposal, action or agreement that would impede, interfere with, delay, postpone or discourage any provision of the Sponsor Support Agreement, the Business Combination Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby (including the Business Combination). In addition, in the Sponsor Support Agreement, the Sponsor agrees to waive, and not to assert or perfect, among other things, any rights to adjustment or other anti-dilution protections with respect to the rate at which the shares of ACAB Series B Common Stock held by the Sponsor convert into shares of ACAB Series A Common Stock in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Sponsor Support Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sponsor Support Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 2.1 hereto, and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Abpro Support Agreements

On December 11, 2023, certain Abpro stockholders (the "<u>Abpro Supporting Stockholders</u>") entered into support agreements with Abpro (the "<u>Abpro Support Agreements</u>"). Under the Abpro Support Agreements, each Abpro Supporting Stockholder agreed, within 48 hours after the date that the Proxy/Information Statement is disseminated by Abpro to its stockholders following the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, to execute and deliver a written consent with respect to all outstanding shares of Abpro common stock and Abpro preferred stock held by such Abpro Supporting Stockholder (the "<u>Subject Abpro Shares</u>") approving the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby (including the Business Combination). In addition to the foregoing, each Abpro Supporting Stockholder agreed that, at any meeting of the holders of Abpro capital stock, each such Abpro Supporting Stockholder will appear at the meeting, in person or by proxy, and cause its Subject Abpro Shares to be counted as present thereat for purposes of calculating a quorum and voted (i) to approve and adopt the Business Combination Agreement, the transactions contemplated thereby (including the Business Combination), and any other matters necessary or reasonably requested by Abpro for consummation of the Business Combination, and (ii) against any proposal that conflicts or materially impedes or interferes with, or would adversely affect or delay, the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the Business Combination).

The Abpro Support Agreements also prohibits the Abpro Supporting Stockholders from, prior to the Effective Time, among other things, (i) selling, assigning, transferring (including by operation of law), placing a lien on, pledging, disposing of or otherwise encumbering any of the Subject Abpro Shares, except if such transaction is in compliance with applicable securities laws, the governing documents of Abpro and the Business Combination Agreement, and the transferee agrees to be bound by the terms of the Abpro Support Agreement (ii) pledging, encumbering or creating a Lien on any Subject Abpro Shares or entering into any contract, option, commitment or other arrangement or understanding with respect to the foregoing, (iii) granting any proxies or powers of attorney or entering into a voting agreement or other arrangement with respect to any Subject Abpro Shares, or (iv) taking any action in furtherance of the foregoing.

The foregoing description of the Abpro Support Agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sponsor Support Agreements, a form of which is included as Exhibit B to Exhibit 2.1 hereto, and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Company Lock-Up Agreements

Prior to Closing, certain Abpro stockholders will enter into lock-up agreements (the "<u>Abpro Lock-up Agreements</u>"), pursuant to which Abpro stockholders will agree not to transfer, following the Closing, such Abpro stockholder's shares of ACAB New Common Shares constituting such Abpro stockholder's Merger Consideration until the earlier of (x) the twelve month anniversary of the date of the Closing, (y) if the reported last sale price of the shares of ACAB New Common Shares equals or exceeds \$12.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share dividends, right issuances, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any twenty (20) trading days within any thirty (30) trading day period commencing at least one-hundred and fifty (150) days after the Closing, and (z) the date after the Closing on which the Surviving Company consummates a liquidation, merger, capital stock exchange, reorganization or other similar transaction with an unaffiliated third party that results in all of the Surviving Company's shareholders having the right to exchange their common stock of the Surviving Company for cash, securities or other property.

The foregoing description of the Abpro Lock-Up Agreements are subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the form of Abpro Lock-Up Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit C to Exhibit 2.1 hereto, and the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information set forth below under this Item 7.01, including the exhibits attached hereto, is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Important Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the Business Combination and the transactions contemplated thereby, ACAB intends to file the Registration Statement on Form S-4, with the SEC, which will include the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to be distributed to holders of ACAB's common stock in connection with ACAB's solicitation of proxies for the vote by ACAB's stockholders with respect to the Proposed Transactions and other matters as described in the Registration Statement, a prospectus relating to the offer of the securities to be issued to stockholders in connection with the Proposed Transactions, and an information statement to Company's stockholders regarding the Proposed Transactions. After the Registration Statement has been filed and declared effective, ACAB will mail a definitive proxy statement/prospectus, when available, to its stockholders. Investors and security holders and other interested parties are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus, any amendments thereto and any other documents filed with the SEC carefully and in their entirety when they become available because they will contain important information Statement and definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other rows/Information Statement and definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by ACAB through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to: Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, 6 St Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, NY 10013.

Participants in the Solicitation

ACAB and the Company and their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers and other members of management and employees may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies with respect to the Proposed Transactions. Information about the directors and executive officers of ACAB is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2022. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be included in the Registration Statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the Proposed Transactions when they become available. Stockholders, potential investors and other interested persons should read the Registration Statement carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. When available, these documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

No Offer or Solicitation

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes certain statements that are not historical facts but are forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as "believe", "project", "expect", "anticipate", "estimate", "intend", "strategy", "future", "opportunity", "plan", "may", "should", "will", "would", "will be", "will continue", "will likely result" or similar expressions. that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding estimates and forecasts of revenue and other financial and performance metrics and projections of market opportunity and expectations, ACAB's ability to enter into definitive agreements or consummate a transaction with the Company; ACAB's ability to obtain the financing necessary consummate the Proposed Transactions; and the expected timing of completion of the Proposed Transactions. These statements are based on various assumptions and on the current expectations of ACAB's and the Company's management and are not predictions of actual performance. These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied on by any investor as, a guarantee, an assurance, a prediction or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances are difficult or impossible to predict and will differ from assumptions. Many actual events and circumstances are beyond the control of ACAB and the Company. These forward looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including general economic, financial, legal, political and business conditions and changes in domestic and foreign markets; the outcome of judicial proceedings to which ACAB or the Company is, or may become a party; the inability of the parties to enter into definitive agreements or successfully or timely consummate the Proposed Transactions or to satisfy the other conditions to the closing of the Proposed Transactions, including the risk that any required regulatory approvals are not obtained, are delayed or are subject to unanticipated conditions that could adversely affect the combined company; the risk that the approval of the stockholders of ACAB for the Proposed Transactions is not obtained; failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the Proposed Transactions, including as a result of a delay in consummating the Proposed Transaction or difficulty in, or costs associated with, integrating the businesses of ACAB and the Company; the amount of redemption requests made by ACAB's stockholders; the occurrence of events that may give rise to a right of one or both of ACAB and the Company to terminate the Business Combination Agreement; risks related to the rollout of the Company's business and the timing of expected business milestones; the effects of competition on the Company's future business; and those factors discussed in ACAB's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on December 2, 2021, as amended, Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 under the heading "Risk Factors," and other documents of ACAB filed, or to be filed, with the SEC. If the risks materialize or assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from the results implied by these forward-looking statements. There may be additional risks that neither ACAB nor the Company presently know or that ACAB and the Company currently believe are immaterial that could also cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. In addition, forward-looking statements reflect ACAB's and the Company's expectations, plans or forecasts of future events and views as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. ACAB and the Company anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause their assessments to change. However, while ACAB and the Company may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, ACAB and the Company specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing ACAB's or the Company's assessments as of any date subsequent to the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Accordingly, undue reliance should not be placed upon the forward-looking statements. Neither ACAB nor the Company gives any assurance that either ACAB or the Company, or the combined company, will achieve its objectives.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Business Combination Agreement, dated as of December 11, 2023, by and among ACAB, Merger Sub and the Company.
10.1	Sponsor Letter Agreement, dated as of December 11, 2023, by and among ACAB, the Sponsor, the Company and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

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

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: /s/ Shahraab Ahmad

Name: Shahraab Ahmad Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 12, 2023

BUSINESS COMBINATION AGREEMENT

BY AND AMONG

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II,

ABPRO MERGER SUB CORP.

AND

ABPRO CORPORATION

DATED AS OF December 11, 2023

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BUSINESS COMBINATION AGREEMENT

This BUSINESS COMBINATION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), dated as of December 11, 2023, is made by and among Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation ("SPAC"), Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Merger Sub"), and Abpro Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). SPAC, Merger Sub and the Company shall be referred to herein from time to time collectively as the "Parties" (and each a "Party"). Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings set forth in <u>Section 1.1</u> and <u>Section 1.2</u>.

WHEREAS, (a) SPAC is a blank check company incorporated as a Delaware corporation on May 20, 2021 for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses, and (b) Merger Sub is, as of the date of this Agreement, a wholly-owned Subsidiary of SPAC that was formed for purposes of consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governing Documents of SPAC, SPAC is required to provide an opportunity for its stockholders to have their outstanding shares of Series A Common Stock redeemed on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein in connection with obtaining the SPAC Stockholder Approval;

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Agreement, SPAC's initial stockholders, including Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Management II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "**Sponsor**"), collectively own 7,499,999 shares of Series A Common Stock, and 1 share of Series B Common Stock;

WHEREAS, on the Closing Date, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in accordance with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company as the surviving company in the Merger and, after giving effect to such Merger, a wholly-owned Subsidiary of SPAC, and each Company Share will be converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, prior to the Closing Date, SPAC will enter into subscription agreements, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Parties (collectively, the "Subscription Agreements"), with certain investors (collectively, the "Investors") pursuant to which, among other things, the Investors will agree to subscribe for and purchase, and SPAC will agree to issue and sell to the Investors, a number of shares of Series A Common Stock as set forth in each applicable Subscription Agreement in exchange for an aggregate purchase price to be determined (the "PIPE Investment Amount"), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein (such equity financing hereinafter referred to as the "PIPE Financing");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governing Documents of SPAC, SPAC is required to provide an opportunity for its stockholders to have their outstanding shares of Series A Common Stock redeemed pursuant to the SPAC Stockholder Redemption on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein in connection with obtaining the SPAC Shareholder Approval;

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, Sponsor will enter into an agreement with SPAC, the Company and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd (the "Sponsor Share Letter"), whereby Sponsor agrees to (i) retain 2.95 million shares of Series A Common Stock, (ii) divide 2,458,333 shares of Series A Common Stock held by it among the Sponsor, who will be entitled to 491,667 of the shares, the Company, who will be entitled to 983,333 of the shares, and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd, who will be entitled to 983,333 of the shares, for such party to use to obtain non-redemption commitments from SPAC stockholders or other capital for SPAC or the Surviving Corporation (with any shares unused for such purpose to be retained by such party), and (iii) forfeit the remainder of any Series A Common Stock and Series B Common Stock held by it.

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, SPAC, the Sponsor and the Company, among others, will enter into the stockholder support agreement attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "Sponsor Support Agreement"), pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor will agree (a) to vote its shares of SPAC Common Stock in favor of the Required Transaction Proposals, (b) not to transfer its shares of SPAC Common Stock, and (c) to waive any adjustment to the conversion ratio set forth in the Governing Documents of SPAC or any other anti-dilution or similar protection with respect to its shares of SPAC Common Stock in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Sponsor Support Agreement;

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, certain Company Stockholders will enter into stockholder support agreements in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Company Support Agreements"), pursuant to which, among other things, such Company Stockholders will agree (a) to, as promptly as practicable following the time at which the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement shall have been declared effective and made available to such Company Stockholders, vote their Company Shares in favor of, or execute written consents to adopt and approve, promptly following the effectiveness of the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, any Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party, and (b) not to transfer, prior to the Closing, such Company Stockholder's Company Shares, subject to the exceptions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, prior to Closing, certain Company Stockholders will enter into lock-up agreements in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> (the "Company Lock-up Agreements"), pursuant to which Company Stockholders will agree not to transfer, following the Closing, such Company Stockholder's shares of Series A Common Stock constituting such Company Stockholder's Merger Consideration for the period set forth therein, subject to the exceptions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, effective immediately after the Effective Time, the appointment of members to the board of directors of the SPAC, as approved in Required Transaction Proposals, will take effect;

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WHEREAS, prior to the Closing, SPAC, Company and Sponsor shall enter into an escrow agreement (the "SPAC Incentive Shares Escrow Agreement"), providing for an escrow account ("SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Account") into which, at Closing, SPAC shall issue and deliver 2,000,000 shares of Series A Common Stock (the "SPAC Incentive Shares"), which shall be disbursed pursuant to the SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Agreement by the joint written consent of Sponsor and the Company to induce non-redemption commitments from SPAC stockholders or other capital raises for the SPAC. Any SPAC Incentive Shares that are undistributed for such purpose after 180 days following the Closing shall be forfeited and cancelled;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Company (the "**Company Board**") has duly (a) determined that this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger) are in the best interests of, and are advisable to, the Company and the Company Stockholders, (b) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger), and (c) resolved to recommend that the Company Stockholders adopt and approve this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger), and (c) resolved to recommend that the Company Stockholders adopt and approve this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be party and thereby (including the Merger);

WHEREAS, no later than forty-eight (48) hours, following the date that the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement becomes effective, holders of a majority of the Company Preferred Stock, acting together as a class, and holders of a majority of the Company Common Stock shall approve an amendment to the Company Certificate of Incorporation, providing for the automatic conversion, immediately prior to the Closing, of the Company Preferred Stock into shares of Company Common Stock (the "Company Preferred Stock Conversion");

WHEREAS, the board of directors of SPAC (the "SPAC Board") has unanimously (a) determined that this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which a SPAC Party is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger) are in the best interests of, and advisable to, SPAC and its stockholders, (b) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which a SPAC Party is or will be party and thereby (including the Merger), and (c) resolved to recommend that its stockholders adopt this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which a SPAC Party is or will be party;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of Merger Sub has unanimously (a) determined that this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which Merger Sub is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger) are in the best interests of, and advisable to, Merger Sub and its sole stockholder, (b) approved and declared advisable this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which Merger Sub is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby (including the Merger), and (c) recommended that its sole stockholder adopt and approve this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which Merger Sub is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby (including the Merger), and (c) recommended that its sole stockholder adopt and approve this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which Merger Sub is or will be party and the transactions contemplated hereby (including the Merger); and

WHEREAS, each of the Parties intends that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (a) this Agreement constitutes a "plan of reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and (b) the Merger constitutes a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code (clause (b) being the "Intended Tax Treatment").

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, each intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person who directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. The term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "controlled" and "controlling" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Affordable Care Act" means the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–152), and the regulations promulgated pursuant to each of the foregoing laws.

"Aggregate Consideration" means, collectively, the Merger Consideration and, if any, the Contingency Consideration.

"Ancillary Documents" means the Subscription Agreements, the Sponsor Share Letter, the Sponsor Support Agreement, the Company Support Agreements, the Company Lock-up Agreements, Employment Agreements, the SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Agreement, and each other agreement, document, instrument or certificate contemplated by this Agreement executed or to be executed in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

"Anti-Corruption Laws" means, collectively, (a) the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, (b) the UK Bribery Act 2010, and (c) any other anti-bribery or anti-corruption Laws related to combating bribery, corruption and money laundering, each as applicable.

"Available Closing Cash" means, as of the Closing (a) the amount of funds contained in the Trust Account (after reduction for the aggregate amount of payments made or required to be made in connection with the SPAC Stockholder Redemption), *plus* (b) the amount of funds available to consummate the Merger pursuant to a PIPE Financing, forward purchase agreements, an equity line of credit, convertible note financing, and other sources of financing *minus* (c) Unpaid SPAC Expenses.

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"**Business**" means the development of next-generation antibody therapeutics to improve the lives of patients with severe and life-threatening diseases, including novel antibody constructs for immuno-oncology, ophthalmology, and autoimmunity, as conducted (and as contemplated to be conducted) by the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement.

"Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which commercial banks in New York, New York are open for the general transaction of business.

"CARES Act" means (a) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and any administrative or other guidance published with respect thereto by any Governmental Authority (including IRS Notices 2020-22 and 2020-65), or any other Law or executive order or executive memorandum (including the Memorandum on Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations in Light of the Ongoing COVID-19 Disaster, dated August 8, 2020) intended to address the consequences of COVID-19 (in each case, including any comparable provisions of U.S. state or local or non-U.S. Law and including any related or similar orders or declarations from any Governmental Authority) and (b) any extension of, amendment, supplement, correction, revision or similar treatment to any provision of the CARES Act contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, H.R. 133.

"Change of Control Payment" means (a) any success, change of control, retention, severance, transaction bonus or other similar payment payable to any Person as a result of or in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Document (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not including any so-called double-trigger payments), or (b) any payments made or required to be made pursuant to or in connection with or upon termination of, and any fees, expenses or other payments owing in respect of, any Company Related Party Transaction (in the case of clause (b), regardless of whether paid or payable prior to, at or after the Closing or in connection with or otherwise related to this Agreement or any Ancillary Document).

"Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company Acquisition Proposal" means (a) any transaction or series of related transactions under which any Person(s), directly or indirectly, acquires or otherwise purchases (i) the Company, or (ii) all or substantially all of the assets or businesses of the Company and its Subsidiaries (in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), whether by merger, consolidation, recapitalization, purchase or issuance of equity securities, tender offer or otherwise), or (b) any material equity or similar investment in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, (i) none of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall constitute a Company Acquisition Proposal, (ii) the Company may issue Company Options in the ordinary course of business, and (iii) the Company may raise capital in the form of an equity financing and/or convertible debt financing.

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"Company Business Intellectual Property" means collectively, the Company Owned Intellectual Property and the Company Licensed Intellectual Property.

"**Company Certificate of Incorporation**" means the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, dated as of March 30, 2022.

"Company Common Stock" means common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company.

"Company Disclosure Schedules" means the disclosure schedules to this Agreement delivered to SPAC by the Company on the date of this Agreement.

"Company Equity Plan" means the Company's 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.

"Company Expenses" means, as of any determination time, the aggregate amount of fees, expenses, commissions or other amounts incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not due and payable, and not otherwise expressly allocated to a SPAC Party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, in connection with the negotiation, preparation or execution of this Agreement or any Ancillary Documents, the performance of its covenants or agreements in this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, including (a) the fees and expenses of outside legal counsel, accountants, advisors, brokers, investment bankers, consultants, or other agents or service providers of the Company, (b) any other fees, expenses, commissions or amounts that are expressly allocated to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, and (c) Change of Control Payments paid or payable by the Company on or before the Closing Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, Company Expenses shall not include any SPAC Expenses.

"**Company Fundamental Representations**" means the representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 3.1(a)</u> (*Organization and Qualification*), <u>Section 3.2(a)</u> (other than clause (iii) of the first sentence) and <u>Section 3.2(b)</u> (*Capitalization*), <u>Section 3.3</u> (*Authority*), <u>Section 3.9(a)</u> (*Absence of Changes*) and <u>Section 3.18</u> (*Brokers*).

"Company IT Systems" means any and all computer systems, Software and hardware, communication systems, servers, network equipment and related documentation, in each case, owned, used, licensed, or leased by the Company or its Subsidiaries.

"**Company Licensed Intellectual Property**" means any and all Intellectual Property Rights owned by or licensed to any Person (other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) that (a) are licensed or sublicensed (or purported to be licensed or sublicensed) to or used, held for use or practiced by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (b) with respect to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has obtained (or purported to have obtained) a covenant not to be sued.

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"Company Material Adverse Effect" means any Effect that, individually or in the aggregate with any other Effect, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, results of operations or condition (financial, regulatory, clinical or otherwise) of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of the Company to consummate the Merger; provided, however, that in the case of clause (a), none of the following shall be taken into account in determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred or would be reasonably expected to occur: any adverse Effect (regardless of materiality) arising from or related to (i) general business or economic conditions in or affecting the United States, European Union or Australia, or changes therein, or the global economy generally, (ii) any national or international political or social conditions in the United States, European Union or any other country, including the engagement by the United States, European Union or any other country in hostilities, whether or not pursuant to the declaration of a national emergency or war, or the occurrence in any place of any military or terrorist attack, sabotage or cyberterrorism, (iii) changes in conditions of the financial, banking, capital or securities markets generally in the United States, European Union or any other country or region in the world, or changes therein, including changes in interest rates in the United States, European Union or any other country and changes in exchange rates for the currencies of any countries, (iv) changes or proposed changes in any applicable Laws or GAAP after the date of this Agreement, (v) any Effect that is generally applicable to the industries or markets in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate, (vi) the execution or public announcement of this Agreement or the pendency or consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of the Company and its Subsidiaries with employees, Contingent Workers, customers, investors, contractors, lenders, suppliers, vendors, partners, licensors, licensees or other third parties related thereto; provided that the exception in this clause (vi) shall not apply to the representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.6(b) to the extent that such exception's purpose is to address the consequences resulting from the public announcement or pendency or consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or the condition set forth in Section 6.2(a) to the extent it relates to such representations and warranties), (vii) any failure by the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to meet, or changes to, any internal or published budgets, projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions (although the underlying facts and circumstances resulting in such failure may be taken into account to the extent not otherwise excluded from this definition pursuant to clauses (i) through (vi) or (viii)), or (viii) any hurricane, tornado, flood, earthquake, tsunami, natural disaster, mudslides, wild fires, epidemics or pandemics or the worsening of any pandemics (including COVID-19), acts of God or other natural disasters or comparable events in the United States, European Union or any other country or region in the world, or any escalation of the foregoing; provided, however, that any Effect resulting from a matter described in any of the foregoing clauses (i) through (v) or (viii) may be taken into account in determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred or would be reasonably expected to occur to the extent, and solely to the extent, such Effect has a material and disproportionate adverse effect on the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants operating in the industries or markets in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate.

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"**Company Option**" means, as of any reference time, each option to purchase shares of Company Common Stock granted to any current or former director, manager, officer, employee, Contingent Worker or other service provider of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is outstanding and unexercised.

"Company Owned Intellectual Property" means any and all Intellectual Property Rights that are owned or purported to be owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

"**Company Preferred Stock**" means the 11,620,248 shares of Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 4,444,444 shares of which are designated Series F Preferred Stock, 3,303,966 shares of which are designated Series E Preferred Stock, 1,220,261 shares of which are designated Series D Preferred Stock, 2,005,687 shares of which are designated Series C Preferred Stock, 626,636 shares of which are designated Series B Preferred Stock, and 19,254 of which are designated Series A Preferred Stock.

"Company Product" means each product candidate that is being researched, tested, developed or manufactured by or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

"**Company Registered Intellectual Property**" means any and all Registered Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by, or filed or registered by or in the name of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Company RSU" means, as of any reference time, each restricted stock unit covering shares of Company Common Stock granted to any current or former director, manager, officer, employee, Contingent Worker or other service provider of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is outstanding.

"Company Shares" means shares of the Company Common Stock.

"Company Stockholders" means the holders of Company Common Stock and the Company Preferred Stock as of any determination time prior to the Effective Time.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means that certain Confidential Disclosure Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2023, between the Company and SPAC.

"Consent" means any notice, authorization, qualification, registration, filing, notification, waiver, order, consent or approval to be obtained from, filed with or delivered to, a Governmental Entity or other Person.

"**Contingent Worker**" means any individual independent contractor, consultant, contractor, temporary employee or leased employee currently being used by the Company and its Subsidiaries and classified by them as other than an employee, or compensated other than through Form W-2 wages paid by them through their payroll functions.

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"**Contract**" or "**Contracts**" means any written agreement, contract, license, lease, obligation, undertaking or other commitment or arrangement that is legally binding upon a Person or any of his, her or its properties or assets.

"Copyrights" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Intellectual Property Rights.

"COVID-19" means SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and any evolutions or mutations thereof or related or associated epidemics, pandemics or disease outbreaks.

"Effect" means any state of facts, event, change, effect, occurrence, circumstance or development.

"Employee Benefit Plan" means each (a) "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA), (b) each stock option plan, stock purchase plan, equity-based plan, retention plan, profit sharing plan, bonus or incentive plan, severance pay plan, program or arrangement, deferred compensation arrangement or agreement, employment agreement, compensation plan, program, agreement or arrangement, change in control plan, program or arrangement, supplemental income arrangement, vacation plan and each other employee benefit plan, program, policy, agreement and arrangement not described in (a) above, and (c) each plan or arrangement providing compensation to employee and non-employee directors, in each case that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries maintain, sponsor or contribute to, or has any obligation to contribute to, or under or with respect to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has or may have any Liability.

"Employment Agreements" means the employment agreements with Ian Chan, Rob Markelewicz, Richard Mitrano and Christian Zapf.

"Environmental Laws" means all Laws and Orders concerning pollution, protection of the environment, or human health or safety.

"Equity Securities" means any share, share capital, capital stock, partnership, membership, unit, joint venture or similar interest in any Person (including any stock appreciation, phantom stock, profit participation or similar rights), and any option, warrant, right or security (including debt securities) convertible, exchangeable or exercisable therefor.

"Equity Value" means \$725,000,000.

"Equity Value Per Share" means (a) the Equity Value, divided by (b) the Fully Diluted Company Capitalization.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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"ERISA Affiliate" means any entity, trade or business that is, or at any applicable time was, a member of a group described in Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code or Section 4001(b)(1) of ERISA that includes the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exchange Ratio" means (a) the Equity Value Per Share, divided by (b) \$10.00.

"FDA" means the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or any successor agency thereto.

"FDCA" means the United States Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

"Federal Securities Laws" means the Exchange Act, the Securities Act and the other U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder or otherwise.

"Fraud" with respect to any Party, means a material false representation of material fact by such Party of the representations and warranties set forth in <u>ARTICLE III</u> or <u>ARTICLE IV</u>, as applicable, or in any certificate delivered hereunder, with the intent that another Party rely on such representations and warranties, coupled with such other Party's detrimental reliance on such representations and warranties under circumstances that constitute common law fraud under the Laws of the State of Delaware. For the avoidance of doubt, "Fraud" does not include any claim for equitable fraud, promissory fraud, unfair dealings fraud or any torts based on negligence or recklessness.

"Fully Diluted Company Capitalization" means, without duplication, the sum of (a) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, determined on an as-converted basis (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the number of shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon conversion of a share of Company Preferred Stock and any other Equity Securities convertible into shares of Company Common Stock outstanding as of immediately prior to the Closing based on the then-applicable conversion ratio), (b) the aggregate number of Company RSUs that are outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time and (c) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock (on a net exercise basis) subject to Unvested Company Options and Vested Company Options as of immediately prior to the Effective Time.

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles.

"Good Clinical Practices" means the then current standards for clinical trials, including all applicable requirements relating to protection of human subjects, as set forth in the FDCA and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time, including the applicable requirements contained in 21 C.F.R. Parts 50, 54, and 56, and such standards of good clinical practice, including all applicable requirements relating to protection of human subjects, as are required by other organizations and Governmental Entities in any other countries in which the Company Products are intended to be used or sold.

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"Good Laboratory Practices" mean the then current standards for conducting nonclinical laboratory studies, as set forth in the FDCA and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time, including applicable requirements contained in 21 C.F.R. Part 58, and such applicable standards of good laboratory practices as are required by other organizations and Governmental Entities in any other countries in which the Company Products are intended to be used or sold.

"Governing Documents" means the legal document(s) by which any Person (other than an individual) establishes its legal existence or which govern its internal affairs, or other organizational documents of such Person. For example, the "Governing Documents" of a U.S. corporation are its certificate or articles of incorporation and by-laws, the "Governing Documents" of a U.S. limited partnership are its limited partnership agreement and certificate of limited partnership and the "Governing Documents" of a U.S. limited liability company are its operating or limited liability company agreement and certificate of formation.

"Governmental Entity" means any United States or non-United States (a) federal, state, local, municipal or other government, (b) governmental or quasi-governmental entity of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official or entity and any court or other tribunal), or (c) body exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory or taxing authority or power of any nature, including any arbitral tribunal (public or private).

"Healthcare Laws" means all Laws relating to healthcare regulatory matters or the development, testing, research (including nonclinical and clinical research or studies), manufacture, production, analysis, distribution, approval, importation, exportation, use, handling, quality, packaging, labeling, sale or promotion of any drug or biological product (including any ingredient or component of the foregoing products), including the FDCA (21 U.S.C. §§ 301, et seq.), the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq.), all Laws relating to any federal health care program (as such term is defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(f)), including the federal Anti-Kickback Statute (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b)), the Physician Self-Referral Law (42 U.S.C. § 1395nn), the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. § 3729, et seq.), the administrative False Claims Law (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)), Sections 1320a-7, 1320a-7a, and 1320a-7b of Title 42 of the United States Code and any comparable self-referral or fraud and abuse laws promulgated by any Governmental Entity, the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255), the health care fraud criminal provisions under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") (42 U.S.C. § 1320d, et seq.), HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. § 17921, et seq.), and any state or federal Law the purpose of which is to protect the privacy of individually-identifiable patient information, Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) and Medicaid (Title XIX of the Social Security Act), the Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010, TRICARE (10 U.S.C. Section 1071, et seq.), the U.S. Physician Payments Sunshine Act (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7h) and similar state or foreign Laws related to the reporting of manufacturer payments or transfers of value to health care professionals, in each case including the associated rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and all of their foreign equivalents, and any other requirements of Law relating to the Business.

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"HSR Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Incentive Stock Option" means a Company Option that is an "incentive stock option" (as defined in Section 422 of the Code).

"Indebtedness" means, as of any time, without duplication, with respect to any Person, the outstanding principal amount of, accrued and unpaid interest on, fees and expenses arising under or in respect of (a) indebtedness for borrowed money, (b) other obligations evidenced by any note, bond, debenture or other debt security, (c) obligations for the deferred purchase price of property or assets, including "earn-outs" and "seller notes" (but excluding any trade payables arising in the ordinary course of business), (d) reimbursement and other obligations with respect to letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments, in each case, solely to the extent drawn, (e) leases required to be capitalized under GAAP, (f) derivative, hedging, swap, foreign exchange or similar arrangements, including swaps, caps, collars, hedges or similar arrangements, (g) all "applicable employment taxes" (as defined in Section 2302(d)(1) of the CARES Act) that the Group Companies have elected to defer pursuant to Section 2302 of the CARES Act, (h) all Taxes (including withholding Taxes) deferred pursuant to Internal Revenue Service Notice 2020-65 or any related or similar order or declaration from any Governmental Entity (including, without limitation, the Presidential Memorandum, dated August 8, 2020, issued by the President of the United States), and (i) any of the obligations of any other Person of the type referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above directly or indirectly guaranteed by such Person or secured by any assets of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness has been assumed by such Person.

"Intellectual Property Rights" means any and all intellectual property rights and related priority rights protected, created or arising under the Laws of the United States or any other jurisdiction or under any international convention, including all (a) patents and patent applications, industrial designs and design patent rights, including any continuations, divisionals, continuations-in-part and provisional applications and statutory invention registrations, and any patents issuing on any of the foregoing and any reissues, reexaminations, substitutes, supplementary protection certificates or extensions of any of the foregoing (collectively, "Patents"), (b) trademarks, service marks, trade names, service names, brand names, trade dress rights, logos, Internet domain names, social media accounts or identifiers, corporate names and other source or business identifiers, together with the goodwill associated with any of the foregoing, and all applications, registrations, extensions and renewals of any of the foregoing (collectively, "Marks"), (c) copyrights and rights in works of authorship, design rights, mask work rights and moral rights, whether or not registered or published, and all registrations, applications, renewals, extensions and reversions of any of the foregoing (collectively, "Copyrights"), (d) trade secrets, know-how and confidential and proprietary information, including invention disclosures, inventions and formulae, whether patentable or not, (e) rights in or to Software or other technology, (f) rights in databases and compilations, including rights in data and collections of data, whether machine readable or otherwise and (g) any other intellectual or proprietary rights protectable, arising under or associated with any of the foregoing, including those protected by any Law anywhere in the world.

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"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940.

"Key Employee" means the Chief Executive Officer or any individual employed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with a title of "vice president."

"Law" means any federal, state, local, foreign, national or supranational statute, law (including common law), act, statute, ordinance, treaty, rule, code, regulation or other legally binding directive issued, promulgated or enforced by a Governmental Entity having jurisdiction over a given matter.

"Liability" or "liability" means any and all debts, liabilities and obligations, whether accrued or fixed, absolute or contingent, known or unknown, matured or unmatured or determinable, including those arising under any Law (including any Environmental Law), Proceeding or Order and those arising under any Contract.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien, license or sub-license, charge, covenant not to sue granted to a third party, or other similar encumbrance or interest (including, in the case of any Equity Securities, any voting, transfer or similar restrictions).

"Malicious Code" means disabling codes or instructions, spyware, trojan horses, worms, viruses or other software routines that facilitate or cause unauthorized access to, or disruption, impairment, disablement, or destruction of, software, information technology systems, data or other materials.

"Marks" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Intellectual Property Rights.

"Merger Consideration" means with (a) respect to each outstanding share of Company Common Stock, a number of shares of Series A Common Stock equal to the Exchange Ratio, and (b) with respect to each outstanding share of Company Preferred Stock, a number of shares of Series A Common Stock equal to (i) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock that would be issued upon conversion of such Company Preferred Stock into Company Common Stock based on the applicable conversion ratio immediately prior to the Effective Time, as set forth in the Allocation Schedule, multiplied by (ii) the Exchange Ratio.

"Nasdaq" means the Nasdaq Global Market.

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"**Off-the-Shelf Software**" means any Software that is made generally and widely available to the public on a commercial basis and is licensed to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries on a non-exclusive basis under standard terms and conditions.

"**Order**" means any outstanding writ, order, judgment, injunction, decision, determination, award, ruling, subpoena, verdict or decree entered, issued or rendered by any Governmental Entity.

"Pandemic Measures" means (a) any "shelter-in-place," "stay at home," workforce reduction, furlough, employee time off, employee leave, social distancing, shut down, closure, sequester, business or workplace reopening, or other conditions, restrictions or requirements pursuant to any Law, order, directive, pronouncement, guideline or recommendation of or by any Governmental Entity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the World Health Organization in connection with or in respect of COVID-19 or any other pandemic, epidemic, public health emergency or virus or disease outbreak, (b) with respect to Section 5.1(a) and Section 5.3(b), any acts or omissions by the Company or its Subsidiaries that have been or may be taken in a commercially reasonable manner as a reasonable good faith response to COVID-19, or to the extent necessary to avoid, mitigate or remediate a material adverse effect on the Company, its Subsidiaries or the Business as may result from COVID-19, and (c) with respect to Section 5.1(c) and Section 5.1(c) and Section 5.1(c) or to the extent necessary to avoid, mitigate or remediate a material adverse effect on the SPAC Parties that have been or may be taken in a commercially reasonable manner as a reasonable good faith response to remediate a material adverse effect on the SPAC Parties that have been or may be taken in a commercially reasonable manner as a reasonable good faith response to remediate a material adverse effect on the SPAC Parties stat have been or may be taken in a commercially reasonable manner as a reasonable good faith response to COVID-19, and (c) with respect to Section 5.1(c) and Section 5.10, any acts or omissions by the SPAC Parties that have been or may be taken in a commercially reasonable manner as a reasonable good faith response to COVID-19.

"Patents" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Intellectual Property Rights.

"PCAOB" means the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

"**Permits**" means any approvals, Consents, authorizations, clearances, licenses, registrations, permits or certificates of or issued by a Governmental Entity.

"Permitted Liens" means (a) mechanic's, materialmen's, carriers', repairers' and other similar statutory Liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course of business for amounts that are not yet delinquent or are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which sufficient reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP, (b) Liens for Taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet due and payable as of the Closing Date or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which sufficient reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP, (c) encumbrances and restrictions on real property (including easements, covenants, conditions, rights of way and similar restrictions) that do not prohibit or materially interfere with the Company's or its Subsidiaries' use or occupancy of such real property for the operation of the Business, (d) zoning, building codes and other land use Laws regulating the use or occupancy of real property or the activities conducted thereon

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which are imposed by any Governmental Entity having jurisdiction over such real property and which are not violated by the use or occupancy of such real property for the operation of the Business and do not prohibit or materially interfere with the Company's or its Subsidiaries' use or occupancy of such real property for the operation of the Business, (e) in the case of the Leased Real Property, any Lien granted by any lessor, developer or third-party on any fee interest underlying the Leased Real Property, (f) the Real Property Leases, (g) cash deposits or cash pledges to secure the payment of workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, social security benefits or obligations arising under similar Laws or to secure the performance of public or statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business and which are not yet due and payable, (h) non-exclusive grants by the Company or its Subsidiaries of Intellectual Property Rights in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and that are not material to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (i) Liens listed on <u>Schedule 1.1(PL)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules.

"**Person**" means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, joint stock company, unincorporated organization or association, trust, joint venture or other similar entity, whether or not a legal entity.

"**Personal Data**" means any data in the Company's possession, custody, or control, (i) that identifies, or that could reasonably be used to identify, any natural person or device or household, or (ii) that constitutes protected health information of any natural person, in each case which data or information is regulated by Privacy Laws.

"Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders" means the holders of SPAC Common Stock at the relevant time of determination prior to the Effective Time.

"**Privacy Laws**" means all applicable Laws that govern the Processing of Personal Data or governing privacy, protected health information, data protection, data security, or data or security breach notification.

"Proceeding" means any lawsuit, litigation, action, audit, investigation, examination, claim, charge, complaint, proceeding, suit, arbitration or mediation (in each case, whether civil, criminal or administrative and whether public or private) pending by or before any Governmental Entity.

"**Process**" (or "**Processing**" or "**Processes**") means the collection, use, storage, processing, recording, distribution, transfer, import, export, protection (including security measures), disposal or disclosure or other activity regarding Personal Data (whether electronically or in any other form or medium).

"Real Property Leases" means all leases, sub-leases, licenses or other agreements, in each case, as amended from time to time and pursuant to which the Company or, if applicable, any of its Subsidiaries, leases or sub-leases any real property.

"Redemption Rights" means the redemption rights provided for in Sections 9.2 and 9.7 of the SPAC Certificate of Incorporation.

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"**Registered Intellectual Property**" means all issued Patents, pending Patent applications, registered Marks, pending applications for registration of Marks, registered Copyrights, pending applications for registration of Copyrights and Internet domain name registrations.

"**Regulatory Permits**" means all Permits granted by the FDA or any comparable Governmental Entity to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including investigational new drug applications, Biologics License Applications, manufacturing approvals and authorizations, clinical trial authorizations and ethical reviews, or their national or foreign equivalents.

"**Representatives**" means, with respect to a Person, such Person's Affiliates and its and such Affiliates respective directors (or equivalent), officers, managers, employees, members, owners and legal, financial, internal and independent accounting and other advisors and representatives.

"**Required Governing Document Proposals**" means the approval of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of SPAC, in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit D</u>, and Amended and Restated Bylaws of SPAC, in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>.

"Sanctions and Export Control Laws" means any applicable Law in any part of the world related to (a) import and export controls, including the U.S. Export Administration Regulations, the International Traffic and Arms Regulations, and any other equivalent or comparable export control laws and regulations of other countries, (b) economic sanctions, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, the European Union, any European Union Member State, the United Nations and Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom or (c) anti-boycott measures.

"Sarbanes-Oxley Act" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

"Schedules" means, collectively, the Company Disclosure Schedules and the SPAC Disclosure Schedules.

"SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securities Laws" means Federal Securities Laws and other applicable foreign and domestic securities or similar Laws.

"Series A Common Stock" means Series A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, of SPAC.

"Series B Common Stock" means Series B Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, of SPAC.

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"**Software**" means any and all (a) computer programs, including any and all software implementations of algorithms, models and methodologies, whether in source code or object code, (b) databases and compilations, including any and all data and collections of data, whether machine readable or otherwise, (c) descriptions, flowcharts and other work product used to design, plan, organize and develop any of the foregoing and, to the extent embodied in any of the foregoing, screens, user interfaces, report formats, firmware, development tools, templates, menus, buttons and icons, and (d) documentation, including user manuals and other training documentation, related to any of the foregoing.

"SPAC Acquisition Proposal" means any transaction or series of related transactions under which SPAC or any of its Affiliates, directly or indirectly, (a) acquires or otherwise purchases any other Person(s), (b) engages in a business combination with any other Person(s), or (c) acquires or otherwise purchases at least a majority of the voting securities of such Person(s) or all or substantially all of the assets or business of any other Person(s) (in the case of each of clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether by merger, consolidation, recapitalization, purchase or issuance of equity securities, tender offer or otherwise). Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, none of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall constitute a SPAC Acquisition Proposal.

"SPAC Certificate of Incorporation" means the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of SPAC, effective as of January 18, 2022, as amended by that certain Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated April 18, 2023.

"SPAC Common Stock" means Series A Common Stock and Series B Common Stock.

"SPAC Disclosure Schedules" means the disclosure schedules to this Agreement delivered to the Company by SPAC on the date of this Agreement.

"SPAC Expenses" means, as of any determination time, the aggregate amount of fees, expenses, commissions or other amounts incurred by or on behalf of any SPAC Party, whether or not due and payable, in connection with the negotiation, preparation or execution of this Agreement or any Ancillary Documents, the performance of its covenants or agreements in this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, including (a) the fees and expenses of outside legal counsel, accountants, advisors, brokers, investment bankers, consultants or other agents or service providers of any SPAC Party, (b) any other fees, expenses, commissions or amounts that are expressly allocated to any SPAC Party pursuant to this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, (c) any deferred underwriter fees, discounts and commissions in connection with SPAC's initial public offering, (d) the fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the PIPE Financing, including any cash financing fees or third-party advisory expenses in connection therewith, (e) the costs and expenses associated with any filings with or notifications to any Governmental Entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by this

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Agreements or the Ancillary Documents, including pursuant to the HSR Act, (f) the fees, costs and expenses associated with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement and (g) the fees, costs and expenses associated with the SPAC Stockholders Meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, SPAC Expenses shall not include any Company Expenses.

"SPAC Fundamental Representations" means the representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 4.1</u> (*Organization and Qualification*), <u>Section 4.2</u> (*Authority*), <u>Section 4.4</u> (*Brokers*), and <u>Section 4.6(a)</u> and <u>Section 4.6(b)</u> (*Capitalization*).

"SPAC Material Adverse Effect" means any Effect that, individually or in the aggregate with any other Effect, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, results of operations or condition (financial, regulatory or otherwise) of the SPAC Parties, taken as a whole, or (b) the ability of SPAC or Merger Sub to consummate the Merger; provided, however, that, in the case of clause (a), none of the following shall be taken into account in determining whether a SPAC Material Adverse Effect has occurred or would be reasonably expected to occur: any adverse Effect (regardless of materiality) arising from or related to (i) general business or economic conditions in or affecting the United States, or changes therein, or the global economy generally, (ii) any national or international political or social conditions in the United States or any other country, including the engagement by the United States or any other country in hostilities, whether or not pursuant to the declaration of a national emergency or war, or the occurrence in any place of any military or terrorist attack, sabotage or cyberterrorism, (iii) changes in conditions of the financial, banking, capital or securities markets generally in the United States or any other country or region in the world, or changes therein, including changes in interest rates in the United States or any other country and changes in exchange rates for the currencies of any countries, (iv) changes or proposed changes in any applicable Laws or GAAP after the date of this Agreement, (v) any Effect that is generally applicable to the industries or markets in which any SPAC Party operates, (vi) the execution or public announcement of this Agreement or the pendency or consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of any SPAC Party with investors, contractors, lenders, suppliers, vendors, partners, licensors, licensees or other third parties related thereto; provided that the exception in this clause (vi) shall not apply to the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.3(b) to the extent that such exception's purpose is to address the consequences resulting from the public announcement or pendency or consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the condition set forth in Section 6.3(a) to the extent it relates to such representations and warranties), (vii) any failure by any SPAC Party to meet, or changes to, any internal or published budgets, projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions (although the underlying facts and circumstances resulting in such failure may be taken into account to the extent not otherwise excluded from this definition pursuant to clauses (i) through (vi) or (viii)), (viii) any hurricane, tornado, flood, earthquake, tsunami, natural disaster, mudslides, wild fires, epidemics or pandemics or the worsening of any pandemics (including COVID-19), acts of God or other natural disasters or comparable events in the United States or any other country or region in the world, or any escalation of the foregoing, (ix) any Effect

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relating to the Company or its Subsidiaries or the Company Stockholders, (x) any SPAC Stockholder Redemption, in and of itself, or (xi) subject to <u>Section 5.17(b)</u>, any breach of any covenants, agreements or obligations of an Investor under a Subscription Agreement (including any breach of an Investor's obligations to fund its commitment thereunder when required); *provided*, *however*, that any Effect resulting from a matter described in any of the foregoing clauses (i) through (v) or (viii) may be taken into account in determining whether a SPAC Material Adverse Effect has occurred or would be reasonably expected to occur to the extent, and solely to the extent, such Effect has a material and disproportionate adverse effect on the SPAC Parties, taken as a whole, relative to other "SPACs" operating in the industries in which the SPAC Parties operate.

"SPAC Parties" means, collectively, SPAC and Merger Sub.

"SPAC Stockholder Approval" means the approval of each Required Transaction Proposal by the affirmative vote of the holders of the requisite number of SPAC Common Stock entitled to vote thereon, whether in person or by proxy at the SPAC Stockholders Meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof), in accordance with the Governing Documents of SPAC and applicable Law.

"SPAC Stockholder Redemption" means the right of the holders of Series A Common Stock to redeem all or a portion of their Series A Common Stock (in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise) as set forth in the SPAC Certificate of Incorporation.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other legal entity of which (a) if a corporation, a majority of the total voting power of shares of stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof, or (b) if a limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity (other than a corporation), a majority of the partnership or other similar ownership interests thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof and for this purpose, a Person or Persons own a majority ownership interest in such a business entity (other than a corporation) if such Person or Persons shall be allocated a majority of such business entity's gains or losses or shall be a, or control any, managing director or general partner of such business entity (other than a corporation). The term "Subsidiary" shall include all Subsidiaries of such Subsidiary.

"**Tax**" means any federal, state, local or non-U.S. income, gross receipts, franchise, estimated, alternative minimum, imputed underpayment, sales, use, transfer, value added, excise, stamp, customs, duties, ad valorem, real property, personal property (tangible and intangible), capital stock, social security, unemployment, payroll, wage, employment, severance, occupation, registration, communication, mortgage, profits, license, lease, service, goods and services, withholding, premium, unclaimed property, escheat, turnover, windfall profits or other taxes or other similar governmental fees or assessments, in each case, in the nature of taxes, together with any interest, deficiencies, penalties, additions to tax or additional amounts imposed by any Governmental Entity with respect thereto.

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"Tax Authority" means any Governmental Entity responsible for the collection or administration of Taxes or Tax Returns.

"**Tax Return**" means any return, information return, statement, declaration or claim for refund, together with any schedules thereto or amendments thereof, relating to Taxes required to be filed with any Tax Authority.

"Unpaid Company Expenses" means the Company Expenses that are unpaid as of the relevant determination date.

"Unpaid SPAC Expenses" means the SPAC Expenses that are unpaid as of the relevant determination date.

"Unvested Company Option" means each Company Option outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time that is not a Vested Company Option.

"Unvested Company RSU" means each Company RSU outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time that is not a Vested Company RSU.

"Vested Company Option" means each Company Option outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time that is vested as of such time or will vest in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (whether at the Effective Time or otherwise).

"Vested Company RSU" means each Company RSU outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time that is vested as of such time or will vest in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (whether at the Effective Time or otherwise).

"WARN Act" means the Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act of 1988, as well as analogous applicable foreign, state or local Laws related to plant closings, mass layoffs and employment losses.

"Willful Breach" means an intentional and willful breach, or an intentional and willful failure to perform, in each case, that is the consequence of an act or omission by a Party with the knowledge that the taking of such act or failure to take such act would cause a breach of this Agreement.

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Section 1.2. Certain Defined Terms. Each of the following terms is defined in the Section set forth opposite such term:

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Company	Introduction
Company Board	Recitals
Company D&O Persons	5.15(a)
Company D&O Tail Policy	5.15(c)
Company Financial Statements	3.5(a)
Company Group	8.19(a)
Company Incentive Shares	2.3(b)
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Exchange Agent	2.7(a)
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First Level Contingency Consideration	2.2(a)(i)
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Intended Tax Treatment	Recitals
Interim Period	5.1(a)
Investors	Recitals
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Rollover Option	2.6(a)
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Second Level Contingency Consideration	2.2(a)(ii)
Second Share Target	2.2(a)(ii)
Share Targets	2.2(a)(iii)
Signing Filing	5.4(b)
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SPAC	Introduction
SPAC Board	Recitals
SPAC Board Recommendation	5.8
SPAC D&O Persons	5.14(a)
SPAC D&O Tail Policy	5.14(c)
SPAC Financial Statements	4.13(d)
SPAC Group	8.19(a)
SPAC Incentive Shares	Recitals
SPAC Incentive Shares Escrow Agreement	Recitals
SPAC Incentive Shares Escrow Account	Recitals
SPAC Related Party	4.9
SPAC Related Party Transactions	4.9
SPAC SEC Reports	4.7
SPAC Stockholders Meeting	5.8
Sponsor	Recitals
Sponsor Support Agreement	Recitals
Subscription Agreements	Recitals
Subsidiary Securities	3.4(b)
Surviving Corporation	2.1(a)(i)
Termination Date	7.1(d)
Third Level Contingency Consideration	2.2(a)(iii)
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Trust Agreement	4.8
Trustee	4.8
VWAP	2.2(a)(i)

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ARTICLE II. THE MERGER

Section 2.1. Closing Transactions. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the following transactions shall occur in the order set forth in this <u>Section 2.1</u>:

(a) Merger.

(i) On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and in accordance with the DGCL, on the Closing Date, Merger Sub shall merge with and into the Company at the Effective Time. Following the Effective Time, the separate existence of Merger Sub shall cease and the Company shall continue as the surviving company of the Merger (the "Surviving Corporation").

(ii) At the Closing, the Parties shall cause a certificate of merger, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and SPAC (the "**Certificate of Merger**"), to be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Merger shall become effective on the date and time at which the Certificate of Merger is accepted for filing by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or at such later date or time as is agreed by SPAC and the Company and specified in the Certificate of Merger (the time the Merger becomes effective being referred to herein as the "**Effective Time**").

(iii) The Merger shall have the effects set forth in Section 251 of the DGCL. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, at the Effective Time, all of the assets, properties, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of the Company and Merger Sub shall vest in the Surviving Corporation and all Liabilities, obligations, restrictions, disabilities and duties of or applicable to each of the Company and Merger Sub shall become the Liabilities, obligations, restrictions, disabilities and duties of or applicable to the Surviving Corporation, in each case, in accordance with the DGCL.

(iv) At the Effective Time, the Governing Documents of Merger Sub shall be the Governing Documents of the Surviving Corporation, in each case, until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law.

(v) At the Effective Time, the directors set forth on Section 2.1(a)(v) of the Company Disclosure Schedule shall be the initial directors of the Surviving Corporation, each to hold office in accordance with the Governing Documents of the Surviving Corporation until such director's successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified, or until the earlier of their death, resignation or removal. At the Effective Time, the officers of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the initial officer's successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified, or until such officer's of the Surviving Corporation, each to hold office in accordance with the Governing Documents of the Surviving Corporation until such officer's successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified, or until the earlier of their death, resignation or removal.

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(vi) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any Party or any other Person, each share of capital stock of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into one share of common stock, par value \$0.0001, of the Surviving Corporation.

(vii) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any Party or any other Person, each Company Share (other than the Company Shares cancelled in accordance with clause (viii) immediately below) issued and outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and extinguished and be converted into the right to receive a number of shares of Series A Common Stock equal to the Merger Consideration. From and after the Effective Time, the holder(s) of certificates (the "**Certificates**"), if any, evidencing ownership of Company Shares and the Company Shares held in book-entry form issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall each cease to have any rights with respect to such Company Shares except as otherwise expressly provided for herein or under applicable Law.

(viii) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any Party or any other Person, each Company Share held immediately prior to the Effective Time by the Company as treasury stock shall be canceled and extinguished, and no consideration shall be paid with respect thereto.

Section 2.2. Contingency Consideration.

(a) Following the Closing, in addition to the consideration to be received pursuant to <u>Sections 2.1(a)(vii)</u> and <u>2.5</u> and as part of the overall Aggregate Consideration, Company Stockholders shall be issued additional shares of Series A Common Stock up to an aggregate amount of 14,500,000 shares (collectively, the "Earnout Shares"), as follows:

(i) one-third of the total Earnout Shares, if, on or before the date which is five calendar years after the Closing Date (the "Outside Date"), the volume weighted average price of shares of Series A Common Stock on Nasdaq, or any other national securities exchange on which the shares of Series A Common Stock are then traded ("VWAP"), is greater than or equal to \$13.00 over any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period (the "First Share Target") (such Earnout Shares, the "First Level Contingency Consideration");

(ii) one-third of the total Earnout Shares, if, on or before the Outside Date, the VWAP is greater than or equal to \$15.00 over any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period (the "Second Share Target") (such Earnout Shares, the "Second Level Contingency Consideration"); and

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(iii) one-third of the total Earnout Shares, if, on or before the Outside Date, the VWAP is greater than or equal to \$18.00 over any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period (the "**Third Share Target**" and together with the First Share Target and Second Share Target, collectively, the "**Share Targets**") (such Earnout Shares, the "**Third Level Contingency Consideration**" and together with the First Level Contingency Consideration and the Second Level Contingency Consideration, collectively, the "**Contingency Consideration**"). For the avoidance of doubt, each of the First Level Contingency Consideration, the Second Level Contingency Consideration and the Third Level Contingency Consideration is issuable only once in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 2.2(a)</u>, and the maximum amount of Contingency Consideration is 14,500,000 shares of Series A Common Stock, in the aggregate.

(b) If any of the Share Targets shall have been achieved, then within ten Business Days following the achievement of the applicable Share Target (which may be achieved at the same time or over the same or overlapping trading days), SPAC shall issue the applicable Contingency Consideration to each Company Stockholder as specified on the Allocation Schedule.

(c) Following the Closing, if a Change of Control of SPAC shall occur on or before the applicable Outside Date set forth in Section 2.2(a)(i), Section 2.2(a)(iii), or Section 2.2(a)(iii), respectively, then if (i) the per share value of the consideration to be received by holders of Series A Common Stock in connection with the Change of Control exceeds \$13.00 per share and the First Share Target has not been previously achieved, then the First Share Target shall be deemed to have been achieved, (ii) the per share value of the consideration to be received by holders of Series A Common Stock in connection with the Change of Control exceeds \$15.00 per share and the Second Share Target has not been previously achieved, then the Second Share Target shall be deemed to have been achieved, and (iii) the per share value of the consideration to be received by holders of Series A Common Stock in connection with the Change of Control exceeds \$18.00 per share and the Second Share Target has not been previously achieved, then the Second Share Target shall be deemed to have been achieved, and (iii) the per share value of the consideration to be received by holders of Series A Common Stock in connection with the Change of Control exceeds \$18.00 per share and the Third Share Target has not been previously achieved, then the Third Share Target shall be deemed to have been achieved. If any or all Share Targets are deemed to have been achieved, then any Contingency Consideration that remains unissued as of immediately prior to the consummation of such Change of Control shall immediately become payable and the Company Stockholders shall be entitled to receive such Contingency Consideration with the Change of Control; provided, that any Contingency Consideration that is not deemed to be earned in connection with the Change of Control in accordance with this <u>Section 2.2(c)</u> shall be forfeited by the Company Stockholder(s) for no consideration. Any Contingency Consideration shall be payable to the Company Stockholders as specified on

(i) the sale, lease, license, distribution, dividend or transfer, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of more than 50% of the assets of SPAC and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; or

(ii) a merger, consolidation or other business combination of SPAC (or any Subsidiary or Subsidiaries that alone or together represent more than 50% of the consolidated business of SPAC at that time) or any successor or other entity holding, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of all the assets of SPAC and its Subsidiaries that results in the stockholders of SPAC (or such Subsidiary or Subsidiaries) or any successor

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or other entity holding, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the assets of SPAC and its Subsidiaries or the surviving entity thereof, as applicable, immediately before the consummation of such transaction or series of related transactions holding, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the voting power of SPAC (or such Subsidiaries) or any successor, other entity or surviving entity thereof, as applicable, immediately following the consummation of such transaction or series of related transactions.

(d) The Contingency Consideration and the Share Targets shall be adjusted to reflect appropriately the effect of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend (including any dividend or distribution of securities convertible into shares of Series A Common Stock), reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, combination, exchange of shares or other like change with respect to Series A Common Stock, occurring on or after the date hereof and prior to the time any such Contingency Consideration is delivered to the Company Stockholders, if any.

(e) The right of the Company Stockholders to receive the Contingency Consideration (i) is solely a contractual right and will not be evidenced by a certificate and does not constitute a security or other instrument, (ii) may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, encumbered or in any other manner transferred or disposed of, in whole or in part, other than upon written notice to SPAC pursuant to a Permitted Transfer, and (iii) does not give the Company Stockholders any right to receive interest payments. There is no guaranty or other assurance of any kind that any Contingency Consideration will be payable hereunder (regardless of any projections, models, forecasts or any other financial data generated by, or provided to, the Company, SPAC or their respective Affiliates or Representatives). For purposes of this Agreement, "**Permitted Transfer**" means (A) a transfer on death by will or intestacy, (B) a transfer by instrument to an *inter vivos* or testamentary trust for beneficiaries upon the death of the trustee, (C) a transfer made pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction (such as in connection with divorce, bankruptcy or liquidation), (D) a transfer by a partnership or limited liability company through a distribution to its partners or members, as applicable, in each case without consideration, or (E) a transfer made by operation of law (including a consolidation or merger) or as pursuant to the dissolution, liquidation or termination of any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity.

(f) If the consideration to be received by holders of Series A Common Stock in a Change of Control includes non-cash consideration, then the value of such consideration for the purposes of Section 2.2(c) shall be determined in good faith by the SPAC Board.

Section 2.3. Incentive Shares.

(a) <u>SPAC Incentive Shares</u>. Prior to the Closing, SPAC, the Company and Sponsor shall enter into the SPAC Incentive Shares Escrow Agreement, providing for the SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Account into which, at Closing, SPAC shall issue and deliver 2,000,000 shares of Series A Common Stock, which shall be disbursed pursuant to the SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Agreement by the joint written consent of Sponsor and the Company to SPAC stockholders on a pro rata basis to induce non-redemption commitments from SPAC stockholders. Any SPAC Incentive Shares that are undistributed for such purpose after 180 days following the Closing shall be forfeited and cancelled.

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(b) <u>Company Incentive Shares</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, 22,500,000 shares Series A Common Stock of the total Merger Consideration (the "**Company Incentive Shares**") to be issued to the Company Stockholders will be reduced from the Merger Consideration and equally divided among the Sponsor, the Company and Abpro Bio Co., Ltd. for each such Person to use in the PIPE Financing or to obtain capital for SPAC or the Surviving Company. Any of the Company Incentive Shares that are not used or allocated by the Sponsor, the Company or Abpro Bio Co., Ltd. to any Person by the Closing shall be deemed forfeited and shall not be issued to any other Person, including the Company Stockholders.

Section 2.4. Closing of the Transactions Contemplated by this Agreement. The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "Closing") shall take place at the offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, 31 W. 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019, as promptly as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than the third Business Day, following the satisfaction (or, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, waiver) of the conditions set forth in <u>ARTICLE VI</u> (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to satisfaction or waiver of such conditions) (the "Closing Date") or at such other place, date or time as SPAC and the Company may agree in writing, or electronically by exchange of the closing deliverables by the means provided in <u>Section 8.11</u>.

Section 2.5. Allocation Schedule. No later than five Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall deliver to SPAC an allocation schedule (the "Allocation Schedule") setting forth (a) (i) the number of Company Equity Securities held by each Company Stockholder, (ii) the number of shares of Company Common Stock to be issued and outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, including pursuant to outstanding Company Preferred Stock, (iii) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to each Company Option held by each holder thereof, including the tax status of such Company Option, whether each such Company Option will be a Vested Company Option or an Unvested Company Option and the exercise price thereof, and the holder's employment or service status with the Company (iv) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to each Company RSU held by each holder thereof, including whether each such Company RSU will be a Rollover RSU; (b) the number of shares of Series A Common Stock that will be subject to each Rollover Option or Rollover RSU, and the exercise price of each Rollover Option at the Effective Time, determined in accordance with <u>Section 2.6</u>, as well as reasonably detailed calculations with respect to the components and subcomponents thereof; (d) the portion of the Contingency Consideration allocated to each Company Stockholder, in the event that any Contingency Consideration becomes payable, as well as reasonably detailed calculations with respect to the components thereof; and (e) a certification, duly executed by an authorized officer of the Company, that the information and calculations delivered pursuant to clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) are, and will be as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, (i) true

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and correct in all respects, and (ii) in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, the Governing Documents of the Company and applicable Laws and, in the case of Company Options and Company RSUs, the Company Equity Plan and any applicable grant or similar agreement with respect to any such Company Option or Company RSU. The Company will review any comments to the Allocation Schedule provided by SPAC or any of its Representatives and consider in good faith and incorporate any reasonable comments proposed by SPAC or any of its Representatives to correct inaccuracies. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, the aggregate number of shares of Series A Common Stock that each Company Stockholder will have a right to receive pursuant to Section 2.1(a)(vii) will be rounded down to the nearest whole share. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, the SPAC Parties and the Exchange Agent will be entitled to rely upon the Allocation Schedule for purposes of allocating the transaction consideration to the Company Stockholders under this Agreement or the agreement entered into by the Parties with the Exchange Agent, as applicable, and upon delivery, payment and issuance of the Aggregate Consideration on the Closing Date to the Exchange Agent, the SPAC and its respective Affiliates shall be deemed to have satisfied all obligations with respect to the payment of consideration under this Agreement (including with respect to the Aggregate Consideration), and none of them shall have (A) any further obligations to the Company, any Company Stockholder or any other Person with respect to the payment of any consideration under this Agreement, or (B) any Liability with respect to the allocation of the consideration under this Agreement, and the Company and the Company Stockholders hereby irrevocably waive and release the SPAC and its Affiliates (and, on and after the Closing, the Surviving Company and its Affiliates) from any and all claims arising out of or resulting from or related to such Allocation Schedule and the allocation of the Share Consideration, as the case may be, among each Company Stockholder as set forth in such Allocation Schedule.

Section 2.6. Treatment of Company Options and Company RSUs.

(a) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action of any Party or any other Person, each Company Option (whether a Vested Company Option or an Unvested Company Option) shall cease to represent the right to purchase shares of Company Common Stock and shall be converted into an option to purchase shares of Series A Common Stock (each, a "**Rollover Option**") in an amount, at an exercise price and subject to such terms and conditions determined as set forth below. Each Rollover Option shall (i) be exercisable for, and represent the right to purchase, a number of shares of Series A Common Stock (rounded down to the nearest whole share) equal to (A) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to the corresponding Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, *multiplied by* (B) the Exchange Ratio, and (ii) have an exercise price per share of Series A Common Stock applicable to the corresponding Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, *divided by* (B) the Exchange Ratio. Each Rollover Option shall be subject to the same terms and conditions (including applicable vesting, termination protection, expiration and forfeiture provisions) that applied to the corresponding Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, except for terms rendered inoperative by reason of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents or for such other immaterial

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administrative or ministerial changes as the SPAC Board (or the compensation committee of the SPAC Board) may determine in good faith are necessary to effectuate the administration of the Rollover Options. Such conversion shall occur in a manner consistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.424-1, such that such conversion will not constitute a "modification" of such Company Options for purposes of Section 409A or Section 424 of the Code.

(b) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action of any Party or any other Person, each Unvested Company RSU that is either (i) held by an employee of the Company as of the Effective Time or (ii) is held by a person that has been designated by the Company as a member of the Post-Closing Board, shall cease to represent the right to receive shares of Company Common Stock and shall be converted into a restricted stock unit denominated in shares of Series A Common Stock (each, a "**Rollover RSU**") in an amount and subject to such terms and conditions determined as set forth below. Each Rollover RSU shall represent the right to receive on settlement, a number of shares of Series A Common Stock (rounded down to the nearest whole share) equal to (A) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to the corresponding Company RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time, multiplied by (B) the Exchange Ratio. Each Rollover RSU shall be subject to the same terms and conditions (including applicable vesting, termination protection, expiration and forfeiture provisions) that applied to the corresponding Company RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time, except for terms rendered inoperative by reason of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents or for such other immaterial administrative or ministerial changes as the SPAC Board (or the compensation committee of the SPAC Board) may determine in good faith are necessary to effectuate the administration of the Rollover RSUs.

(c) At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any Party or any other Person, (i) each Vested Company RSU issued and outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and extinguished and be converted into the right to receive a number of shares of Series A Common Stock equal to the Merger Consideration, and (ii) each Unvested Company RSU that is not converted into a Rollover RSU shall be cancelled at the Effective Time and forfeited for no consideration.

(d) At the Effective Time, SPAC shall assume the Company Equity Plan and (i) all Company Options (whether vested or unvested) shall no longer be outstanding and shall automatically be converted into Rollover Options, and each holder thereof shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Section 2.6, (ii) all Company RSUs (whether vested or unvested) shall no longer be outstanding and each holder thereof shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Section 2.6, (iii) all shares of Company Common Stock reserved for issuance pursuant to the Company Equity Plan shall automatically be cancelled, and (iv) no further grants shall be made pursuant to the Company Equity Plan following the Effective Time.

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(e) Prior to the Closing, the Company shall take, or cause to be taken, all necessary actions under the Company Equity Plan (and the underlying grant, award or similar agreements) to give effect to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.6</u>.

Section 2.7. Closing Actions and Deliverables.

(a) At least five Business Days prior to the Closing Date, SPAC shall appoint and engage Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company as exchange agent (the "**Exchange Agent**") for the purpose of exchanging Certificates, if any, representing the Company Shares, and each Company Share held in book-entry form on the stock transfer books of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time, for the portion of the Merger Consideration issuable in respect of such Company Share pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(vii)</u>, and on the terms and subject to the other conditions set forth in this Agreement.

(b) Prior to the Effective Time, SPAC shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, with the Exchange Agent, for the benefit of the Company Stockholders and for exchange in accordance with this <u>Section 2.7</u> through the Exchange Agent, evidence of Series A Common Stock in bookentry form representing the portion of the Merger Consideration issuable pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(vii)</u> in exchange for the Company Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. All shares in book-entry form representing the portion of the Merger Consideration issuable pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(vii)</u> deposited with the Exchange Agent shall be referred to in this Agreement as the "**Exchange Fund**." SPAC shall cause the Exchange Agent pursuant to irrevocable instructions, to deliver that portion of the Merger Consideration consisting of SPAC Common Stock out of the Exchange Fund in accordance with this Agreement. Except as contemplated by this <u>Section 2.7</u> hereof, the Exchange Fund shall not be used for any other purpose.

(c) Each Company Stockholder whose Company Shares have been converted into the right to receive a portion of the Merger Consideration pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(vii)</u> shall be entitled to receive the portion of the Merger Consideration to which he, she or it is entitled on the date provided in <u>Section 2.7(d)</u> upon (i) surrender of a Certificate (or affidavit of loss, in lieu thereof, in the form required by the Exchange Agent) (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents or agreements required by the Exchange Agent) to the Exchange Agent, or (ii) delivery of an "agent's message" in the case of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents or agreements required by the Exchange Agent) to the Exchange Agent) to the Exchange Agent.

(d) If any Certificates (or affidavit of loss, in lieu thereof, in the form required by the Exchange Agent) or an "agent's message," as applicable, is delivered to the Exchange Agent in accordance with <u>Section 2.7(c)</u> (i) at least one Business Day prior to the Closing Date, then SPAC and the Company shall take all necessary actions to cause the applicable portion of the Merger Consideration to be issued to the applicable Company Stockholder in book-entry form on the Closing Date, or (ii) less than one Business Day prior to or on or after the Closing Date, then SPAC and the Company (or the Surviving Corporation) shall take all necessary actions to cause the applicable portion of the Merger Consideration to be issued to the Company Stockholder in book-entry form within two Business Days after such delivery.

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(e) If any portion of the Merger Consideration is to be issued to a Person other than the Company Stockholder in whose name the surrendered Certificate is, or the transferred Company Shares in book-entry form are, registered, it shall be a condition to the issuance of the applicable portion of the Merger Consideration that (i) either such Certificate shall be properly endorsed or shall otherwise be in proper form for transfer, or such Company Shares in book-entry form shall be properly transferred, and (ii) the Person requesting such consideration pay to the Exchange Agent any transfer or similar Taxes required as a result of such consideration being issued to a Person other than the registered holder of such Certificate or Company Shares in book-entry form, or establish to the satisfaction of the Exchange Agent that such transfer or similar Taxes have been paid or are not payable.

(f) No interest will be paid or accrued on the Merger Consideration (or any portion thereof). From and after the Effective Time, until surrendered or transferred, as applicable, in accordance with this <u>Section 2.7</u>, each Company Share (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company Shares cancelled in accordance with <u>Section 2.1(a)(viii)</u>) shall solely represent the right to receive a portion of the Merger Consideration to which such Company Share is entitled pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(vii)</u>.

(g) At the Effective Time, the stock transfer books of the Company shall be closed and there shall be no transfers of Company Shares that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time.

(h) Any portion of the Exchange Fund that remains unclaimed by the Company Stockholders 12 months following the Closing Date shall be delivered to SPAC or as otherwise instructed by SPAC, and any Company Stockholder who has not exchanged his, her or its Company Shares for the applicable portion of the Merger Consideration in accordance with this <u>Section 2.7</u> prior to that time shall thereafter look only to SPAC for the issuance of the applicable portion of the Merger Consideration, without any interest thereon. None of SPAC, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective Affiliates shall be liable to any Person in respect of any consideration delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, unclaimed property, escheat or similar Law. Any portion of the Merger Consideration remaining unclaimed by the Company Stockholders immediately prior to such time when the amounts would otherwise escheat to or become property of any Governmental Entity shall become, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, the property of SPAC free and clear of any claims or interest of any Person previously entitled thereto.

(i) None of the Exchange Agent, SPAC, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective Affiliates shall be liable to any holder of SPAC Common Stock (or dividends or distributions with respect thereto) or cash delivered to a public official pursuant to any abandoned property, escheat or similar Law in accordance with this <u>Section 2.7</u>.

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(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, no fractional shares of SPAC Common Stock will be issued, and the number of shares of SPAC Common Stock each holder of shares of SPAC Common Stock or Company Shares, as applicable, is entitled to receive pursuant to <u>ARTICLE II</u> will be rounded down to the nearest whole share.

(k) At the Closing:

(i) SPAC shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Company, the written resignations of all of the directors and officers of SPAC and Merger Sub (other than those Persons identified as directors of SPAC immediately after the Effective Time, in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 5.16</u>), effective as of the Effective Time;

(ii) SPAC shall issue and deliver the SPAC Incentive Shares into the SPAC Incentive Share Escrow Account;

(iii) SPAC shall issue and deliver 350,000 shares of Series A Common Stock to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP as partial compensation for services rendered in connection with the Merger, and 400,000 shares to Cantor Fitzgerald in full satisfaction of deferred underwriters fee due to Cantor; and

(iv) the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to SPAC (A) the Company Lock-Up Agreements, duly executed by the Persons listed on Section 2.7(k)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, and (B) as necessary, a duly executed certificate substantially in the form described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.1445-2(c)(3), together with a notice to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.897-2(h)(2).

Section 2.8. Withholding. SPAC, the Exchange Agent and any of their Affiliates shall be entitled to deduct and withhold (or cause to be deducted and withheld) from any consideration payable pursuant to this Agreement and any Ancillary Document, such amounts as are required to be deducted and withheld under applicable Tax Law; *provided, however*, that before making any deduction or withholding pursuant to this <u>Section 2.8</u>, other than in connection with any deduction or withholding attributable to either (i) payments that are compensatory in nature or (ii) a failure of the Company to comply with <u>Section 2.7(k)(ii)</u>, SPAC shall use commercially reasonable efforts to give the Company at least three days prior written notice of any anticipated deduction or withholding to provide the Company with sufficient opportunity to provide any forms or other documentation from the applicable equity holders or take such other steps in order to avoid such deduction or withholding and shall reasonably consult and cooperate with the Company in good faith to attempt to reduce or eliminate any amounts that would otherwise be deducted or withheld pursuant to this <u>Section 2.8</u>. To the extent that amounts are so withheld and remitted to the applicable Governmental Entity, such withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made.

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Section 2.9. Dissenting Stockholders. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, shares of Company Common Stock that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and that are held by any Person who is entitled to demand and properly demands appraisal of such shares (the "Dissenting Shares") pursuant to, and who complies in all respects with, Section 262 of the DGCL shall not be converted into the right to receive such Persons' portions of the Merger Consideration, but rather the holders of such Dissenting Shares shall be entitled to payment by the Surviving Corporation of the "fair value" of such Dissenting Shares in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL; provided, however, that if any such holder shall fail to perfect or otherwise shall waive, withdraw or lose the right to appraisal under Section 262 of the DGCL, then the right of such holder to be paid the fair value of such holder's Dissenting Shares shall cease and such Dissenting Shares shall be deemed to have been converted as of the Effective Time into, and to have become exchangeable solely for, the right to receive the Merger Consideration (for the avoidance of doubt, without any interest thereon), upon proper delivery to the Exchange Agent of such Person's Certificates (or affidavit of loss, in lieu thereof, in the form required by the Exchange Agent) or an "agent's message," as applicable (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents or agreements required by the Exchange Agent). The Company shall provide prompt notice to SPAC of any demands received by the Company for appraisal of any shares of Company Common Stock, withdrawals of such demands and any other instruments served pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL received by the Company. To the extent permitted by applicable Law, SPAC shall have the opportunity to participate with the Company in any and all negotiations and proceedings with respect to such demands. Prior to the Effective Time, neither the Company nor SPAC shall, without the prior written consent of the other party, voluntarily make any payment with respect to, or settle or offer to settle, any such demands or applications, waive any failure to timely deliver a written demand for appraisal, or agree to do any of the foregoing.

ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES RELATING TO THE COMPANY

Subject to <u>Section 8.8</u>, except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Company hereby represents and warrants to the SPAC Parties, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, as follows:

Section 3.1. Organization and Qualification.

(a) The Company and its Subsidiaries are corporations duly organized or formed, as applicable, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of their jurisdiction of incorporation. The Company and its Subsidiaries have the requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate their properties and to carry on the Business as presently conducted, except where the failure to have such power or authority would not, and would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) True and complete copies of the Governing Documents of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been made available to SPAC, in each case, as amended and in effect as of the date of this Agreement. The Governing Documents of the Company and its Subsidiaries are in full force and effect and neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries is in breach or violation of any provision set forth in its Governing Documents.

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(c) The Company and its Subsidiaries are duly qualified or licensed to transact business and are in good standing (or the equivalent thereof, if applicable, in each case, with respect to the jurisdictions that recognize the concept of good standing or any equivalent thereof) in each jurisdiction in which the property and assets owned, leased or operated by them, or the nature of the business conducted by them, makes such qualification or licensing necessary, except where the failure to be so duly qualified or licensed and in good standing (or the equivalent thereof) would not, and would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.2. Capitalization.

(a) Section 3.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth, as of the date of this Agreement, a true and complete statement of (i) the number and class or series (as applicable) of all of the Equity Securities of the Company issued and outstanding, (ii) the identity of the Persons that are the record and beneficial owners thereof (which does not include any Subsidiary of the Company), (iii) with respect to each Company Option, (A) the date of grant, (B) any applicable exercise (or similar) price, (C) the expiration date, (D) any applicable vesting schedule (including acceleration provisions), (E) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to the Company Option, (F) whether the Company Option is an Incentive Stock Option. All of the Company Shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. The Company Shares (1) were not issued in violation of the Governing Documents of the Company or any other Contract to which the Company is party or bound, (2) were not issued in violation of any preemptive rights, call option, right of first refusal or first offer, subscription rights, transfer restrictions or similar rights of any Person, (3) have been offered, sold and issued in compliance with applicable Law, including Securities Laws, and (4) are free and clear of all Liens (other than transfer restrictions under applicable Securities Law). Except for the Company Options set forth on Section 3.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, as of the date of this Agreement, the Company has no outstanding (x) equity appreciation, phantom equity or profit participation rights, or (y) options, restricted stock, phantom stock, warrants, purchase rights, subscription rights, conversion rights, exchange rights, calls, puts, rights of first refusal or first offer or other Contracts, in the case of each of clause (x) and (y), that would require the Company to issue, sell or otherwise cause to become outstanding or to acquire, repurchase or redeem any Equity Securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Equity Securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. There are no voting trusts, proxies or other Contracts with respect to the voting or transfer of the Company Shares. No Company Shares are held by a Subsidiary.

(b) Other than the Equity Securities it holds in each of its Subsidiaries, the Company does not own or hold (of record, beneficially, legally or otherwise), directly or indirectly, any Equity Securities in any other Person or the right to acquire any such Equity Securities, and the Company is not a partner or member of any partnership, limited liability company or joint venture.

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(c) <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement, including the principal amount of such Indebtedness, the outstanding balance as of the date of this Agreement and the debtor and creditor thereof.

(d) <u>Section 3.2(d)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all Change of Control Payments of the Company and its Subsidiaries, identifying for each such Change of Control Payment (i) the Person eligible to receive such Change of Control Payment, (ii) an estimate of the total potential amount of such Change of Control Payment, and (iii) the Contract or other arrangement pursuant to which such Change of Control Payment is payable or required to be made.

(e) Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.2(e)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, each Company Option and each Company RSU was granted in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws and all of the terms and conditions of the applicable Company Equity Plan, and each Company Option has an exercise price per share that is equal to or greater than the fair market value of a share of Company Common Stock on the date of such grant, determined in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code.

Section 3.3. Authority. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which it is or will be a party, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. Subject to obtaining the Company Stockholder Written Consent, the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been (or, in the case of any Ancillary Document entered into after the date of this Agreement, will be upon execution thereof) duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company. Subject to obtaining the Company Stockholder Written Consent, this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which the Company is or will be a party has been or will be, upon execution thereof, as applicable, duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes or will constitute, upon execution and delivery thereof, as applicable, a valid, legal and binding agreement of the Company (assuming that this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party are or will be upon execution thereof, as applicable, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the other Persons party hereto or thereto, as applicable), enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other Laws affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights and subject to general principles of equity ("Enforceability Exceptions"). On or prior to the date of this Agreement, the Company Board has duly adopted resolutions (i) determining that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby are advisable and fair to, and in the best interest of the Company, and the Company Stockholders, (ii) approving the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and (iii) resolving to recommend the approval of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby by the holders of Company Shares entitled to vote thereon. No other corporate action or vote is required under applicable Law, the Governing Documents of the Company, on the part of the Company or any Company Stockholders, to enter into this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which it is or will be a party, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, or to approve the Merger.

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Section 3.4. Subsidiaries.

(a) Set forth on <u>Section 3.4(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules is a list of the Company's Subsidiaries, together with their jurisdiction of incorporation, and a true and complete statement of the number and class or series (as applicable) of all of the Equity Securities of each Subsidiary.

(b) All of the issued share capital, stock or other voting or equity securities of each Subsidiary have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. All of the ownership interests in each Subsidiary are owned by the Company, directly or indirectly, free and clear of any Lien and free of any other limitation or restriction (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such ownership interests) and have not been issued in violation of preemptive or similar rights. There are no outstanding (i) subscriptions, calls, options, warrants, rights (including preemptive rights), puts or other securities of any Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares or voting or equity securities of any Subsidiary, or any other Contracts to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound obligating the Company or any Subsidiary to issue or sell any shares of, other equity interests in or debt securities of, any Subsidiary, or (ii) equity equivalents, phantom stock, options, appreciation rights, stock units, profits interests or other rights to acquire from the Company or any Subsidiary, or other obligation of the Company or any Subsidiary to issue, any shares, voting or equity securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares or voting or equity securities of any Subsidiary to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any outstanding Subsidiary Securities. None of the Subsidiaries owns any equity, ownership, profit, voting or similar interest in, or any interest convertible, exchangeable or exercisable for, any equity, profit, voting or similar interest in, any Person. No Subsidiary is party to any shareholders agreement, voting agreement, proxies, registration rights agreement or other similar agreements relating to its equity interests.

Section 3.5. Financial Statements; Undisclosed Liabilities.

(a) The Company has made available to SPAC true and complete copies of the audited consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and the related audited consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, and stockholders' deficit and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries for each of the years then ended (collectively, the "Audited Company Financial Statements"), and the unaudited, consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of September 30, 2023 and the related unaudited, consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal year to date period then ended (the "Unaudited Company

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Financial Statements" and, together with the Audited Company Financial Statements, the "**Company Financial Statements**"). The Company Financial Statements (including the notes thereto) and, when delivered pursuant to <u>Section 5.7</u>, the Additional Company Financial Statements and any pro forma financial statements, (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods indicated (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto), (ii) fairly present, in all material respects, as applicable, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the date thereof and for the period indicated therein, except as otherwise specifically noted therein, (iii) in the case of the Audited Company Financial Statements and the Additional Company Financial Statements, when delivered pursuant to <u>Section 5.7</u>, were audited in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and contain an unqualified report of the Company's auditors, and (iv) comply in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements and with the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Exchange Act and the Securities Act in effect as of the date hereof (including Regulation S-X or Regulation S-K, as applicable); *provided that*, the Unaudited Company Financial Statements do not include all of the notes or the information contained in such notes as required by GAAP for complete financial statements and are subject to normal year-end adjustments.

(b) Except (i) as set forth in the Company Financial Statements, (ii) for Liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business as of September 30, 2023 (none of which is a Liability for breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort, infringement or violation of Law), (iii) for Liabilities incurred in connection with the negotiation, preparation or execution of this Agreement or any Ancillary Documents, the performance of the respective covenants or agreements in this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (iv) either permitted to be incurred pursuant to or incurred in accordance with <u>Section 5.1</u>, (v) as set forth on the Company Disclosure Schedules, and (vi) for Liabilities that are not and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, the Company and its Subsidiaries have no Liabilities required by GAAP to be reflected or reserved against in the consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2023 included in the Company Financial Statements.

(c) The Company has established and maintains a system of internal accounting controls that is designed to provide, in all material respects, reasonable assurance that (i) all transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, and (ii) all transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of proper and accurate financial statements in accordance with GAAP and to maintain accountability for the Company's and its Subsidiaries' assets.

(d) Except as set forth in Section 3.5(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, in the past three years, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written complaint, allegation, assertion or claim, written or otherwise, that there is (i) a "significant deficiency" in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) a "material weakness" in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company and its Subsidiaries, that involves management or other employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries who have a significant role in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

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Section 3.6. Consents and Requisite Governmental Approvals; No Violations.

(a) No consent, approval, waiver or authorization of, or designation, declaration or filing with, any Person or Governmental Entity is required on the part of the Company with respect to the Company's execution, delivery or performance of its obligations under this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be party or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except for (i) compliance with and filings under the HSR Act or any filings with or approvals or clearances from any Governmental Entities that the Parties determine (acting reasonably) are required and advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (ii) the filing with the SEC of (A) the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement and the declaration of the effectiveness thereof by the SEC, and (B) such reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as may be required in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (iii) such filings with and approvals of Nasdaq to permit Series A Common Stock to be issued in accordance with this Agreement to be listed on Nasdaq, (iv) filing of the Certificate of Merger and filing of the charter amendment to effect the conversion of the Company Preferred Stock, (v) obtaining the Company Stockholder Written Consent, or (vi) any other consents, approvals, authorizations, designations, declarations, waivers or filings, the absence of which would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Subject to <u>Section 3.6(a)</u>, neither the execution, delivery or performance by the Company of this Agreement nor the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will, directly or indirectly (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) (i) result in any breach of any provision of the Company's Governing Documents, (ii) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute a default or give rise to any right of termination, Consent, cancellation, amendment, modification, suspension, revocation or acceleration under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of (A) any Material Contract to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party, or (B) any Material Permits, (iii) violate, or constitute a breach under, any Order or applicable Law to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets are bound, or (iv) result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the assets or properties (other than any Permitted Liens) or Equity Securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except, in the case of any of clauses (ii) through (iv) above, as would not be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Section 3.7. Permits. The Company and its Subsidiaries have all Permits that are required to own, lease or operate their properties and assets and to conduct the Business as currently conducted, except where the failure to obtain the same would not result in a Company Material Adverse Effect (the "Material Permits"). Except as is not and would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (a) each Material Permit is in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and (b) no written notice of revocation, cancellation or termination of any Material Permit has been received by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The Company and its Subsidiaries are, and (where applicable) have been for the past three (3) years prior to the date hereof, in all material respects fulfilling and performing their obligations under each of the Material Permits held by them or to which they are bound.

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Section 3.8. Material Contracts.

(a) <u>Section 3.8(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of the following Contracts to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is, as of the date of this Agreement, a party (each Contract required to be set forth on <u>Section 3.8(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, together with each of the Contracts entered into after the date of this Agreement that would be required to be set forth on <u>Section 3.8(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules if entered into prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, collectively, the "**Material Contracts**."

(i) any Contract relating to Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or to the placing of a Lien (other than any Permitted Lien) on any assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(ii) any Contract under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is lessee of or holds or operates, in each case, any tangible property (other than real property), owned by any other Person, except for any lease or agreement under which the aggregate annual rental payments do not exceed \$250,000;

(iii) any Contract under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is lessor of or permits any third party to hold or operate, in each case, any tangible property (other than real property), owned or controlled by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except for any lease or agreement under which the aggregate annual rental payments do not exceed \$250,000;

(iv) any joint venture, profit-sharing, partnership, collaboration, co-promotion, commercialization, material research and development or other similar, Contract (including any such Contract that governs the research, development, ownership, enforcement, use, or other exploitation of any Intellectual Property Rights or other assets material to the Business);

(v) any Contract that (A) limits or purports to limit, in any respect, the freedom of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to engage or compete in any line of business or with any Person or in any area or that would so limit or purport to limit, in any respect, the operations of SPAC or any of its Affiliates after the Closing, (B) contains any exclusivity, "most favored nation" or similar provisions, obligations or restrictions, or (C) contains any other provisions restricting or purporting to restrict the ability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to sell, manufacture, develop, commercialize, test or research the Company Products, directly or indirectly through third parties, in any respect or that would so limit or purports to limit, in any respect, SPAC or any of its Affiliates after the Closing;

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(vi) any Contract requiring any future capital commitment or capital expenditure (or series of capital expenditures) by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in an amount in excess of (A) \$500,000 annually, or (B) \$1,500,000 over the life of the agreement;

(vii) any Contract requiring the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to guarantee the Liabilities of any Person (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) or pursuant to which any Person (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) has guaranteed the Liabilities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case in excess of \$500,000;

(viii) any Contract under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has, directly or indirectly, made or agreed to make any loan, advance, or assignment of payment to any Person or made any capital contribution to, or other investment in, any Person, in each case in excess of \$500,000;

(ix) any Contract required to be disclosed on Section 3.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules;

(x) any Contract with any Person (A) pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or SPAC or any of its Affiliates after the Closing) may be required to pay milestones, royalties or other contingent payments based on any research, testing, development, regulatory filings or approval, sale, distribution, commercial manufacture or other similar occurrences, developments, activities or events, in each case, relating to Company Products, or (B) under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries grants to any Person any right of first refusal, right of first negotiation, option to purchase, option to license or any other similar rights with respect to any Company Product or any Company Business Intellectual Property;

(xi) any Contract entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that constitutes a collective bargaining agreement or any other agreement executed between the Company or its Subsidiary, as applicable, and a union or similar organization;

(xii) any Contract governing the terms of the employment, engagement or services of any current director, manager, officer, employee, or Contingent Worker of the Company whose annual base salary (or, in the case of a Contingent Worker, actual or anticipated annual base compensation) is in excess of \$150,000, excluding any such Contract that either (A) is terminable by the Company at will or (B) that provides for severance of 30 days or less;

(xiii) any Contract providing for any Change of Control Payment of the type described in clause (a) of the definition thereof;

(xiv) any Contract for the disposition of any portion of the assets or business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or for the acquisition by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of the assets or business of any other Person (other than acquisitions or dispositions made in the ordinary course of business), or under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has any continuing obligation with respect to an "earn-out," contingent purchase price or other contingent or deferred payment obligation;

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(xv) any Contract pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (A) obtains any right to, or covenant not to be sued under, any Intellectual Property Right (other than any license for Off-the-Shelf Software), or (B) grants any right to, or covenant not to be sued under, any Intellectual Property Right;

(xvi) any settlement, conciliation or similar Contract (A) the performance of which would be reasonably likely to involve any payments after the date of this Agreement by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (B) with a Governmental Entity or which relates to alleged criminal wrongdoing, (C) that imposes or is reasonably likely to impose, at any time in the future, any material, non-monetary obligations on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or SPAC or any of its Affiliates after the Closing), or (D) which requires the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to accept or concede material injunctive relief; and

(xvii) any other Contract the performance of which requires either (A) annual payments by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$500,000, or (B) aggregate payments by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,500,000 over the life of the agreement and, in each case, that is not terminable by the Company or its Subsidiary, as applicable, without penalty upon less than 30 days' prior written notice.

(b) Except as set forth on <u>Section 3.8(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, (i) each Material Contract is valid and binding on the Company or its Subsidiary, as applicable, and, to the knowledge of the Company, the counterparty thereto, and is in full force and effect, and (ii) the Company and its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, the counterparties thereto, are not in material breach of, or default under, any Material Contract, and, to the knowledge of the Company, there are no facts or circumstances which would, or which would reasonably be expected to, lead to such breach or default. As of the date of this Agreement, no written notice of termination has been received by the Company with respect to any Material Contract, and to the knowledge of the Company, none of the other parties to any Material Contract has indicated to the Company that it intends to terminate the Material Contract or to terminate or reduce its business dealings with the Company.

Section 3.9. Absence of Changes. During the period beginning on September 30, 2023 and ending on the date of this Agreement, (a) except as set forth on Section 3.9(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, no Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred, and (b) except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, any Ancillary Document, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (i) the Company and its Subsidiaries have conducted the Business in the ordinary course in all material respects (including, for the avoidance of doubt, recent past practice in light of COVID-19), and (ii) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has taken any action that would require the consent of SPAC if taken during the period from the date of this Agreement until the Closing pursuant to Section 5.1(b)(i), (ii), (iv), (v), (vii), (ix), (x) (solely relating to the Company's directors and officers), (xii), (xiv), (xv) and (xviii).

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Section 3.10. Litigation. Except as set forth on <u>Section 3.10</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, there is (and for the past three years there has been) (a) no Proceeding pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers, or affecting any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' respective assets or properties, that if adversely decided or resolved, has been or would reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, and, to the Company's knowledge, no facts exist that would reasonably be expected to form the basis for any such Proceeding; (b) no material Order to which the Company, its Subsidiaries, their respective directors and officers or any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' respective properties or assets is subject; (c) no Proceeding by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries against any other Person, and no such Proceeding is or has been threatened in writing; (d) no settlement or similar agreement that imposes any material ongoing obligation or restriction on the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the operation of the Business; and (e) no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened, audit, examination or investigation by any Governmental Entities in respect of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or officers or officers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

Section 3.11. Compliance with Applicable Law. The Company and its Subsidiaries (a) conduct (and for the past three years have conducted) the Business in accordance with all Laws and Orders applicable to them and are not in violation of any such Law or Order, and (b) have not received any written communications from a Governmental Entity and, to the Company's knowledge, there is no such pending communication, that alleges that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is not in compliance with any such Law or Order, except in each case of clauses (a) and (b), as is not and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Section 3.12. Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) Section 3.12(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true and complete list of all material Employee Benefit Plans.

(b) True, complete and correct copies of the following documents, with respect to each material Employee Benefit Plan, where applicable, have been delivered to SPAC (i) all documents embodying or governing such Employee Benefit Plan (or for unwritten Employee Benefit Plans, a written description of the material terms of such Employee Benefit Plan) and any funding medium for the Employee Benefit Plan, (ii) the most recent Internal Revenue Service determination or opinion letter, (iii) the most recently filed Form 5500, (iv) the most recent actuarial valuation report, (v) the most recent summary plan description (or other descriptions provided to employees) and all modifications thereto, (vi) the last three years.

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(c) Each Employee Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination or approval letter from the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such qualification, or may rely on an opinion letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to a prototype plan adopted in accordance with the requirements for such reliance and, to the Company's knowledge, no event or omission has occurred that would be reasonably likely to cause any such Employee Benefit Plan to lose such qualification.

(d) Each Employee Benefit Plan is and has been established, operated and administered in all material respects in accordance with applicable Laws and with its terms, including ERISA, the Code and the Affordable Care Act. No Employee Benefit Plan is, or since its inception has been, the subject of an application or filing under a government sponsored amnesty, voluntary compliance or similar program, or been the subject of any self-correction under any such program. As of the date hereof, no litigation or governmental administrative proceeding or audit (other than those relating to routine claims for benefits) is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan. All payments or contributions required to have been made with respect to all Employee Benefit Plans either have been timely made in all material respects or have been accrued in all material respects in accordance with the terms of the applicable Employee Benefit Plan and applicable Law.

(e) Neither the Company, its Subsidiaries nor any ERISA Affiliate (or any predecessor thereof) has, since the date the Company was organized, maintained, contributed to, or been required to contribute to or had any liability (whether contingent or otherwise, including on account of any ERISA Affiliate) with respect to (i) any employee benefit plan that is or was subject to Title IV of ERISA, Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, (ii) a "multiemployer plan" (within the meaning of Section 3(37) of ERISA), (iii) any funded welfare benefit plan within the meaning of Section 419 of the Code, (iv) any "multiple employer plan" (within the meaning of Section 210 of ERISA or Section 413(c) of the Code), or (v) any "multiple employer welfare arrangement" (as such term is defined in Section 3(40) of ERISA).

(f) Except as set forth on <u>Section 3.12(f)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries provide or has any obligation to provide health care or any other non-pension benefits to any employees after their employment is terminated (other than as required by Part 6 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA, Section 4980B of the Code and any similar state Law and for which the recipient pays the full cost of coverage).

(g) Each Employee Benefit Plan that constitutes in any part a nonqualified deferred compensation plan within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code has been operated and maintained in all material respects in operational and documentary compliance with Section 409A of the Code and applicable guidance thereunder.

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(h) Except as set forth on <u>Section 3.12(h)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, neither the execution or delivery of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document to which the Company is or will be a party, the approval of this Agreement by the Company Stockholders, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Document to which the Company is or will be a party, could (either alone or in combination with any other event) reasonably be expected to (i) result in, or cause the accelerated vesting, payment, funding or delivery of, or increase the amount or value of, any payment or benefit to, or result in the forgiveness of any indebtedness of, any current or former director, manager, officer, employee, individual independent contractor or other individual service provider of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under any Employee Benefit Plan, (ii) further restrict any rights of the Company or its Subsidiaries to merge, amend or terminate any Employee Benefit Plan, or (iii) result in any "parachute payment" as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code (whether or not such payment is considered to be reasonable compensation for services rendered).

(i) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any obligation to make any tax "gross-up" or similar "make whole" payments to any service provider with respect to any tax under Section 4999 or 409A of the Code.

(j) No Employee Benefit Plan is subject to the laws of any jurisdiction outside the United States.

Section 3.13. Environmental Matters. Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) The Company is (and where still relevant, was) in compliance with all applicable material Environmental Laws (including whether applicable to its operations and the use or condition of any real property currently or formerly owned or leased).

(b) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice or communication from any Governmental Entity or any other Person regarding any actual, alleged or potential violation or remediation requirement in any respect of, or a failure to comply in any respect with, any Environmental Laws.

(c) There is (and for the past three years there has been) no Proceeding pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors and officers pursuant to Environmental Laws.

(d) To the knowledge of the Company, there are no underground storage tanks, landfills, current or former waste disposal areas or polychlorinated biphenyls or any other condition or contamination at or on any material real property currently or formerly owned or leased by the Company that require reporting, investigation, cleanup, remediation or any other type of response action by a Group Company pursuant to any Environmental Laws.

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(e) There has not been, whether by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, any manufacture, release, treatment, storage, disposal, arrangement for disposal, transport or handling of, contamination by, or exposure of any Person to, any hazardous, toxic, explosive or radioactive material, substance, waste or other pollutant that is regulated by, or may give rise to Liability pursuant to any Environmental Law, including any petroleum products or byproducts, asbestos, lead, polychlorinated biphenyls, per- and poly-fluoroakyl substances, or radon.

(f) The Company has made available to SPAC copies of all material environmental, health and safety reports and documents that were prepared for the Company or its Subsidiaries by third parties and are in the Company's or its Subsidiaries' possession relating to the operations, properties or facilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries in the past three (3) years.

Section 3.14. Intellectual Property.

(a) <u>Section 3.14(a)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true and complete list of (i) all currently issued or pending Company Registered Intellectual Property, and (ii) any Patent included in the Company Licensed Intellectual Property that is exclusively licensed (including by field of use, territory or other manner) to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries ("**Licensed Patents**"), specifying as to each such item, as applicable, (A) the record owner of such item, (B) the jurisdictions in which such item has been issued, registered or filed, (C) the issuance, registration or application date, as applicable, for such item, and (D) the issuance, registration or application number, as applicable, for such item.

(b) All fees and filings necessary as of the date of this Agreement to maintain any application or registration, issuance, or grant of any Company Registered Intellectual Property and, to the Company's knowledge, any Licensed Patents, have been timely submitted to the relevant patent office or other Governmental Entity, as applicable. As of the date of this Agreement, no item of the Company Registered Intellectual Property or, to the Company's knowledge, Licensed Patents are lapsed, abandoned or cancelled. As of the date of this Agreement, the Company Registered Intellectual Property and, to the Company's knowledge, Licensed Patents are not the subject of any pending Proceedings, including litigation, interference, re-examination, *inter parties* review, reissue, opposition, nullity or cancellation proceedings and, to the Company's knowledge, no such Proceedings are threatened by any Governmental Entity or any other Person.

(c) Except as set forth in Section 3.14(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Company and its Subsidiaries exclusively own all right, title and interest in and to all Company Owned Intellectual Property, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Liens) and hold all right, title and interest in and to all of the Company's or its applicable Subsidiary's rights under all Company Licensed Intellectual Property free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens). For each Patent included in the Company Owned Intellectual Property, each inventor listed or required to be listed on the Patent has assigned his or her rights to the Company or the relevant Subsidiary.

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(d) The Company Business Intellectual Property, to the Company's knowledge, constitutes all of the Intellectual Property Rights that are necessary to enable the Company and its Subsidiaries to conduct the Business as currently conducted and as currently contemplated to be conducted. The Company Registered Intellectual Property and Licensed Patents are currently in compliance with formal legal requirements of the applicable intellectual property office and are not subject to any maintenance fees or taxes or actions falling due within 90 days after the Closing Date, with the exception of responses, patent maintenance fees, and other filings due in the ordinary course of intellectual property prosecution with the applicable intellectual property offices. All Company Registered Intellectual Property and, to the knowledge of the Company, Licensed Patents are subsisting, and if registered, issued or granted, are valid and enforceable.

(e) The Company's and its Subsidiaries' former and current employees, consultants, advisors and independent contractors who independently or jointly contributed to or otherwise participated in the authorship, invention, creation, improvement, modification or development of any Intellectual Property Rights for or on behalf of the Company (each such person, a "**Creator**") have executed written agreements assigning to the Company or its relevant Subsidiary, as applicable, all Intellectual Property Rights authored, invented, created, improved, modified or developed by such person in the course of such Creator's employment or other engagement with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(f) The Company and its Subsidiaries have taken reasonable steps to safeguard and maintain the secrecy of any trade secrets, confidential know-how and other confidential information owned by or licensed to the Company and its Subsidiaries. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company and its Subsidiaries have not disclosed any material trade secrets, confidential know-how or confidential information to any other Person unless such disclosure was under an appropriate written agreement containing appropriate limitations on use, reproduction and disclosure of such trade secret, confidential know-how or confidential information or was otherwise made subject to an appropriate duty of confidence. To the Company's knowledge, as of the date of this Agreement there has been no violation or unauthorized access to or disclosure of any trade secrets, confidential know-how or confidential information of or in the possession of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or of any written obligations with respect to such.

(g) None of the Company Owned Intellectual Property and, to the Company's knowledge, none of the Company Licensed Intellectual Property is subject to any outstanding Order that restricts in any manner the use, sale, transfer, licensing or exploitation thereof by the Company and its Subsidiaries or affects the validity, use or enforceability of any such Company Business Intellectual Property. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not alter, encumber, impair or extinguish any Company Owned Intellectual Property or the Company's or its applicable Subsidiary's rights under any Company Licensed Intellectual Property.

(h) To the Company's knowledge, neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries nor any actual or currently contemplated design, development, manufacturing, reproduction, use, marketing, offer for sale, sale, importation, exportation, distribution or other exploitation of any Company Product infringes, misappropriates or otherwise violates (or in the past infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated) any Intellectual Property Rights of any other Person.

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(i) In the past three years, there has been no Proceeding pending against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries nor has the Company or any of its Subsidiaries received any written communications nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is any Proceeding threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (i) alleging that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated any Intellectual Property Rights of any other Person, or (ii) challenging the validity, enforceability, use or exclusive ownership of any Company Owned Intellectual Property.

(j) Except as set forth on <u>Section 3.14(j)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, to the Company's knowledge, no Person is (or was at any time in the past three years) infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating any Company Owned Intellectual Property or the Licensed Patents. For the past three years, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has made any claim against any Person alleging any infringement, misappropriation or other violation of any Company Owned Intellectual Property or Licensed Patents.

(k) The Company and its Subsidiaries own or have obtained, possess and are in compliance with valid licenses to use all of the Software present on the computers and other Software-enabled electronic devices that they own or lease or that are otherwise under the control of the Company and its Subsidiaries and used by them in connection with the Business, except as is not and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

(1) Section 3.14(1) of the Company Disclosure Schedules contains a true and complete list of any and all Company Owned Intellectual Property or Licensed Patent that was created, developed or reduced to practice, or is being created, developed or reduced to practice, (i) pursuant to, or in connection with, any Contract with any Governmental Entity or Governmental Entity-affiliated entity, or university, college or other educational institution, or (ii) using any funding or facilities of any Governmental Entity or Governmental Entity-affiliated entity, or university, college or other educational institution (collectively, "Government Funded IP"). To the Company's knowledge, the applicable licensors of the Licensed Patents included in the Government Funded IP, have taken any and all actions necessary to obtain, secure, maintain, enforce and protect the Company's or its applicable Subsidiary's right, title and interest in, to and under all Government Funded IP, have complied with any and all any Intellectual Property Rights disclosure and/or licensing obligations under any applicable contract referenced in clause (i) above.

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Section 3.15. Labor Matters.

(a) Section 3.15(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules contains a complete and accurate list of all employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement, setting forth for each employee: (i) the employee's position or title, (ii) the entity that employs the individual, (iii) whether classified as exempt or non-exempt for wage and hour purposes, (iv) the employee's actual annual base salary (if paid on a salary basis), hourly rate (if paid on an hourly basis) or commission rate (if paid on a purely commission basis), as applicable, (v) bonus and commission potential, (vi) for any part-time employee, average scheduled hours per week, (vii) date of hire, (viii) business location, (ix) status (*i.e.*, active or inactive and if inactive, the type of leave and estimated duration), and (x) any visa or work permit status and the date of expiration, if applicable.

(b) The Company and its Subsidiaries are, and for the past three years have been, in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws and regulations respecting labor and employment matters, including fair employment practices, pay equity, the classification of independent contractors, workplace safety and health, work authorization and immigration, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, affirmative action, terms and conditions of employment, employee leave and wages and hours, including payment of minimum wages and overtime. Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.15(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Company and its Subsidiaries are not delinquent in any payments to any employee or Contingent Worker for any wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, severance, fees or other direct compensation, as applicable, due with respect to any services performed for it or amounts required to be reimbursed to such employees or Contingent Workers, in each case, except as would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(c) Currently and within the three years preceding the date of this Agreement, the Company and its Subsidiaries have not been party to or, to the Company's knowledge, the subject of any litigation, arbitration, mediation, governmental audit, administrative agency proceeding, private dispute resolution proceeding or governmental investigation, in each case relating to employment or labor matters concerning the employees or Contingent Workers of the Company and its Subsidiaries, in each case, except as would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and the Company and its Subsidiaries have not conducted an internal investigation or authorized a third-party investigation (including those concerning allegations of employment discrimination, retaliation, noncompliance with wage and hour Laws, the misclassification of independent contractors, violation of restrictive covenants, sexual harassment or misconduct, other unlawful harassment, or unfair labor practices), in each case, except as would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(d) In the past three years, the Company and its Subsidiaries have not experienced a "plant closing," "business closing," or "mass layoff" or similar group employment loss as defined in the federal WARN Act or any similar state or local Law affecting any site of employment of the Company or its Subsidiaries or one or more facilities or operating units within any site of employment or facility of the Company or its Subsidiaries. During the 90-day period preceding the date of this Agreement, no employee has suffered an "employment loss" as defined in the WARN Act with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries.

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(e) The Company and its Subsidiaries are not a party to any collective bargaining agreements or other agreements with any labor organization, labor union, works council or other employee representative or any other Contract with a labor union, labor organization, works council, employee delegate, representative or other employee collective group, nor to the knowledge of the Company is there any duty on the part of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to bargain with any labor union, labor organization, works council, employee delegate, representative or other employee collective group. For the past three years, there has been no actual or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened unfair labor practice charges, material grievances, arbitrations, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, slowdowns, picketing, hand billing or other material labor disputes against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. To the Company's knowledge, for the past three years, there have been no labor organizing activities with respect to any employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(f) Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.15(f)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, to the knowledge of the Company, no Key Employee has provided written notice, as of the date of this Agreement, of a plan to terminate his or her employment with such entity.

(g) In the last three years, to the knowledge of the Company, no allegations of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct have been made to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries against any officer, executive or management-level employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

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Section 3.16. Insurance. Section 3.16 of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all material policies of fire, liability, workers' compensation, property, casualty and other forms of material insurance owned or held by the Company or its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement. All such policies are in full force and effect, all premiums due and payable thereon as of the date of this Agreement have been paid in full as of the date of this Agreement and true and complete copies of all such policies have been made available to SPAC. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in breach or otherwise in default under the terms of such policies and, to the Company's knowledge, no facts or circumstances exist which would result in any such breach or default, in each case, which has voided, would void, or which might reasonably be expected to void, any coverages under such policies. As of the date of this Agreement, no claim by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is pending under any such policies as to which coverage has been questioned, denied or disputed, or rights reserved to do so, by the underwriters thereof, except as is not and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The coverages provided by such policies are usual and customary in amount and scope for the Business as currently conducted and sufficient to comply with any insurance required to be maintained under Material Contracts.

Section 3.17. Tax Matters.

(a) The Company and its Subsidiaries have prepared and filed all material Tax Returns required to have been filed by them, all such Tax Returns are true and complete in all material respects and prepared in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws, and the Company and its Subsidiaries have paid all material Taxes required to have been paid by them regardless of whether shown on a Tax Return.

(b) The Company and its Subsidiaries have timely withheld and paid to the appropriate Tax Authority all material amounts required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, individual independent contractor, other service provider, equity interest holder or other third-party.

(c) The Company and its Subsidiaries are not currently the subject of a Tax audit or examination, and have not been informed in writing of the commencement or anticipated commencement of any Tax audit or examination that has not been resolved or completed, in each case, with respect to material Taxes.

(d) The Company and its Subsidiaries have not consented to extend or waive the time in which any material Tax may be assessed or collected by any Tax Authority, other than any such extensions or waivers that are no longer in effect or that were extensions of time to file Tax Returns obtained in the ordinary course of business.

(e) No "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. income Tax Law), private letter ruling, technical advice memoranda or similar agreement or ruling has been entered into or issued by any Tax Authority with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries which agreement or ruling would be effective after the Closing Date.

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(f) The Company and its Subsidiaries are not nor have they been a party to any "listed transaction" as defined in Section 6707A of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4 (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. income Tax Law).

(g) There are no Liens for Taxes on any assets of the Company or its Subsidiaries other than Permitted Liens.

(h) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has been a distributing corporation or a controlled corporation in a transaction purported or intended to be governed by Section 355 of the Code.

(i) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has been a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return (other than a group the common parent of which was the Company), or (ii) has any material Liability for the Taxes of any Person (other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable) under Section 1.1502-6 of the Treasury Regulations (or any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law), as a transferee or successor, by Contract or otherwise (other than any Contract entered into in the ordinary course of business, the principal purpose of which does not relate to Taxes).

(j) No written claims have ever been made by any Tax Authority in a jurisdiction where the Company and its Subsidiaries do not file a particular type of Tax Return or pay a particular type of Tax that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is or may be required to file such type of Tax Return in or pay such type of Tax to that jurisdiction, which claims have not been resolved or withdrawn.

(k) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any Tax allocation, Tax sharing or Tax indemnity or similar agreement (other than one that is included in a Contract entered into in the ordinary course of business that is not primarily related to Taxes) and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any joint venture, partnership or other arrangement that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income Tax purposes.

(1) The Company and its Subsidiaries are tax residents only in their respective jurisdiction of formation, and are not managed or controlled outside such jurisdiction for income Tax purposes, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

(m) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has a branch, permanent establishment (within the meaning of an applicable Tax treaty) or otherwise has an office or fixed place of business in a country other than the country in which it is organized, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

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(n) The Company and its Subsidiaries will not be required to include any material item of income in, or exclude any material item of deduction from, taxable income for any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of any: (i) change in, or use of improper, method of accounting for a taxable period (or portion thereof) ending on or prior to the Closing Date; (ii) "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or foreign income Tax Law) executed on or prior to the Closing Date; (iii) installment sale or open transaction disposition made on or prior to the Closing Date; (iv) deferred revenue or prepaid amount received on or prior to the Closing Date outside of the ordinary course of Business; (v) intercompany transaction or excess loss amount described in Treasury Regulations under Section 1502 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or foreign income Tax Law); or (vi) election under Section 965(h) of the Code.

(o) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has deferred any material Taxes under the CARES Act.

(p) All related party transactions involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are at arm's length in material compliance with Section 482 of the Code, the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

(q) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) knows of any fact or circumstance, or (ii) has taken or agreed to take any action, that, alone or in combination, could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment.

Section 3.18. Brokers. Except for fees (including the amounts due and payable assuming the Closing occurs) set forth on <u>Section 3.18</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules (which fees shall, if applicable, be subject to <u>Section 8.6</u>), no broker, finder, investment banker or other Person is entitled to any brokerage fee, finder's fee or other commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates for which the Company or its Subsidiaries has any obligation.

Section 3.19. Real and Personal Property.

(a) Owned Real Property. The Company does not own any real property.

(b) Leased Real Property. Section 3.19(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true and complete list (including street addresses) of all real property leased or otherwise occupied by the Company and its Subsidiaries (the "Leased Real Property") and all Real Property Leases pursuant to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a tenant or landlord (or sub-tenant or sub-landlord) as of the date of this Agreement. True and complete copies of all such Real Property Leases have been made available to SPAC. Each Real Property Lease is in full force and effect and is a valid, legal and binding obligation of the Company or its Subsidiary (as applicable), enforceable in accordance with its terms against the Company or its Subsidiary (as applicable) and, to the Company's knowledge, each other party thereto, subject to the

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Enforceability Exceptions. There is no material breach or default by the Company or its Subsidiary (as applicable) or, to the Company's knowledge, any third party under any Real Property Lease. The Company has not leased, subleased, licensed or granted occupancy rights in any parcel or any portion of any parcel of Leased Real Property to any other Person and no other Person has any rights to the use, occupancy or enjoyment thereof pursuant to any lease, sublease, license, occupancy or other agreement, nor has the Company assigned its interest under any Real Property Lease to any third party, in each case, in any material respects. No other Person is otherwise interfering with the unrestricted use of such property by the Company in all material respects. The Leased Real Property constitutes all of the material real property used or occupied by the Company in connection with the conduct of the Business. Other than the expiry or other possible future termination of the relevant Real Property Lease which materially adversely affects, or may materially adversely affect in the future, the use of any Leased Real Property by the Company.

(c) *Personal Property*. Except as set forth in <u>Section 3.19(c)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules, the Company and its Subsidiaries have good, valid and indefeasible title to, or a valid leasehold interest in or license or right to use, all of the material tangible assets and properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries reflected in the Company Financial Statements or thereafter acquired by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries prior to the date hereof, except for assets disposed of in the ordinary course of business. Such assets and properties are free and clear of any Liens (other than Permitted Liens or Liens that do not materially and adversely affect the operation of the businesses of the Company).

(d) Tangible Assets. The tangible assets owned, leased or otherwise used by the Company are in good condition (except for ordinary wear and tear).

Section 3.20. Transactions with Affiliates. Section 3.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedules sets forth all Contracts between (a) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and (b) any officer, director, employee, partner, member, manager, direct or indirect equityholder or Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or, to the Company's knowledge, any family member of the foregoing Persons, on the other hand (each Person identified in this clause (b), a "Company Related Party"), other than (i) Contracts with respect to a Company Related Party's employment with or service as a director to (including benefit plans and other ordinary course compensation from) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries entered into in the ordinary course of business and (ii) Contracts entered into after the date of this Agreement that are either permitted pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>. No Company Related Party (A) owns any interest in any material asset used in the Business, (B) possesses, directly or indirectly, any material financial interest in, or is a director or executive officer of, any Person which is a supplier, lender, partner, lessor, lessee or other material business relation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than ordinary course accrued compensation, employee benefits, employee or director expense reimbursement or other transactions that, if entered into after the date of this Agreement, are either permitted pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)</u> or entered into in accordance with <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>. All Contracts, arrangements, understandings, interests and other matters that are required to be disclosed pursuant to this <u>Section 3.20</u> are referred to herein as "Company Related Party Transactions."

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Section 3.21. Data Privacy and Security.

(a) The Company and its Subsidiaries have at all times complied in all material respects with all applicable Privacy Laws, Privacy and Data Security Policies (as defined below) and contractual commitments relating to the Processing of Personal Data (collectively, the "**Privacy Requirements**"). The Company has adopted written policies relating to the Processing of Personal Data as and to the extent required by applicable Law ("**Privacy and Data Security Policies**").

(b) There is no pending, nor has there been any Proceeding against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries initiated by (i) any Person, (ii) the United States Federal Trade Commission, any state attorney general or similar state official, (iii) any other Governmental Entity, foreign or domestic, or (iv) any regulatory or self-regulatory entity, alleging that any Processing of Personal Data by or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any Privacy Requirements or Privacy Laws.

(c) The Company has implemented and maintained, consistent with practices reasonable for similarly-situated companies in the industry in which the Company operates and its respective obligations to third parties, reasonable security and other measures designed to be adequate to protect the Company IT Systems used by the Company to store, process or transmit Intellectual Property Rights of the Company or Personal Data from loss, theft, unauthorized access, use, disclosure or modification, including reasonable measures (no less than reasonable for similarly-situated companies in the industry in which the Company operates) designed to be adequate to (i) secure Company IT Systems from unauthorized access and use by any Person; (ii) defend Company IT Systems against Malicious Code, denial of service attacks, distributed denial of service attacks, hacking attempts, and like attacks and activities by any other Person; and (iii) ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of Company IT Systems, including by employing reasonable security, maintenance, disaster recovery, redundancy, backup, archiving, and anti-virus systems (no less than reasonable for similarly-situated companies in the industry in which the Company operates) designed to be adequate to maintain and protect the performance, confidentiality, integrity and security of all Company IT Systems (and all software, information and data stored or contained therein or transmitted thereby). To the Company's knowledge, none of the Company IT Systems (or any software stored or contained therein), or enable or assist any Person to access any Company IT Systems (or any software, information or data stored or contained therein), or enable or assist any Person to access any Company IT Systems (or any software, information or data stored or contained therein or transmitted thereby) without authorization, or (B) Malicious Code.

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(d) There has been no breach of security resulting in unauthorized access, use or disclosure of Personal Data in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's knowledge, any of its contractors with regard to any Personal Data obtained from or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any unauthorized intrusions or breaches of security into the Company's or its Subsidiaries' systems.

(e) The Company and its Subsidiaries own or have license to use the Company IT Systems as currently conducted. To the Company's knowledge, none of the Company IT Systems contain any worm, bomb, backdoor, clock, timer or other disabling device, code, design or routine that causes the Software of any portion thereof to be erased, inoperable or otherwise incapable of being used, either automatically, with the passage of time or upon command by any unauthorized person.

(f) Neither the Company nor, to the Company's knowledge, any third party acting at the direction or authorization of the Company has paid (i) any perpetrator of any data breach incident or cyber-attack; or (ii) any third party with actual or alleged information about a data breach incident or cyber-attack, in each case, pursuant to a request for payment from or on behalf of such perpetrator or other third party.

(g) The Company has taken commercially reasonable organizational, physical, administrative and technical measures required by Privacy Requirements, and consistent with standards typical for similarly-situated companies in the industry in which the Company operates, designed to protect the integrity, security and operations of the Company IT Systems. The Company and its Subsidiaries have implemented commercially reasonable procedures, satisfying the requirements of applicable Privacy Laws in all material respects, designed to protect Personal Data against loss and against unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure or other misuse.

(h) The consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby or pursuant to any Ancillary Document will not violate any applicable Privacy Requirements.

(i) There have not been any Proceedings related to any data security incidents or any violations of any Privacy Requirements that have been asserted against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and, to the Company's knowledge, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any information relating to, or notice of any Proceedings with respect to, alleged violations by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any Privacy Requirements.

Section 3.22. Compliance with International Trade & Anti-Corruption Laws.

(a) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor their directors or officers nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of their respective Representatives acting for or on their behalf, is or has been, for the past three years, (i) a Person named on any Sanctions and Export Control Laws-related list of designated Persons maintained by a Governmental Entity, (ii) located, organized or resident in a country or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions and Export Control Laws, (iii) an entity owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more Persons described in clause (i) or (ii), or (iv) otherwise engaging in dealings with or for the benefit of any Person described in clauses (i) through (iii) or any country or territory which is or has, or the past three years, been the subject or target of any Sanctions and Export Control Laws (at the time of this Agreement, the Crimea region of Ukraine, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Venezuela, Sudan and Syria).

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(b) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of their respective Representatives acting for or on their behalf, has (i) made, offered, promised, paid or received any unlawful bribes, kickbacks or other similar payments to or from any Person, (ii) made or paid any contributions, directly or indirectly, to a domestic or foreign political party or candidate or (iii) otherwise violated any Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) None of the Company, their directors and officers or, to the Company's knowledge, any of their other Representatives or any other Persons acting for or on behalf of any of the foregoing has, directly or indirectly, violated any, or been subject to actual or, to the knowledge of the Company, pending or threatened Proceedings, demand letters, settlements or enforcement actions relating to any Anti-Corruption Law.

(d) During the last three years, the Company has complied with all applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.23. Information Supplied. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by or on behalf of the Company expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference prior to the Closing in the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement will, when the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is declared effective, when the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is mailed to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders, or at the time of the SPAC Stockholders Meeting, and in the case of any amendment thereto, at the time of such amendment, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

Section 3.24. Regulatory Compliance.

(a) The Company, its Subsidiaries and the Company Products are in compliance in all respects with all Regulatory Permits. To the knowledge of the Company, no Governmental Entity is considering limiting, suspending or revoking any Regulatory Permit held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, if any. To the Company's knowledge, each third party that is a sublicensee, manufacturer, contractor or agent for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is in compliance in all respects with all Regulatory Permits, if any, required by all applicable Healthcare Laws insofar as they reasonably pertain to the Company Products.

(b) Since the date the Company was organized, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of their sublicensees, has received any written notice that the FDA, any similar foreign Governmental Entity, or any institutional animal care and use committee (or similar body responsible for oversight of animal research), has initiated, or threatened to initiate, any Proceeding to restrict or suspend nonclinical or clinical research of any Company Product or in which the Governmental Entity alleges or asserts a failure to comply with applicable Healthcare Laws.

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(c) There are no Proceedings pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened, with respect to any alleged violation by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any of their sublicensees, of any applicable Healthcare Law as it relates to a Company Product. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is party to or subject to any corporate integrity agreement, monitoring agreement, consent decree, deferred prosecution agreement, settlement order or similar Contract with or imposed by any Governmental Entity related to any applicable Healthcare Law.

(d) All Company Products are, as applicable, being researched, developed, tested, investigated, manufactured, prepared, packaged, labeled, stored and distributed in compliance in all respects with applicable Healthcare Laws.

(e) Since the date the Company was organized, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of their sublicensees, has distributed (including for the purposes of any clinical trial) any Company Product that were upon their shipment adulterated or misbranded in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 331. No Company Products have been seized, withdrawn, recalled, detained or subject to a suspension (other than in the ordinary course of business) of research, development, testing, manufacturing or distribution, and, to the Company's knowledge, there are no facts or circumstances reasonably likely to cause the seizure, withdrawal, recall, or detention, or suspension (other than in the ordinary course of business) of research, development, company or distribution of any Company Product. There are no proceedings against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or, to the Company's knowledge, their sublicensees, pending or threatened in writing seeking the withdrawal, recall, revocation, suspension, import detention or seizure of any Company Product.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' sublicensees, or representative of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their sublicensees, has, made any untrue statement of a material fact or a fraudulent statement to the FDA or any other Governmental Entity responsible for enforcement or oversight with respect to applicable Healthcare Laws, or failed to disclose a material fact required to be disclosed to the FDA or such other Governmental Entity that, at the time such disclosure was made, would reasonably be expected to provide a basis for the FDA to invoke its policy respecting "Fraud, Untrue Statements of Material Facts, Bribery, and Illegal Gratuities" set forth in 56 Fed. Reg. 46191 (September 10, 1991), or for any other Governmental Entity to invoke a similar policy. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' sublicensees, or any representative of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their sublicensees, has been convicted of any crime or engaged in any conduct for which debarment is mandated by 21 U.S.C. § 335a(a) or any similar Laws or authorized by 21 U.S.C. § 335a(b) or any similar Laws. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' sublicensees, any employee, agent,

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officer, director, or owner of more than 5% equity of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their sublicensees, has been convicted of any crime or engaged in any conduct for which such person or entity could be excluded from participating in any U.S. federal health care programs under 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7 or any similar Law. No debarment or exclusionary claims, actions, proceedings or investigations are pending or threatened in writing against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' sublicensees or respective representatives.

(g) All nonclinical studies and clinical trials conducted or being conducted with respect to all Company Products by or at the direction of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's knowledge, their sublicensees have been and are being conducted in compliance with accepted professional scientific standards and all applicable Healthcare Laws, including the applicable requirements of Good Laboratory Practices and Good Clinical Practices.

(h) All material reports, documents, claims, permits and notices required to be filed, maintained or furnished to the FDA or any other foreign Governmental Entity by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under applicable Healthcare Laws have been so filed, maintained or furnished. All such reports, documents, claims, permits and notices were complete and accurate in all material respects on the date filed (or were corrected or supplemented by a subsequent filing).

(i) The Company and its Subsidiaries and, to the Company's knowledge, any of their sublicensees or Person acting for or on behalf of the Company or its Subsidiaries or their sublicensees are and have been in compliance with all applicable Healthcare Laws, except as would not have or be reasonably expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.25. Investigation; No Other Representations.

(a) The Company, on its own behalf and on behalf of its Representatives, acknowledges, represents, warrants and agrees that (i) it has conducted its own independent review and analysis of, and, based thereon, has formed an independent judgment concerning the business, assets, condition, operations and prospects of the SPAC Parties, and (ii) it has been furnished with or given access to such documents and information about the SPAC Parties and their respective businesses and operations as it and its Representatives have deemed necessary to enable it to make an informed decision with respect to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which it is or will be a party and the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) In entering into this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which it is or will be a party, the Company has relied solely on its own investigation and analysis and the representations and warranties expressly set forth in <u>ARTICLE IV</u> and in the Ancillary Documents and no other representations or warranties of any SPAC Party or any other Person, either express or implied, and the Company, on its own behalf and on

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behalf of its Representatives, acknowledges, represents, warrants and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in <u>ARTICLE IV</u> and in the Ancillary Documents, (i) none of the SPAC Parties nor any other Person makes or has made any representation or warranty, either express or implied, in connection with or related to this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, and (ii) the Company hereby disclaims reliance on any other documentation or information.

Section 3.26. Investment Company Act. The Company is not an "investment company" or a Person directly or indirectly "controlled" by or acting on behalf of a person subject to registration and regulation as an "investment company," in each case, within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.

Section 3.27. EXCLUSIVITY OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

(a) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DELIVERY OR DISCLOSURE TO ANY SPAC PARTY OR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY DOCUMENTATION OR OTHER INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS OR OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL DATA), EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS <u>ARTICLE III</u> OR THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS, NEITHER THE COMPANY NOR ANY OTHER PERSON MAKES, AND THE COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS, ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE MATERIALS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OR HOLDINGS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY SPAC PARTY OR ANY OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES OR IN ANY PRESENTATION OF THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY OR OTHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR BY THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS AND NO STATEMENT CONTAINED IN ANY OF SUCH MATERIALS OR MADE IN ANY SUCH PRESENTATION SHALL BE DEEMED A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY HEREUNDER OR OTHERWISE OR DEEMED TO BE RELIED UPON BY ANY SPAC PARTY OR ANY OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN EXECUTING, DELIVERING AND PERFORMING THIS AGREEMENT, THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

(b) EXCEPT FOR THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN <u>ARTICLE IV</u> OR THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY COST ESTIMATES, PROJECTIONS OR OTHER PREDICTIONS, ANY DATA, ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION OR ANY MEMORANDA OR OFFERING MATERIALS OR PRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING ANY OFFERING MEMORANDUM OR SIMILAR MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY SPAC PARTY ARE NOT AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE OR TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY SPAC PARTY, AND ARE NOT AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE RELIED UPON BY THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN EXECUTING, DELIVERING OR PERFORMING THIS AGREEMENT, THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

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ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES RELATING TO THE SPAC PARTIES

Subject to <u>Section 8.8</u>, except as set forth on the SPAC Disclosure Schedules or as set forth in any SPAC SEC Reports filed or furnished with the SEC at least one Business Day prior to the date hereof (excluding (i) any disclosures in any "risk factors" section that do not constitute statements of fact, disclosures in any forward-looking statements disclaimers and other disclosures that are generally cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature, and (ii) any matters required to be disclosed for purposes of <u>Section 4.1</u> (*Organization and Qualification*), <u>Section 4.2</u> (*Authority*), <u>Section 4.4</u> (*Brokers*), <u>Section 4.6(a)</u> (*Capitalization*) and <u>Section 4.8</u> (*Trust Account*)), each SPAC Party hereby represents and warrants to the Company, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, as follows:

Section 4.1. Organization and Qualification. Each SPAC Party is a corporation, duly organized, incorporated or formed, as applicable, and validly existing in good standing under the Laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation. True and complete copies of the Governing Documents of Merger Sub have been made available to the Company, as amended and in effect as of the date of this Agreement.

Section 4.2. Authority. Each SPAC Party has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which it is or will be a party, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder (subject to the SPAC Stockholder Approval and the stockholder approval contemplated in <u>Section 5.9</u>) and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. Subject to obtaining the SPAC Stockholder Approval and the approvals and consents to be obtained by Merger Sub pursuant to <u>Section 5.9</u>, the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which a SPAC Party is or will be a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been (or, in the case of any Ancillary Document entered into after the date of this Agreement, will be upon execution thereof) duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of such SPAC Party. Subject to obtaining the SPAC Stockholder Approval, this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which a SPAC Party is or will be a party has been or will be, upon execution thereof, as applicable, duly and validly executed and delivered by such SPAC Party (assuming that this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which such SPAC Party is or will constitute, upon execution and delivery thereof, as applicable, a valid, legal and binding agreement of such SPAC Party (assuming that this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which such SPAC Party is or will be a party are or will be upon execution thereof, as applicable, duly authorized, executed and delivered by the other Persons party hereto or thereto, as applicable), enforceable against such SPAC Party in accordance with their terms, subject to Enforceability Exceptions.

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Section 4.3. Consents and Requisite Governmental Approvals; No Violations.

(a) No consent, approval, waiver or authorization of, or designation, declaration or filing with, any Governmental Entity is required on the part of any SPAC Party with respect to such SPAC Party's execution, delivery or performance of its obligations under this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents to which it is or will be party or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except for (i) compliance with and filings under the HSR Act or any filings with or approvals or clearances from any Governmental Entities that the Parties determine (acting reasonably) are required and advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (ii) the filing with the SEC of (A) the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement and the declaration of the effectiveness thereof by the SEC, and (B) such reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as may be required in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (iii) such filings with and approvals of Nasdaq to permit Series A Common Stock to be issued in accordance with this Agreement to be listed on Nasdaq, (iv) filing of the Certificate of Merger, (v) the approvals and consents to be obtained by Merger Sub pursuant to Section 5.9, (vi) the SPAC Stockholder Approval, or (vii) any other consents, approvals, authorizations, designations, waivers or filings, the absence of which would not have a SPAC Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Subject to <u>Section 4.3(a)</u>, neither the execution, delivery or performance by any SPAC Party of this Agreement nor the Ancillary Documents to which any SPAC Party is or will be a party, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will, directly or indirectly (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) (i) result in any breach of any provision of the Governing Documents of any SPAC Party, (ii) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute a default or give rise to any right of termination, Consent, cancellation, amendment, modification, suspension, revocation or acceleration under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract to which any SPAC Party is a party, (iii) violate, or constitute a breach under, any Order or applicable Law to which any such SPAC Party or any of its properties or assets are bound, or (iv) result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the assets or properties (other than any Permitted Liens) or Equity Securities of any SPAC Party, except, in the case of any of clauses (ii) through (iv) above, as would not be material to the SPAC Parties taken as a whole.

Section 4.4. Brokers. Except for fees (including the amounts due and payable assuming the Closing occurs) set forth on <u>Section 4.4</u> of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules (which fees shall, if applicable, be subject to <u>Section 8.6</u>), no broker, finder, investment banker or other Person is entitled to any brokerage fee, finder's fee or other commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of any SPAC Party or any of its Affiliates for which any SPAC Party has any obligation.

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Section 4.5. Information Supplied. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by or on behalf of either SPAC Party expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference prior to the Closing in the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement will, when the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is declared effective, when the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is mailed to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders or at the time of the SPAC Stockholders Meeting, and in the case of any amendment thereto, at the time of such amendment, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

Section 4.6. Capitalization.

(a) The authorized capital stock of SPAC consists of (i) 100,000,000 shares of Series A Common Stock, (ii) 10,000,000 shares of Series B Common Stock, and (iii) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in each case, par value \$0.0001 per share. As of the date of this Agreement, (A) 10,935,691 shares of Series A Common Stock and 1 share of Series B Common Stock are issued and outstanding includes 3,435,692 shares subject to Redemption Rights), all of which are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and (B) no shares of SPAC Common Stock are held in the treasury of SPAC.

(b) Except as set forth on Section 4.6(b) of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules and for this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, or as mutually agreed to by the Parties, there are no outstanding (i) equity appreciation, phantom equity or profit participation rights, or (ii) options, restricted stock, phantom stock, warrants, purchase rights, subscription rights, conversion rights, exchange rights, calls, puts, rights of first refusal or first offer or other Contracts that would require SPAC, and, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or as mutually agreed in writing by the Parties, there is no obligation of SPAC, to issue, sell or otherwise cause to become outstanding or to acquire, repurchase or redeem any Equity Securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Equity Securities of SPAC. There are no voting trusts, proxies or other Contracts with respect to the voting or transfer of SPAC Equity Securities to which SPAC, the Sponsor or, to SPAC's knowledge, any other Person is a party.

(c) The Equity Securities of Merger Sub outstanding as of the date of this Agreement (i) have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, (ii) were issued in compliance in all material respects with applicable Law, and (iii) were not issued in breach or violation of any preemptive rights or Contract to which SPAC is a party or bound. All of the outstanding Equity Securities of Merger Sub are owned directly by SPAC free and clear of all Liens (other than transfer restrictions under applicable Securities Laws). As of the date of this Agreement, SPAC has no Subsidiaries other than Merger Sub and does not own, directly or indirectly, any Equity Securities in any Person other than Merger Sub.

(d) Section 4.6(d) of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all Indebtedness of SPAC as of the date of this Agreement, including the principal amount of such Indebtedness, the outstanding balance as of the date of this Agreement and the debtor and the creditor thereof.

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Section 4.7. SEC Filings. Except for the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2023 and September 30, 2023, SPAC has timely filed or furnished, in all material respects, all statements, forms, reports and documents required to be filed or furnished by it prior to the date of this Agreement with the SEC pursuant to Federal Securities Laws since its initial public offering (collectively, and together with any exhibits and schedules thereto and other information incorporated therein, and as they have been supplemented, modified or amended since the time of filing, the "SPAC SEC Reports"), and will file or furnish all other statements, forms, reports and other documents required to be filed or furnished by it subsequent to the date of this Agreement with the SEC pursuant to Federal Securities Laws (collectively, and together with any exhibits and schedules thereto and other information incorporated therein, and as they may be supplemented, modified or amended after the time of filing, but excluding the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, the "Additional SPAC SEC Reports"). Each of the SPAC SEC Reports, as of their respective dates of filing, and as of the date of any amendment or filing that superseded the initial filing, complied in all material respects, and each of the Additional SPAC SEC Reports, as of their respective dates of filing, and as of the date of any amendment or filing that supersedes the initial filing, will comply in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the Federal Securities Laws (including, as applicable, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) applicable to the SPAC SEC Reports or the Additional SPAC SEC Reports; provided that, for purposes of the Additional SPAC SEC Reports, the representation and warranty in this sentence is subject to the representation and warranty set forth in Section 3.23 being true and correct in all respects with respect to all information supplied by or on behalf of the Company expressly for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein. As of their respective dates of filing, the SPAC SEC Reports did not (a) contain any untrue statement of a material fact, or (b) omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made or will be made, as applicable, not misleading in any material respect. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comment letters received from the SEC with respect to the SPAC SEC Reports.

Section 4.8. Trust Account. As of the date of this Agreement, SPAC has an amount in cash in the Trust Account equal to at least \$36,466,121. The funds held in the Trust Account are (a) invested in United States "government securities" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act, having a maturity of 185 days or less or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act which invest only in direct U.S. government treasury obligations, and (b) held in trust pursuant to that certain Investment Management Trust Agreement, dated January 13, 2022, between SPAC and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as trustee (the "**Trustee**") (the "**Trust Agreement**"). There are no separate agreements, side letters or other understandings (whether written or unwritten, express or implied) that would cause the description of the Trust Agreement in the SPAC SEC Reports to be inaccurate in any material respect or, to SPAC's knowledge, that would entitle any Person to any portion of the funds in the Trust Account (other than (i) in respect of deferred underwriting commissions or Taxes, (ii) the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders who shall have elected to redeem their Series A Common Stock pursuant to the Governing Documents of SPAC, or (iii) if SPAC fails to complete a business combination within the allotted time period set forth in the Governing Documents of SPAC and liquidates the Trust Account, subject to the terms of the Trust Agreement, SPAC (in limited amounts to permit SPAC to pay the expenses of the Trust Account's liquidation, dissolution and winding up of SPAC) and then the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders). Prior to the Closing, none of the funds held in the Trust Account's liquidation, dissolution and winding up of SPAC) and then the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders). Prior to the Closing, none of the funds held in the Trust Account are permitted to be released, except in the circumstances described in

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the Governing Documents of SPAC and the Trust Agreement. SPAC has performed all material obligations required to be performed by it to date under, and is not in material default or delinquent in performance or any other respect (claimed or actual) in connection with the Trust Agreement, and, to the knowledge of SPAC, no event has occurred which, with due notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a material default thereunder. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no claims or proceedings pending with respect to the Trust Account. Since January 13, 2022, SPAC has not released any money from the Trust Account (other than (i) interest income earned on the funds held in the Trust Account as permitted by the Trust Agreement and (ii) funds pursuant to stockholder redemptions in connection with the amendment to the SPAC Certificate of Incorporation on April 18, 2023). Upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the distribution of assets from the Trust Account (A) in respect of deferred underwriting commissions or Taxes, or (B) to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders who have elected to redeem their Series A Common Stock pursuant to the Governing Documents of SPAC, each in accordance with the terms of and as set forth in the Trust Agreement, SPAC shall have no further obligation under either the Trust Agreement or the Governing Documents of SPAC to liquidate or distribute any assets held in the Trust Account, and the Trust Agreement shall terminate in accordance with its terms.

Section 4.9. Transactions with Affiliates. Section 4.9 of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules sets forth all Contracts between (a) SPAC, on the one hand, and (b) any officer, director, employee, partner, member, manager, direct or indirect equityholder (including the Sponsor) or Affiliate of either SPAC or the Sponsor or any family member of the forgoing Persons, on the other hand (each Person identified in this clause (b), a "SPAC Related Party"), that have not already been disclosed in the SPAC SEC Reports, other than (i) Contracts with respect to a SPAC Related Party's employment with, or the provision of services to, SPAC entered into in the ordinary course of business, and (ii) Contracts entered into after the date of this Agreement that are either permitted pursuant to Section 5.10 or entered into in accordance with Section 5.10. No SPAC Related Party (A) owns any interest in any material asset used in the business of SPAC, (B) possesses, directly or indirectly, any material financial interest in, or is a director or executive officer of, any Person which is a client, supplier, lender, partner, customer, lessor, lessee or other material business relation of SPAC or (C) owes any material amount to, or is owed any material amount by, SPAC. All Contracts, arrangements, understandings, interests and other matters that are required to be disclosed pursuant to this Section 4.9 are referred to herein as "SPAC Related Party Transactions."

Section 4.10. Litigation. There is (and since its organization, incorporation or formation, as applicable, there has been) no Proceeding pending or, to SPAC's knowledge, threatened against any SPAC Party or any of their respective directors or officers that, if adversely decided or resolved, would be material to the SPAC Parties, taken as a whole, and, to SPAC's knowledge, no facts exist that would reasonably be expected to form the basis for any such Proceeding. None of the SPAC Parties nor any of their respective properties or assets is subject to any material Order. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no material Proceedings by any SPAC Party pending against any other Person. There is (and since its organization, incorporation or formation, as applicable, there has been) no (a) settlement or similar agreement that imposes any material ongoing obligation or restriction on SPAC or the operation of its business, and (b) pending or, to SPAC's knowledge, threatened, audit, examination or investigation by any Governmental Entities in respect of SPAC or any of its directors or officers.

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Section 4.11. Compliance with Applicable Law. Each SPAC Party is (and since its incorporation has been) in compliance with all applicable Laws, except as would not be material to the SPAC Parties, taken as a whole.

Section 4.12. Merger Sub Activities. Merger Sub was organized solely for the purpose of entering into this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents and consummating the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and has not engaged in any activities or business, other than those incident or related to or incurred in connection with its incorporation or the negotiation, preparation or execution of this Agreement or any Ancillary Documents, the performance of its covenants or agreements in this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. Merger Sub does not have any Indebtedness.

Section 4.13. Internal Controls; Listing; Financial Statements.

(a) Except as not required in reliance on exemptions from various reporting requirements by virtue of SPAC's status as an "emerging growth company" within the meaning of the Securities Act, as modified by the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, as amended, or "smaller reporting company" within the meaning of the Exchange Act, since its initial public offering, (i) SPAC has established and maintained a system of internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15 and Rule 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) sufficient to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of SPAC's financial reporting and the preparation of SPAC's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP, and (ii) SPAC has established and maintained disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 and Rule 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) designed to ensure that information relating to SPAC is made known to SPAC's principal executive officer and principal financial officer to material information required to be included in SPAC's periodic reports required under the Exchange Act.

(b) Each director and executive officer of SPAC has filed with the SEC on a timely basis all statements required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. SPAC has not taken any action prohibited by Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(c) Since its initial public offering, SPAC has complied in all material respects with all applicable listing and corporate governance rules and regulations of Nasdaq. The class of securities representing issued and outstanding Series A Common Stock are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and are listed for trading on Nasdaq. There is no Proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of SPAC, threatened against SPAC by Nasdaq or the SEC with respect to any intention by such entity to deregister the Series A Common Stock or prohibit or terminate the listing of Series A Common Stock on Nasdaq. SPAC has not taken any action that is designed to terminate the registration of Series A Common Stock under the Exchange Act.

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(d) (i) The SPAC SEC Reports contain true and complete copies of the financial statements (including all related notes and schedules thereto) of SPAC (the "SPAC Financial Statements"). The SPAC Financial Statements (A) fairly present in all material respects the financial position of SPAC as at the respective dates thereof, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the respective periods then ended and fairly present, in all material respects, its stockholders' equity, (B) were prepared in conformity with GAAP applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved, and (C) comply, in all material respects, with the applicable accounting requirements and with the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Exchange Act and the Securities Act in effect as of the respective dates thereof (including Regulation S-X or Regulation S-K, as applicable).

(e) SPAC has established and maintains systems of internal accounting controls that are designed to provide, in all material respects, reasonable assurance that (i) all transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization, and (ii) all transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of proper and accurate financial statements in accordance with GAAP and to maintain accountability for SPAC's and its Subsidiaries' assets. SPAC maintains and, for all periods covered by the SPAC Financial Statements, has maintained, in all material respects in accordance with GAAP and applicable Law, books and records of SPAC in the ordinary course of business that are accurate and complete and reflect the revenues, expenses, assets and Liabilities of SPAC.

(f) There are no outstanding loans or other extensions of credit made by SPAC to any executive officer (as defined in Rule 3b-7 under the Exchange Act) or director of SPAC.

(g) Except as set forth on <u>Section 4.13(g)</u> of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules, since its incorporation, neither SPAC (including any employee thereof) nor, to the knowledge of SPAC, SPAC's independent auditors, has received any written complaint, allegation, assertion or claim that there is, or there has been, (i) a "significant deficiency" in the internal controls over financial reporting of SPAC, (ii) a "material weakness" in the internal controls over financial reporting of SPAC, or (iii) fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees of SPAC who have a role in the internal controls over financial reporting of SPAC.

Section 4.14. No Undisclosed Liabilities. Except for the Liabilities (a) set forth in <u>Section 4.14</u> of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules, (b) incurred in connection with the negotiation, preparation or execution of this Agreement or any Ancillary Documents, the performance of its covenants or agreements in this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the SPAC Expenses and any Liabilities arising out of, or related to, any Proceeding related to this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, including any stockholder demand or other stockholder Proceedings (including derivative claims) arising out of, or related to, any of the foregoing), (c) set forth or disclosed in the SPAC

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Financial Statements, (d) that have arisen since the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the SPAC SEC Reports in the ordinary course of business (none of which is a Liability for breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort, infringement or violation of Law), (e) either permitted to be incurred pursuant to or incurred in accordance with <u>Section 5.10</u>, or (f) that are not, and would not reasonably be expected to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to SPAC, SPAC does not have any Liabilities.

Section 4.15. Employee Matters. SPAC does not have any current or former employees, and does not maintain, sponsor, contribute to or have any present or future Liability with respect to (other than as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) any "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA).

Section 4.16. Tax Matters.

(a) Each SPAC Party has prepared and filed all material Tax Returns required to have been filed by it, all such Tax Returns are true and complete in all material respects and prepared in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws, and each SPAC Party has paid all material Taxes required to have been paid or deposited by it regardless of whether shown on a Tax Return.

(b) Each SPAC Party has timely withheld and paid to the appropriate Tax Authority all material amounts required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, individual independent contractor, other service providers, equity interest holder or other third-party.

(c) No SPAC Party is currently the subject of a Tax audit or examination, and has not been informed in writing of the commencement or anticipated commencement of any Tax audit or examination that has not been resolved or completed, in each case with respect to material Taxes.

(d) No SPAC Party has consented to extend or waive the time in which any material Tax may be assessed or collected by any Tax Authority, other than any such extensions or waivers that are no longer in effect or that were extensions of time to file Tax Returns obtained in the ordinary course of business.

(e) No "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. income Tax Law), private letter rulings, technical advice memoranda or similar agreements or rulings have been entered into or issued by any Tax Authority with respect to any SPAC Party which agreement or ruling would be effective after the Closing Date.

(f) None of the SPAC Parties is and none of the SPAC Parties has been a party to any "listed transaction" as defined in Section 6707A of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4 (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. income Tax Law).

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(g) There are no Liens for Taxes on any assets of any SPAC Party other than Liens for Taxes not yet due and payable as of the Closing Date or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which sufficient reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP.

(h) No SPAC Party has been a distributing corporation or a controlled corporation in a transaction purported or intended to be governed by Section 355 of the Code.

(i) No SPAC Party (i) has been a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return (other than a group the common parent of which was SPAC) or (ii) has any material Liability for the Taxes of any Person (other than the SPAC Parties) under Section 1.1502-6 of the Treasury Regulations (or any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law), as a transferee or successor, by Contract or otherwise (other than any Contract entered into in the ordinary course of business the principal purpose of which does not relate to Taxes).

(j) No written claims have ever been made by any Tax Authority in a jurisdiction where a SPAC Party does not file a particular type of Tax Return or pay a particular type of Tax that such SPAC Party is or may be required to file such type of Tax Return in or pay such type of Tax to that jurisdiction, which claims have not been resolved or withdrawn.

(k) No SPAC Party is a party to any Tax allocation, Tax sharing or Tax indemnity or similar agreements (other than one that is included in a Contract entered into in the ordinary course of business that is not primarily related to Taxes) and no SPAC Party is a party to any joint venture, partnership or other arrangement that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income Tax purposes.

(1) Each SPAC Party is a tax resident only in its jurisdiction of organization, incorporation or formation, as applicable, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

(m) No SPAC Party has a branch, permanent establishment (within the meaning of an applicable Tax treaty) or otherwise has an office or fixed place of business in a country other than the country in which it is organized, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

(n) No SPAC Party will be required to include any material item of income in, or exclude any material item of deduction from, taxable income for any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of any (i) change in, or use of improper, method of accounting for a taxable period ending on or prior to the Closing Date, (ii) "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of U.S. state or local or foreign income Tax Law) executed on or prior to the Closing Date, (iii) installment sale or open transaction disposition made on or prior to the Closing Date, (iv) deferred revenue or prepaid amount received on or prior to the Closing Date, outside of the ordinary course of business (v) intercompany transaction or excess loss amount described in Treasury Regulations under Section 1502 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of U.S. state or local or non-U.S. income Tax Law), or (vi) election under Section 965(h) of the Code.

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(o) No SPAC Party has deferred any material Taxes under the CARES Act.

(p) All related party transactions involving the SPAC Parties are at arm's length in material compliance with Section 482 of the Code, the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law, but only to the extent that the failure of this representation to be true could reasonably be expected to give rise to a material Tax liability.

(q) None of the SPAC Parties (i) knows of any fact or circumstance, or (ii) has taken or agreed to take any action, that, alone or in combination, could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment.

Section 4.17. Investigation; No Other Representations.

(a) Each SPAC Party, on its own behalf and on behalf of its Representatives, acknowledges, represents, warrants and agrees that (i) it has conducted its own independent review and analysis of, and, based thereon, has formed an independent judgment concerning the business, assets, condition, operations and prospects of, the Company and its Subsidiaries, and (ii) it has been furnished with or given access to such documents and information about the Company, its Subsidiaries and the Business as it and its Representatives have deemed necessary to enable it to make an informed decision with respect to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which it is or will be a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

(b) In entering into this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which it is or will be a party, each SPAC Party has relied solely on its own investigation and analysis and the representations and warranties expressly set forth in <u>ARTICLE III</u> and in the Ancillary Documents and no other representations or warranties of the Company or any other Person, either express or implied, and each SPAC Party, on its own behalf and on behalf of its Representatives, acknowledges, represents, warrants and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in <u>ARTICLE III</u> and in the Ancillary Documents, (i) neither the Company nor any other Person makes or has made any representation or warranty, either express or implied, in connection with or related to this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, and (ii) each SPAC Party hereby disclaims reliance on any other documentation or information.

Section 4.18. Business Activities.

(a) Since its incorporation, SPAC has not conducted any business activities other than activities related to the SPAC's initial public offering or directed toward the accomplishment of a business combination. Except as set forth in its Governing Documents or as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby, there is no Contract to which SPAC is a party which has or would reasonably be expected to have the effect of prohibiting or impairing in any material respect any business practice of SPAC or any acquisition of property by SPAC or the conduct of business by SPAC as currently conducted or as contemplated to be conducted as of the Closing.

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(b) SPAC does not own or have a right to acquire, directly or indirectly, any interest or investment (whether equity or debt) in any corporation, partnership, joint venture, business, trust or other entity.

(c) Except for this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents and the other documents and transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including with respect to expenses and fees incurred in connection therewith and the Unpaid SPAC Expenses) or any Contracts that are exhibits to the SPAC SEC Reports, SPAC is not a party to any Contract with any other Person that (i) obligates SPAC to make payments of \$50,000 or more as of the date of this Agreement or (ii) will remain in effect immediately following the Closing and limit the right of the Company to engage in any line of business or in any geographic area in any material respect.

(d) SPAC does not own, lease, license or otherwise occupy any real property. SPAC does not own or license any Intellectual Property Rights.

Section 4.19. Investment Company Act; JOBS Act. SPAC is not an "investment company" or a Person directly or indirectly "controlled" by or acting on behalf of an "investment company," in each case within the meaning of the Investment Company Act. SPAC constitutes an "emerging growth company" within the meaning of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act.

Section 4.20. EXCLUSIVITY OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

(a) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DELIVERY OR DISCLOSURE TO THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY DOCUMENTATION OR OTHER INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS OR OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL DATA), EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS <u>ARTICLE IV</u> OR THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS, NONE OF THE SPAC PARTIES NOR ANY OTHER PERSON MAKES, AND EACH SPAC PARTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS, ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE MATERIALS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OR HOLDINGS OF ANY SPAC PARTY THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES OR IN ANY PRESENTATION OF THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF ANY SPAC PARTY BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH SPAC PARTY OR OTHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR BY THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS AND NO STATEMENT CONTAINED IN ANY OF SUCH MATERIALS OR MADE IN ANY SUCH PRESENTATION SHALL BE DEEMED A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY HEREUNDER OR OTHERWISE OR DEEMED TO BE RELIED UPON BY THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN EXECUTING, DELIVERING AND PERFORMING THIS AGREEMENT, THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

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(b) EXCEPT FOR THE REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN <u>ARTICLE III</u> OR THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY COST ESTIMATES, PROJECTIONS OR OTHER PREDICTIONS, ANY DATA, ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION OR ANY MEMORANDA OR OFFERING MATERIALS OR PRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING ANY OFFERING MEMORANDUM OR SIMILAR MATERIALS MADE AVAILABLE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY, ARE NOT AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE OR TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY, AND ARE NOT AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE RELIED UPON BY ANY SPAC PARTY OR ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN EXECUTING, DELIVERING OR PERFORMING THIS AGREEMENT, THE ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

ARTICLE V. COVENANTS

Section 5.1. Conduct of Business of the Company.

(a) From and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Closing or the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms (the "Interim Period"), the Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, any Contract disclosed on the Company Disclosure Schedules or any Ancillary Document, as required by applicable Law, as set forth on Section 5.1(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, to reasonably comply with any applicable Pandemic Measures or as expressly consented to in writing by SPAC (it being agreed that any request for a consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (i) operate the Business in the ordinary course and, where applicable, consistent with past practice, in all material respects, and (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact the business organization, assets, properties and material business relations of the Company and its Subsidiaries; provided that in no event shall the Company's and its Subsidiaries' compliance with Section 5.1(b) constitute a breach of this Section 5.1(a); and provided further, that any action taken, or omitted to be taken, by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or by the Company Board or the board of directors of any Subsidiary, to the extent such act or omission is reasonably determined by the Company, its Subsidiary, the Company Board or the board of directors of the relevant Subsidiary to be reasonably necessary or advisable to comply with any Pandemic Measures, shall in no event be deemed to constitute a breach of this Section 5.1; provided, however, (1) that the Company shall give SPAC prior written notice of any such act or omission to the extent reasonably practicable and, in the event that it is not reasonably practicable for the Company to give the prior written notice described in this clause (1), the Company shall instead give such written notice to SPAC promptly after such act or omission, and (2) in no event shall any act or omission taken in accordance with this sentence be deemed to not constitute a breach of Section 5.1 if the act or omission is of the type described in Section 5.1(b) (i), (ii), (iv), (v), (xii), (xiv), (xv) and (xviii)).

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(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, during the Interim Period, the Company shall, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, any Contract disclosed on the Company Disclosure Schedules or any Ancillary Document, as required by applicable Law, as set forth on <u>Section 5.1(b)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules or as expressly consented to in writing by SPAC (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), not do, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to do, any of the following:

(i) declare, set aside, or make any non-cash distribution in respect of, any of its issued and outstanding Equity Securities, or repurchase, cancel, redeem, facilitate a capital reduction in respect of or otherwise acquire any of its issued and outstanding Equity Securities or any securities convertible into (whether currently convertible or convertible only after the passage of time or the occurrence of certain events) or exchangeable for its Equity Securities, or offer to do any of these things;

(ii) (A) merge, consolidate, combine or amalgamate with any Person, or (B) purchase or otherwise acquire (whether by merging or consolidating with, purchasing any Equity Securities in or a substantial portion of the assets of, or by any other manner) any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association or other business entity or organization or division thereof;

(iii) adjust, split, combine, subdivide, recapitalize, reclassify or otherwise effect any change in respect of any of its Equity Securities or issue any other security in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for its Equity Securities;

(iv) adopt or propose that its stockholders approve or adopt any amendments, supplements, restatements or modifications to its Governing Documents except as required to effect the conversion of the Company Preferred Stock;

(v) (A) sell, assign, transfer, convey, abandon, lease, license, allow to lapse or expire or otherwise dispose of any material assets or properties (including the Leased Real Property but excluding Intellectual Property Rights), other than obsolete assets or properties or in the ordinary course of business, or (B) create, subject to or incur any Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) in respect of any material assets or properties (including the Leased Real Property but excluding Intellectual Property Rights);

(vi) transfer, issue, deliver, sell, pledge, grant or otherwise directly or indirectly dispose of, or subject to a Lien, (A) any of its Equity Securities or the Equity Securities of any Subsidiary, as applicable, or (B) any options, warrants, rights of conversion or other rights, agreements, arrangements or commitments obligating it to transfer, issue, deliver, sell, pledge, grant or otherwise directly or indirectly dispose of, or subject to a Lien, any of its Equity Securities of the Equity Securities of any Subsidiary,

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as applicable; provided that the Company may grant Equity Securities to current and new employees pursuant to the Company Equity Plan, subject to providing SPAC and its legal counsel prior notice and an opportunity to review such proposed grants at least five (5) Business Days prior to any such proposed approval and any such proposed grants are made in compliance with all applicable Laws, including Section 409A or Section 424 of the Code, and at a valuation determined by an independent third party valuation firm with all material information relating to the Company, including the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(vii) incur, create, assume or otherwise become liable for (whether directly, contingently or otherwise), or guarantee for the benefit of another Person, any Indebtedness in excess of \$500,000 (other than equipment financing and trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of Business), individually or in the aggregate;

(viii) enter into, amend, modify, waive any material benefit or right under, novate, assign, assume or terminate or rescind any Material Contract (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any expiration or automatic extension or renewal of any such Material Contract pursuant to its terms, or entering into additional work orders pursuant to, and in accordance with the terms of, any Material Contract);

(ix) make any loans, advances or capital contributions of money or other property to, or guarantees for the benefit of, or any investments in, any Person in excess of \$250,000, individually or in the aggregate, other than (A) the reimbursement of expenses of employees and other service providers in the ordinary course of business, and (B) prepayments and deposits paid to suppliers of the Company and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(x) except pursuant to <u>Section 5.20</u> and <u>Section 5.21</u> and as required under the terms of any Employee Benefit Plan or by applicable Law, (A) amend or modify in any material respect, adopt, enter into, or terminate or rescind any material Employee Benefit Plan or any benefit or compensation plan, policy, program or Contract that would be a material Employee Benefit Plan if in effect as of the date of this Agreement, (B) increase or agree to increase the compensation or bonus payable, or pay or agree to pay any bonus to, any current or former Key Employee or Contingent Worker, other than, in each case, individual annual and merit-based raises of up to three percent (3%) in the salary or wages of any such Key Employee or Contingent Worker and bonus payments made in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, as applicable, (C) take any action to accelerate any payment, right to payment or benefit, or the vesting or funding of any payment, right to payment or benefit, payable or to become payable to any current or former Key Employee or Contingent Worker, (D) waive or release any noncompetition, non-solicitation, no-hire, nondisclosure or other restrictive covenant obligation of any current or former Key Employee, (E) increase the severance or change in control pay or benefits of any current or former executive director, manager, officer or employee, or (F) hire or terminate (other than for cause) or furlough the employment of any Key Employee (or person who would be a Key Employee, were they hired by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), or terminate any group of employees if such group termination, when taken alone, would trigger the WARN Act;

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(xi) enter into, assume, assign, amend any material term of or terminate (excluding any expiration in accordance with its terms) any collective bargaining or similar agreement (including agreements with works councils and trade unions and side letters) to which it is a party or by which it is bound, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(xii) make, change or revoke any material Tax election or material Tax accounting method, file any material Tax Return in a manner inconsistent with past practice, amend any material Tax Return, enter into any agreement with a Governmental Entity with respect to a material amount of Taxes, settle or compromise any claim or assessment by a Governmental Entity in respect of any material amount of Taxes, surrender any right to claim a refund of a material amount of Taxes, consent to any extension or waiver of the statutory period of limitation applicable to any material Tax claim or assessment or enter into any Tax sharing or similar agreement (other than any agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business, the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes);

(xiii) waive, release, compromise, settle or satisfy any pending or threatened claim or compromise or settle any Liability, whether by Contract or otherwise, the performance of which would, at any time (A) involve the payment of more than \$250,000 in the aggregate, (B) impose any material, non-monetary obligations on it (or SPAC or any of its Affiliates after the Closing), (C) require it to accept or concede material injunctive relief or (D) involve a Governmental Entity or alleged criminal wrongdoing;

(xiv) authorize, recommend, propose or announce an intention to adopt, or otherwise effect, a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization, reorganization or similar transaction;

(xv) change the Company's accounting principles, policies, procedures, practices or methods in any material respect, or make any change which would materially affect the reported consolidated assets, liabilities or results of operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, other than changes that are made in accordance with GAAP or PCAOB standards;

(xvi) enter into any Contract with any broker, finder, investment banker or other Person under which such Person is or will be entitled to any brokerage fee, finder's fee or other commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(xvii) enter into any Contract or other arrangement that materially restricts its or its Affiliates' ability to engage or compete in any material line of business or enter into a new material line of business;

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(xviii) make any capital expenditure that in the aggregate exceeds 1,000,000, other than any capital expenditure (or series of related capital expenditures) consistent with the capital expenditures budget set forth in <u>Section 5.1(b)(xviii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules;

(xix) voluntarily fail to maintain in full force and effect material insurance policies covering it and its Affiliates and their respective properties, assets and businesses in a form and amount consistent with past practice;

(xx) enter into any transaction or amend in any material respect any existing Contract with any Company Related Party excluding, to the extent permitted under <u>Section 5.1(b)(x)</u>, ordinary course payments of annual compensation, provision of benefits or reimbursement of expenses;

(xxi) sell, assign, transfer, convey, abandon, lease, license, or otherwise dispose of, or create or incur any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on, any Intellectual Property Rights, except granting non-exclusive licenses pursuant to contract research agreements, clinical trial agreements, or supply agreements in which research, clinical trials, or supply services are being performed for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case, that are entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and where the grant of rights to use any Intellectual Property Rights are incidental, and not material to, any performance under each such agreement;

(xxii) allow to lapse or expire or fail to take any action necessary to maintain any Intellectual Property Rights, except for the intentional abandonment of Intellectual Property rights that in the reasonable judgement of management of the Company are immaterial to the business of the Company or its Subsidiaries; or

(xxiii) enter into any Contract to take or cause to be taken, or otherwise become obligated to take or cause to be taken, any of the actions set forth in this Section 5.1.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 5.1</u> or this Agreement to the contrary, nothing set forth in this Agreement shall (i) give SPAC, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of the Company prior to the Closing, or (ii) prohibit, or otherwise restrict the ability of, the Company or its Subsidiaries from using, paying or discharging any Indebtedness, Company Expenses or Liabilities of the Company.

Section 5.2. Efforts to Consummate.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions herein provided, each of the Parties shall use reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary or advisable to consummate and make effective, as promptly as reasonably practicable, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including (i) the satisfaction, but not waiver, of the Closing conditions set forth in <u>Article 6</u> and, in the case of any Ancillary Document to which such Party will be a party after the date of this Agreement, to execute and deliver such Ancillary Document when required pursuant to this Agreement, (ii) using reasonable best efforts to solicit proxies in connection with the SPAC Stockholder Approval, and (iii) using reasonable best efforts to obtain the PIPE Financing on the terms and subject to the conditions set

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forth in the Subscription Agreements, (iv) the Company taking, or causing to be taken, all actions necessary or advisable to cause the agreements set forth on Section 5.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedules to be terminated effective as of the Closing without any further obligations or liabilities to the Company or any of its Affiliates (including, from and after the Effective Time, SPAC) and (v) making all such filings with and obtaining all such approvals of Nasdaq to permit Series A Common Stock to be issued in accordance with this Agreement to be listed on Nasdaq). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each of the Parties shall use reasonable best efforts to obtain, file with or deliver to, as applicable, any Consents of any Governmental Entities necessary, proper or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents. The costs incurred in connection with obtaining such Consents, including the HSR Act filing fee, shall be borne by SPAC; provided, however, that each Party shall, subject to Section 8.6, bear its out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the preparation of any such Consents. Each Party shall (A) make any appropriate filings pursuant to the HSR Act with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement promptly (and in any event within ten Business Days) following the date of this Agreement, and (B) respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any requests by any Governmental Entity for additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant to the HSR Act. SPAC shall promptly inform the Company of any communication between any SPAC Party, on the one hand, and any Governmental Entity, on the other hand, and the Company shall promptly inform SPAC of any communication between the Company or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and any Governmental Entity, on the other hand, in either case, regarding any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Document. Without limiting the foregoing, each Party and their respective Affiliates shall not extend any waiting period, review period or comparable period under the HSR Act or enter into any agreement with any Governmental Entity not to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby or by the Ancillary Documents, except with the prior written consent of SPAC and the Company. Nothing in this Section 5.2 obligates any Party or any of its Affiliates to agree to (1) sell, license or otherwise dispose of, or hold separate and agree to sell, license or otherwise dispose of, any entities, assets or facilities, (2) terminate, amend or assign existing relationships and contractual rights or obligations, including licenses, or (3) enter into new licenses or other agreements. No Party shall agree to any of the foregoing measures with respect to any other Party, except with SPAC's and the Company's prior written consent.

(b) During the Interim Period, and unless prohibited by applicable Law, the SPAC Parties, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, shall give counsel for the Company (in the case of any SPAC Party) or SPAC (in the case of the Company) a reasonable opportunity to review in advance, and consider in good faith the views of the other in connection with, any proposed written communication to any Governmental Entity relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents. Each of the Parties agrees not to participate in any substantive meeting or discussion, either in person or by telephone, with any Governmental Entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement unless it consults with, in the case of any SPAC Party, the Company, or, in the case of the Company, SPAC in advance. The Parties agree to consult and cooperate with one another in connection with any analyses, appearances, presentations, memoranda, briefs, arguments, opinions and proposals made or submitted by or on behalf of any Party in connection with judicial proceedings under or relating to the HSR Act or any Foreign Antitrust Law.

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(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, in the event that this Section 5.2 conflicts with any other covenant or agreement in this ARTICLE V that is intended to specifically address certain subject matter, then such other covenant or agreement shall govern and control solely to the extent of such conflict.

(d) Without limiting the generality of this <u>Section 5.2</u>, SPAC will (and shall cause the Sponsor to) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the satisfaction of the condition set forth in <u>Section 6.3(c)</u>, which may include, during the Interim Period and subject to applicable Law, using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain from Persons who have not previously entered into a Subscription Agreement on the date hereof, Subscription Agreements.

Section 5.3. Confidentiality and Access to Information.

(a) The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the information being provided in connection with this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby is subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in the event that this <u>Section 5.3(a)</u> or the Confidentiality Agreement conflicts with any other covenant or agreement contained herein that contemplates the disclosure, use or provision of information or otherwise, then such other covenant or agreement contained herein shall govern and control to the extent of such conflict.

(b) During the Interim Period, upon reasonable advance written notice, the Company shall provide, or cause to be provided, to SPAC and its Representatives during normal business hours reasonable access to the directors, officers, books and records of the Company (in a manner so as to not interfere with the normal business operations of the Company or, in light of COVID-19 or any Pandemic Measures, jeopardize the health or safety of any employee of the Company (which may require remote and telephonic meetings)). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to provide, or cause to be provided, to SPAC or any of its Representatives any information (i) if, and to the extent, doing so would (A) violate any Law to which the Company is subject, (B) result in the disclosure of any trade secrets, (C) violate any legally-binding obligation of the Company with respect to confidentiality, non-disclosure or privacy or (D) jeopardize protections afforded to the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to (x) provide such access as can be provided (or otherwise convey such information regarding the applicable matter as can be conveyed) without violating such privilege, doctrine, Contract, obligation or Law, and (y) provide such information in a manner without violating such privilege, doctrine, Contract, obligation or Law, and (y) provide such information in a manner without violating such privilege, in a litigation and such information is reasonably pertinent thereto; *provided* that the Company shall, in the case of clause (i) or (ii), provide prompt written notice of the withholding of access or information on any such basis.

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(c) During the Interim Period, upon reasonable advance written notice, SPAC shall provide, or cause to be provided, to the Company and its Representatives during normal business hours reasonable access to the directors, officers, books and records of the SPAC Parties (in a manner so as to not interfere with the normal business operations of the SPAC Parties or, in light of COVID-19 or any Pandemic Measures, jeopardize the health or safety of any employee of the SPAC Parties (which may require remote and telephonic meetings)). Notwithstanding the foregoing, SPAC shall not be required to provide, or cause to be provided, to the Company or any of its Representatives any information (i) if and to the extent doing so would (A) violate any Law to which any SPAC Party is subject, (B) result in the disclosure of any trade secrets, (C) violate any legally-binding obligation of any SPAC Party with respect to confidentiality, non-disclosure or privacy or (D) jeopardize protections afforded to any SPAC Party under the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product doctrine; *provided* that, in case of each of clauses (A) through (D), SPAC shall use, and shall cause the other SPAC Parties to use, commercially reasonable efforts to (x) provide such access as can be provided (or otherwise convey such information regarding the applicable matter as can be conveyed) without violating such privilege, doctrine, Contract, obligation or Law, and (y) provide such information in a manner without violating such privilege, doctrine, Contract, obligation and such information is reasonably pertinent thereto; *provided* that SPAC Party, on the one hand, and the Company or any of its Representatives, on the other hand, are adverse parties in a litigation and such information is reasonably pertinent thereto; *provided* that SPAC shall, in the case of clause (i) or (ii), provide prompt written notice of the withholding of access or information on any such basis.

(d) The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the Confidentiality Agreement shall be automatically terminated effective as of the Closing without any further action by any Party or any other Person.

Section 5.4. Public Announcements.

(a) Subject to this <u>Section 5.4(a)</u>, <u>Section 5.7</u> and <u>Section 5.8</u>, none of the Parties or any of their respective Representatives or Affiliates shall issue any press releases or make any public announcements with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby without the prior written consent of, prior to the Closing, the Company and SPAC or, after the Closing, SPAC; *provided*, *however*, that each Party may make any such announcement or other communication (i) if such announcement or other communication is required by applicable Law, in which case (A) prior to the Closing, the disclosing Party and its Representatives shall, where permitted under applicable Law and feasible with regard to any time limits imposed thereby in relation to making such announcement or other communication, use reasonable best efforts to consult with the Company, if the disclosing party is any SPAC Party, or with SPAC, if the disclosing party is the Company, prior to making such announcement or other communication, to review such announcement or communication and to give such

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non-disclosing party the opportunity to comment thereon, in which case the disclosing Party shall consider such comments in good faith, or (B) after the Closing, the disclosing Party and its Representatives shall, where permitted under applicable Law and feasible with regard to any time limits imposed thereby in relation to making such announcement or other communication, use reasonable best efforts to consult with SPAC prior to making such announcement or other communication and to consider any comments of SPAC thereon in good faith, (ii) to the extent such announcements or other communications contain only information previously disclosed in a public statement, press release or other communication previously approved in accordance with this Section 5.4, and (iii) to Governmental Entities in connection with any Consents required to be made under this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 5.4 or otherwise in this Agreement, the Parties agree that the SPAC Parties, the Sponsor and their respective Representatives may provide general information about the subject matter of this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby to any direct or indirect current or prospective investor or in connection with normal fund raising or related marketing or informational or reporting activities.

(b) The initial press release concerning this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be a joint press release in the form agreed by the Company and SPAC prior to the execution of this Agreement and such initial press release (the "**Signing Press Release**") shall be released as promptly as reasonably practicable after the execution of this Agreement. Promptly after the execution of this Agreement, SPAC shall file a current report on Form 8-K (the "**Signing Filing**") with the Signing Press Release and a description of this Agreement as required by, and in compliance with, the Securities Laws, which the Company shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon prior to filing and SPAC shall consider such comments in good faith. The Company, on the one hand, and SPAC, on the other hand, shall mutually agree upon (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed by either the Company or SPAC, as applicable) a press release announcing the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "**Closing Press Release**") prior to the Closing, and, on the Closing Date, the Parties shall cause the Closing Press Release to be released. Promptly after the Closing (but in any event within four (4) Business Days after the Closing), SPAC shall file a current report on Form 8-K (the "**Closing Filing**") with the Closing Press Release, a description of the Closing and the required pro forma financial statements and the historical financial statements prepared by the Company and its accountants, in each case, as required by Securities Laws, which the Company shall have the opportunity to review and comment upon prior to filing and SPAC shall consider such comments in good faith. In connection with the preparation of each of the Signing Press Release, the Signing Filing, the Closing Press Release and the Closing Filing, each Party shall, upon written request by any other Party, furnish such other Party with all information concerning itself, its directors, officers and equi

(c) In the event that <u>Section 5.4(a)</u> conflicts with <u>Section 5.4(b)</u>, then <u>Section 5.4(b)</u> shall govern and control solely to the extent of such conflict.

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Section 5.5. Tax Matters.

(a) The Parties intend that the Merger shall constitute a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Each Party shall, and shall cause its respective Affiliates to, use reasonable best efforts to so qualify and shall file all Tax Returns consistent with, and take no position inconsistent with (whether in audits, Tax Returns or otherwise), such treatment unless required to do so pursuant to a "determination" (within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code) that is final. None of the Parties knows of any facts or circumstances and shall not knowingly take any action, or knowingly fail to take any action, that would reasonably be expected to prevent or impede the Intended Tax Treatment.

(b) The Parties hereby adopt this Agreement as a "plan of reorganization" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.368-2(g) and 1.368-3(a), for purposes of Sections 354, 361 and 368 of the Code.

(c) The Parties shall cooperate fully, as and to the extent reasonably requested by each of them, in connection with the filing or amendment of any Tax Returns or any audit or other proceeding with respect to Taxes of the Surviving Corporation, and with each other and their respective counsel to document and support the Tax treatment of the Merger in a manner consistent with the Intended Tax Treatment, including by providing reasonable and customary factual support letters.

(d) If, in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, the SEC requests or requires that tax opinions be prepared and submitted in such connection, SPAC and the Company shall deliver customary Tax representation letters, dated and executed as of the date the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement shall have been declared effective by the SEC and such other date(s) as determined reasonably necessary in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, and, if required, the Parties shall cause Marcum (or such other nationally recognized tax counsel to the Company reasonably satisfactory to SPAC) to furnish an opinion, subject to customary assumptions and limitations, to the effect that the Intended Tax Treatment should apply to the Merger.

Section 5.6. Exclusive Dealing.

(a) During the Interim Period, the Company shall not, and shall direct its Representatives and Affiliates not to, directly or indirectly (i) solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage (including by means of furnishing or disclosing information), knowingly facilitate, discuss or negotiate, directly or indirectly, any inquiry, proposal or offer (written or oral) with respect to a Company Acquisition Proposal, (ii) furnish or disclose any non-public information to any Person (other than to the Parties and their respective Representatives) in connection with, or that would reasonably be expected to lead to, a Company Acquisition Proposal, (iii) enter into any Contract or other arrangement or understanding regarding a Company Acquisition Proposal, (iv) other than in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, prepare or take any steps in connection with a public offering of any Equity Securities of the Company (or any Affiliate or successor of the Company), or (v) otherwise cooperate in any way with, or assist or participate in, or knowingly facilitate or knowingly encourage any effort or attempt by any Person to do or seek to do any of the foregoing.

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(b) The Company shall (i) notify SPAC promptly upon receipt of any Company Acquisition Proposal by the Company, describing the terms and conditions of any such Company Acquisition Proposal in reasonable detail (including the identity of the Person(s) making such Company Acquisition Proposal, unless the Company is bound by any confidentiality obligation entered into prior to the date hereof prohibiting the disclosure of such identity), and (ii) keep SPAC reasonably informed on a reasonably current basis of any modifications to such offer or information.

(c) During the Interim Period, the SPAC Parties shall not, and each of them shall direct their Representatives not to, directly or indirectly (i) solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage (including by means of furnishing or disclosing information), knowingly facilitate, discuss or negotiate, directly or indirectly, any inquiry, proposal or offer (written or oral) with respect to a SPAC Acquisition Proposal, (ii) furnish or disclose any non-public information to any Person (other than to the Parties and their respective Representatives) in connection with, or that would reasonably be expected to lead to, a SPAC Acquisition Proposal, (iii) enter into any Contract or other arrangement or understanding regarding a SPAC Acquisition Proposal, (iv) other than in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, prepare or take any steps in connection with an offering of any securities of any SPAC Party (or any Affiliate or successor of any SPAC Party), or (v) otherwise cooperate in any way with, or assist or participate in, or knowingly facilitate or knowingly encourage any effort or attempt by any Person to do or seek to do any of the foregoing.

(d) SPAC agrees to (i) notify the Company promptly upon any SPAC Party obtaining any SPAC Acquisition Proposal, and to describe the terms and conditions of any such SPAC Acquisition Proposal in reasonable detail (including the identity of any Person making such SPAC Acquisition Proposal), and (ii) keep the Company reasonably informed on a reasonably current basis of any modifications to such offer or information.

Section 5.7. Preparation of Registration Statement/Proxy Statement. As promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement, (a) SPAC and the Company shall jointly prepare and SPAC shall file with the SEC, mutually acceptable materials which shall include the proxy statement/prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Proxy Statement/Prospectus**") to be sent to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders soliciting proxies from such stockholders to obtain the SPAC Stockholders Approval at the SPAC Stockholders Meeting, and (b) SPAC shall prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 or such other applicable form, in which the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be included as a prospectus, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of, to the extent permitted by the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, the Series A Common Stock issuable in connection with the Merger (together with the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the "**Registration Statement/Proxy Statement**"). Any lodgement or filing fees in connection with the filing of the

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Registration Statement/Proxy Statement with the SEC shall be borne by SPAC. Each of SPAC and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to (i) cause the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement to comply in all material respects with the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC (including, with respect to the Company and its Subsidiaries, by the provision of audited financial statements (in accordance with PCAOB standards) of, and any other information with respect to, the Company and its Subsidiaries for all periods, and in the form, required to be included in the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement under Securities Laws (after giving effect to any waivers received) or in response to any comments from the SEC) and using reasonable best efforts to cause the Company's auditors to deliver the required audit opinions and consents, and (ii) promptly notify the other Party of, reasonably cooperate with each other with respect to and respond promptly to any comments of the SEC or its staff; and SPAC shall use its reasonable best efforts to (A) have the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as practicable after it is filed with the SEC, and (B) keep the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement effective through the Closing in order to permit the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. SPAC, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, shall promptly furnish, or cause to be furnished, to the other all information or representations concerning such Party and its Representatives that may be required or reasonably requested in connection with any action contemplated by this Section 5.7 or for including in any other statement, filing, notice or application made by or on behalf of SPAC to the SEC or Nasdaq in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company providing for the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement its audited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and its related consolidated statements of income (loss), changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, audited in accordance with applicable PCAOB auditing standards (the "Additional Company Financial Statements"), its unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2023 and the related unaudited consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss for the quarterly periods then ended, and necessary pro forma financial statements. If any Party becomes aware of any information that should be disclosed in an amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, then (1) such Party shall promptly inform, in the case of any SPAC Party, the Company, or, in the case of the Company, SPAC thereof, (2) such Party shall prepare and mutually agree upon with, in the case of SPAC, the Company, or, in the case of the Company, SPAC (in either case, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), an amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, (3) SPAC shall promptly file such mutually agreed upon amendment or supplement with the SEC, and (4) the Parties shall reasonably cooperate, if appropriate, in promptly mailing such amendment or supplement to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus shall include materials for the adoption and approval by the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders of a new equity incentive plan (the "New Equity Incentive Plan"), which will initially reserve a number of shares of Series A Common Stock equal to 10.0% of the aggregate number of shares of Series A Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately after the Closing (and, for the avoidance of doubt, without accounting for any shares of Series A Common Stock subject to Rollover Options). The Company shall provide a proposed form of the New Equity Incentive Plan within 30 days after the date of this Agreement. SPAC shall have a right to review and approve the New Equity Incentive Plan in advance, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, and the Parties

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shall otherwise cooperate to include such terms and conditions as are customary and appropriate for the New Equity Incentive Plan. SPAC shall as promptly as reasonably practicable advise the Company of the time of effectiveness of the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, the issuance of any stop order relating thereto or the suspension of the qualification of Series A Common Stock for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, and SPAC and the Company shall each use its reasonable best efforts to have any such stop order or suspension lifted, reversed or otherwise terminated. Each of the Parties hereto shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that none of the information related to it or any of its Representatives, supplied by or on its behalf for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement will, at the time the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is filed with the SEC, at each time at which it is amended, or at the time it becomes effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

Section 5.8. SPAC Stockholder Approval. As promptly as reasonably practicable following the time at which the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act, SPAC shall (a) establish the record date for, duly call, give notice of, and (b) in any case within 30 days of such effectiveness, duly convene and hold a meeting of its stockholders (the "SPAC Stockholders Meeting") in accordance with the Governing Documents of SPAC, for the purposes of obtaining the SPAC Stockholder Approval and, if applicable, any approvals related thereto, and providing its stockholders with the opportunity to elect to effect a SPAC Stockholder Redemption. Except as required by applicable Law, SPAC shall, through the unanimous approval of its board of directors, recommend to its stockholders (the "SPAC Board Recommendation"): (i) the adoption and approval of this Agreement and each Ancillary Document to which SPAC is a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger), (ii) the adoption and approval of the issuance of Series A Common Stock in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, as required by Nasdaq listing requirements, (iii) the adoption and approval of the Required Governing Document Proposals, (iv) the adoption of the New Equity Incentive Plan, (v) the election of directors to be nominated in accordance with Section 5.16, (vi) the issuance of the SPAC Incentive Shares and Company Incentive Shares, (vii) the adoption and approval of each other proposal that either the SEC or Nasdaq (or the respective staff members thereof) indicates is necessary in its comments to the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement or in correspondence related thereto, (viii) the adoption and approval of each other proposal reasonably agreed by SPAC and the Company as necessary or appropriate in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Documents, and (xi) the adoption and approval of a proposal for the adjournment of the SPAC Stockholders Meeting, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies because there are not sufficient votes to approve and adopt any of the foregoing (such proposals in clauses (i) through (xi) together, the "Required Transaction Proposals"); provided that SPAC may postpone or adjourn the SPAC Stockholders Meeting (A) to solicit additional proxies for the purpose of obtaining the SPAC Stockholder Approval, (B) for the absence of a quorum, (C) to allow reasonable additional time for the filing or mailing of any supplemental or amended disclosures that SPAC has determined, based on the advice of outside legal counsel, is reasonably likely to be required under applicable Law and for such supplemental or amended disclosure to be disseminated and reviewed by the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders prior to the SPAC Stockholders Meeting, or (D) if the holders of Series A

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Common Stock have elected to redeem a number of shares of Series A Common Stock as of such time that would reasonably be expected to result in the condition set forth in <u>Section 6.3(c)</u> not being satisfied; *provided* that, without the consent of the Company, (i) SPAC may only adjourn the SPAC Stockholders Meeting two (2) times, and (ii) in no event shall SPAC adjourn the SPAC Stockholders Meeting for more than ten (10) Business Days later than the most recently adjourned meeting or to a date that is beyond the Termination Date. Except as required by applicable Law, the SPAC Board Recommendation shall be included in the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement.

Section 5.9. Merger Sub Stockholder Approval. As promptly as reasonably practicable (and in any event within one Business Day) following the date of this Agreement, SPAC, as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, will approve and adopt this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which Merger Sub is or will be a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger).

Section 5.10. Conduct of Business of SPAC. During the Interim Period, SPAC shall operate in the ordinary course in all material respects and not, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Document (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in connection with the PIPE Financing), as required by applicable Law, as set forth on Section 5.10 of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules, to reasonably comply with any applicable Pandemic Measures or as expressly consented to in writing by the Company (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed if such matter is in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Document), do any of the following:

(a) seek an approval from the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders, or otherwise adopt any amendments, supplements, restatements or modifications to the Trust Agreement, or the Governing Documents of any SPAC Party or any of their Subsidiaries;

(b) declare, set aside, make or pay a dividend on, or make any other distribution or payment in respect of, any issued and outstanding Equity Securities of SPAC or any of its Subsidiaries, or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, or offer to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any issued and outstanding Equity Securities of SPAC or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable;

(c) split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or other Equity Securities or issue any other security in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock;

(d) incur, create, guarantee or assume (whether directly, contingently or otherwise) any Indebtedness, except for Indebtedness for borrowed money in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate;

(e) make any loans or advances to, or capital contributions in, any other Person, other than to, or in, SPAC or any of its Subsidiaries;

(f) issue any Equity Securities of SPAC or any of its Subsidiaries or grant any options, warrants or stock appreciation rights with respect to Equity Securities of SPAC or any of its Subsidiaries;

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(g) enter into, renew, modify or revise any SPAC Related Party Transaction (or any Contract or agreement that if entered into prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement would be a SPAC Related Party Transaction), other than the entry into any Contract with a SPAC Related Party with respect to the incurrence of Indebtedness permitted by <u>Section 5.10(d)</u>;

(h) engage in any activities or business, or incur any material Liabilities, other than with respect to any activities, business or Liabilities that are (i) either otherwise permitted under this <u>Section 5.10</u> (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any activities, business or Liabilities contemplated by, or Liabilities incurred in connection with, or that are otherwise incidental or attendant to, this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, the performance of any covenants or agreements hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby) or in accordance with or consented to by the Company pursuant to this <u>Section 5.10</u>, (ii) in connection with or incidental or related to its continuing corporate (or similar) existence or it being (or continuing to be) a public company listed on Nasdaq, or (iii) which are administrative or ministerial in nature and, in the case of this clause (iii), which are not material;

(i) authorize, recommend, propose or announce an intention to adopt, or otherwise effect, a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization, reorganization or similar transaction involving SPAC or its Subsidiaries;

(j) enter into any Contract with any broker, finder, investment banker or other Person under which such Person is or will be entitled to any brokerage fee, finder's fee or other commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(k) make, change or revoke any material Tax election or material Tax accounting method, file any material Tax Return in a manner inconsistent with past practice, amend any material Tax Return, enter into any agreement with a Governmental Entity with respect to a material amount of Taxes, settle or compromise any claim or assessment by a Governmental Entity in respect of any material amount of Taxes, surrender any right to claim a refund of a material amount of Taxes, consent to any extension or waiver of the statutory period of limitation applicable to any material Tax claim or assessment, or enter into any Tax sharing or similar agreement (other than any agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business, the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes);

(1) waive, release, compromise, settle or satisfy any pending or threatened material claim (which shall include, but not be limited to, any pending or threatened Proceeding);

(m) make any change in any method of financial accounting or financial accounting principles, policies, procedures or practices except changes that are made (i) in accordance with PCAOB standards, or (ii) as required by any Securities Law or any Order, directive, guideline, recommendation, statement, comment or guidance issued, passed, approved, published, promulgated or released by, the SEC, following reasonable prior consultation with the Company;

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(n) make or permit to be made any distribution of amounts held in the Trust Account (other than interest income earned on the funds held in the Trust Account as permitted by the Trust Agreement);

(o) create any new Subsidiary;

(p) (A) merge, consolidate, combine or amalgamate with any Person, or (B) purchase or otherwise acquire (whether by merging or consolidating with, purchasing any Equity Securities in or a substantial portion of the assets of, or by any other manner) any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association or other business entity or organization or division thereof; or

(q) enter into any Contract to take, or cause to be taken, or otherwise become obligated to take or cause to be taken, any of the actions set forth in this Section 5.10.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 5.10</u> or this Agreement to the contrary, (i) nothing set forth in this Agreement shall give the Company, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of SPAC, and (ii) nothing set forth in this Agreement shall prohibit, or otherwise restrict the ability of, SPAC from using the funds held by SPAC outside the Trust Account to pay any SPAC Expenses or any Liabilities of SPAC or from otherwise distributing or paying over any funds held by SPAC outside the Trust Account to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates, in each case, prior to the Closing; *provided*, that prior to any distribution or payment of any funds to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates pursuant to the foregoing sentence, SPAC shall cause any Indebtedness of SPAC payable or owing to the Sponsor or any of its Affiliates to be paid in full and discharged with no further Liability or obligation of SPAC.

Section 5.11. Nasdaq Listing. From the date hereof through the Effective Time, SPAC shall ensure SPAC remains listed as a public company on Nasdaq. SPAC shall use its reasonable best efforts to, as promptly as reasonably practicable after the date of this Agreement (and in any event, as of immediately prior to or at the Effective Time), (a) cause the Series A Common Stock issuable in accordance with this Agreement to be approved for listing on Nasdaq (and the Company shall reasonably cooperate in connection therewith), subject to official notice of issuance prior to the Effective Time, (b) satisfy any applicable initial and continuing listing requirements of Nasdaq, (c) cause the name of SPAC to be changed to "Abpro Corporation" with effect from the Closing Date, and (d) cause the ticker under which the Series A Common Stock is listed for trading on Nasdaq to be changed to "ABP" and have the Series A Common Stock listed for trading with such trading ticker.

Section 5.12. Trust Account. Upon satisfaction or, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, waiver of the conditions set forth in <u>ARTICLE VI</u> and provision of notice thereof to the Trustee, (a) at the Closing, SPAC shall (i) cause the documents, certificates and notices required to be delivered to the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement to be so delivered, and (ii) make all appropriate arrangements to cause the Trustee to (A) pay as and when due all amounts, if any, payable to the SPAC's public stockholders pursuant to the SPAC Stockholder Redemption, (B) pay any Unpaid SPAC Expenses and (C) immediately thereafter, pay all remaining amounts then available in the Trust Account to SPAC in accordance with the Trust Agreement, and (b) thereafter, the Trust Account shall terminate, except as otherwise provided therein.

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Section 5.13. Company Stockholder Approval. As promptly as reasonably practicable (and in any event within forty eight (48) hours) following the date that the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement becomes effective (the "**Company Stockholder Written Consent Deadline**"), the Company shall obtain and deliver to SPAC a true and correct copy of a written consent (in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to SPAC) approving this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger, the amendment to the Company Preferred Stock Conversion to provide for the Company's Governing Documents pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(a)(iv)</u>) that is duly executed by the Company Stockholders that hold at least the requisite number of issued and outstanding Company Common Stock and Company Preferred Stock required to approve and adopt such matters in accordance with the DGCL and the Company's Governing Documents (the "**Company Stockholder Written Consent**"). The Company shall recommend to the Company Stockholders the approval and adoption of this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which the Company is or will be a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the Merger).

Section 5.14. SPAC Indemnification; Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

(a) Each Party agrees that (i) all rights to advancement, indemnification, limitations on liability or exculpation now existing in favor of the directors and officers of each SPAC Party, as provided in the applicable SPAC Party's Governing Documents in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, in either case, solely with respect to any acts, errors or omissions occurring on or prior to the Effective Time, shall survive the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect from and after the Effective Time for a period of six (6) years, and (ii) SPAC will perform and discharge, or cause to be performed and discharged, all obligations to provide such advancement, indemnity, limitations on liability and exculpation during such six (6)-year period. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, during such six (6)-year period, SPAC shall advance, or caused to be advanced, expenses in connection with such indemnification as provided in the applicable SPAC Party's Governing Documents or other applicable agreements in effect as of the date hereof. The advancement, indemnification and liability limitation or exculpation provisions of the SPAC Parties' Governing Documents or in other applicable agreements in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall not, during such six (6)-year period, be amended, repealed or otherwise modified after the Effective Time in any manner that would materially and adversely affect the rights thereunder of individuals who, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time or at any time prior to such time, were directors or officers of any SPAC Party (the "SPAC D&O Persons") to receive advancement, be so indemnified, have their liability limited or be exculpated with respect to any act, error or omission occurring on or prior to the Effective Time by reason of the fact that such SPAC D&O Person was a director or officer of any SPAC Party prior to the Effective Time, unless such amendment, repeal or other modification is required by applicable Law. If any claims are made or asserted within such six (6)- year period, all rights in respect of any such claims will continue until the full disposition of all such claims.

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(b) SPAC shall not have any obligation under this <u>Section 5.14</u> to any SPAC D&O Person when and if a court of competent jurisdiction shall ultimately determine (and such determination shall have become final and non-appealable) that the indemnification of such SPAC D&O Person in the manner contemplated hereby is prohibited by applicable Law.

(c) The Surviving Company shall purchase at or prior to Closing and maintain in effect for a period of six (6) years after the Effective Time, without lapses in coverage, a "tail" policy or policies providing directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage for the benefit of those Persons who are currently covered by any comparable insurance policies of the SPAC Parties as of the date of this Agreement with respect to any acts, errors or omissions occurring on or prior to the Effective Time (the "SPAC D&O Tail Policy"). Such "tail" policy or policies shall be included in the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage and provide coverage on terms (with respect to coverage and amount) that are substantially the same as (and no less favorable in the aggregate to the insured than) the coverage provided under SPAC's directors' and officers' liability insurance policies as of the date of this Agreement; provided that SPAC shall not be required to pay a premium for such "tail" policy or policies in excess of three hundred seventy-five percent (375%) of the most recent premium paid by SPAC prior to the date of this Agreement and, if the requisite cover is not available for such a premium, SPAC shall purchase the maximum coverage available for three hundred seventy-five percent (375%) of the most recent premium paid by SPAC prior to the date of this Agreement.

(d) If, following the Closing, SPAC (i) shall merge or consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or entity and shall not be the surviving or continuing corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger, or (ii) shall transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets as an entity in one or a series of related transactions to any Person, then in each such case, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors or assigns of SPAC shall assume all of the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 5.14</u>.

(e) The SPAC D&O Persons entitled to the advancement, indemnification, liability limitation, exculpation and insurance set forth in this <u>Section 5.14</u> are intended to be third-party beneficiaries of this <u>Section 5.14</u>. This <u>Section 5.14</u> shall survive the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall be binding on all successors and assigns of SPAC.

Section 5.15. Company Indemnification; Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

(a) Each Party agrees that (i) all rights to advancement, indemnification, limitations on liability or exculpation now existing in favor of the directors and officers of the Company, as provided in any indemnification agreements or in the Company's Governing Documents in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, in either

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case, solely with respect to any acts, errors or omissions occurring on or prior to the Effective Time, shall survive the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall continue in full force and effect from and after the Effective Time for a period of six (6) years, and (ii) SPAC will perform and discharge, or cause to be performed and discharged, all obligations to provide such advancement, indemnity, limitations on liability and exculpation during such six (6)-year period. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, during such six (6)-year period, SPAC shall advance, or caused to be advanced, expenses in connection with such indemnification as provided in the Company's Governing Documents or other applicable agreements in effect as of the date hereof. The advancement, indemnification and liability limitation or exculpation provisions of the Company's Governing Documents or in other applicable agreements in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall not, during such six (6)-year period, be amended, repealed or otherwise modified after the Effective Time in any manner that would materially and adversely affect the rights thereunder of individuals who, as of immediately prior to the Effective Time or at any time prior to such time, were directors or officers of the Company (the "**Company D&O Persons**") to receive advancement, be so indemnified, have their liability limited or be exculpated with respect to any act, error or omission occurring on or prior to the Effective Time by reason of the fact that such Company D&O Person was a director or officer of the Company prior to the Effective Time, unless such amendment, repeal or other modification is required by applicable Law. If any claims are made or asserted within such six (6)-year period, all rights in respect of any such claims will continue until the full disposition of all such claims.

(b) Neither the SPAC nor the Company shall have any obligation under this <u>Section 5.15</u> to any Company D&O Person when and if a court of competent jurisdiction shall ultimately determine (and such determination shall have become final and non-appealable) that the indemnification of such Company D&O Person in the manner contemplated hereby is prohibited by applicable Law.

(c) The Company shall purchase, at or prior to the Effective Time, and SPAC shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, in effect for a period of six (6) years after the Effective Time, without lapses in coverage, a "tail" policy or policies providing directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage for the benefit of those Persons who are currently covered by any comparable insurance policies of the Company **D&O Tail Policy**"). Such Company D&O Tail Policy shall provide coverage on terms (with respect to coverage and amount) that are substantially the same as (and no less favorable in the aggregate to the insured than) the coverage provided under the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policies in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time; provided that the Company shall not be required to pay a premium for such "tail" policy or policies in excess of three hundred seventy-five percent (375%) of the most recent premium paid by the Company prior to the Effective Time and, if the requisite cover is not available for such a premium, the Company shall purchase the maximum coverage available for three hundred seventy-five percent (375%) of the most recent premium paid by the Company prior to the Effective Time. Notwithstanding the foregoing in this <u>Section 5.15(c)</u>, the Company in its

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sole discretion, in lieu of purchasing the Company D&O Tail Policy, may choose to maintain (and if so chosen, SPAC shall maintain or cause to be maintained) for a period of six (6) years after the Closing, without any lapses in coverage, directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of those Persons who are currently covered by any comparable insurance policies of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to any acts, errors or omissions occurring on or prior to the Effective Time. Such insurance policies shall provide coverage on terms (with respect to coverage and amount) that are substantially the same as (and no less favorable in the aggregate to the insured than) the coverage provided under the Company's directors' liability insurance policies immediately prior to the Effective Time.

(d) If, following the Closing, SPAC (i) shall merge or consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or entity and shall not be the surviving or continuing corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger, or (ii) shall transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets as an entity in one or a series of related transactions to any Person, then in each such case, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors or assigns of SPAC shall assume all of the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 5.15</u>.

(e) The Company D&O Persons entitled to the advancement, indemnification, liability limitation, exculpation and insurance set forth in this <u>Section 5.15</u> are intended to be third-party beneficiaries of this <u>Section 5.15</u>. This <u>Section 5.15</u> shall survive the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall be binding on all successors and assigns of SPAC.

Section 5.16. Post-Closing Directors and Officers. The Parties shall take all necessary action, including causing the SPAC's directors to resign, so that effective as of the Closing, the SPAC's board of directors (the "Post-Closing Board") will consist of five individuals. At the Closing, the Parties shall take all necessary action to designate and appoint to the Post-Closing Board, one person designated prior to the Closing by the SPAC, who shall qualify as an independent director under Nasdaq requirements; and four persons designated prior to the Closing by the Company in the Company's sole discretion.

Section 5.17. PIPE Subscriptions.

(a) Prior to the Closing, SPAC and/or the Company may execute Subscription Agreements with potential sources of PIPE Financing. The Company agrees, and shall cause the appropriate officers and employees thereof, to use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate in connection with the arrangement of such PIPE Financing (including the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth therein) as may be reasonably requested by SPAC, including by (a) participating in a reasonable number of meetings, presentations, due diligence sessions, drafting sessions and sessions with rating agencies at mutually agreeable times and locations and upon reasonable advance notice, (b) assisting with the preparation of customary materials for actual and potential investors, rating agency presentations, offering documents, private placement memoranda, bank information memoranda, prospectuses and similar documents required in connection with such financing (which shall not include pro forma financial

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information); provided, that, the Company shall have the right to review and approve (which approval shall not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed) any such materials prior to their distribution, (c) executing and delivering any pledge and security documents, other definitive financing documents, or other certificates, or documents as may be reasonably requested by SPAC or otherwise reasonably facilitating the pledging of collateral, provided, that, such documents will not take effect until the Closing, (d) taking or appointing a representative of SPAC to take all corporate actions, subject to the occurrence of the Closing, reasonably requested by SPAC to permit the consummation of the PIPE Financing immediately prior to or following the Closing Date, (e) providing the Company Financial Statements and such other financial information regarding the Company that is readily available or within the Company's possession and as is reasonably requested in connection with arrangement of such financing, (f) executing and delivering reasonable and customary certificates and other documentation required by any such equity investor and the subscription agreement, provided, that no such certificates, letters or other documentation shall be effective prior to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the subscription agreement, (g) furnishing SPAC with all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know-your-customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act and (h) otherwise reasonably cooperating in SPAC's efforts to obtain such PIPE Financing.

(b) SPAC shall use its reasonable best efforts to take, or to cause to be taken, all actions required, necessary or that it otherwise deems to be proper or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Subscription Agreements on the terms described therein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, SPAC shall give the Company prompt written notice (i) of any requested amendment to any Subscription Agreement, (ii) of any breach or default, to the knowledge of SPAC, by any party to any Subscription Agreement, (iii) of the receipt of any written notice or other written communication from any party to any Subscription Agreement with respect to any actual, or to the knowledge of SPAC, potential, threatened or claimed expiration, lapse, withdrawal, breach, default, termination or repudiation by any party to any Subscription Agreement or any provisions of any Subscription Agreement, and (iv) if SPAC does not expect to receive all or any portion of the applicable purchase price under any Investor's Subscription Agreement in accordance with its terms.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, SPAC agrees, for the benefit of the Company, to take all necessary, legally available steps to enforce against any Investor the terms of that Investor's Subscription Agreement if the Investor is in material breach of its obligations thereunder, including any breach caused by the Investor's failure to fund its Subscription Amount (as defined in its Subscription Agreement) at the time and in the amount required pursuant to its Subscription Agreement.

Section 5.18. Expense Statement. At least three Business Days prior to the contemplated Closing Date, SPAC and the Company shall each deliver to the other a written statement setting forth a complete and accurate schedule of its good faith estimate of, in respect of SPAC, each Unpaid SPAC Expense, and in respect of the Company, each Unpaid Company Expense, as of the Closing Date.

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Section 5.19. Transaction Litigation. During the Interim Period, SPAC, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, shall each notify the other promptly after learning of any stockholder demand (or threat thereof) or other stockholder Proceeding, claim, investigation, examination or inquiry, whether or not before any Governmental Entity (including derivative claims), relating to this Agreement, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby (collectively, "**Transaction Litigation**") commenced or, to the knowledge of SPAC or to the knowledge of the Company, as applicable, threatened in writing against (a) in the case of SPAC, SPAC, any of SPAC's Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives or stockholders (in their capacity as such), or (b) in the case of the Company, the Company, any of the Company's Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives or stockholders (in their capacity as such). SPAC and the Company shall each (i) keep the other reasonably informed regarding any Transaction Litigation, (ii) give the other the opportunity to, at its own cost and expense, participate in the defense, settlement and compromise of any such Transaction Litigation and reasonably cooperate with the other in connection with the defense, settlement and compromise of any such Transaction Litigation, (iii) consider in good faith the other's advice with respect to any such Transaction Litigation, and (iv) reasonably cooperate with each other with respect to any Transaction Litigation; *provided, however*, that in no event shall (x) the Company, any of the Company's Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives settle or compromise any Transaction Litigation without the prior written consent of SPAC (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) or (y) SPAC, any of SPAC's Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives settle or compromise any Transaction Litigation without the Company's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned

Section 5.20. Employee Matters. Prior to the Closing, the SPAC Board will approve and adopt the New Equity Incentive Plan, subject to the SPAC Stockholder Approval.

Section 5.21. SPAC Extension Proposal. If a definitive proxy relating to the approval of the Contemplated Transactions has not been mailed to Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders by December 8, 2023, SPAC shall use its best efforts to take all actions necessary to obtain the approval of the SPAC Extension Proposal. In connection with obtaining the approval, SPAC will prepare, file and mail all required proxy materials to be sent to the Pre-Closing SPAC Stockholders seeking approval of the SPAC Extension Proposal.

ARTICLE VI. CONDITIONS TO CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT

Section 6.1. Conditions to the Obligations of the Parties. The obligations of the Parties to consummate, or cause to be consummated, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Closing) are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable Law, waiver by the Party for whose benefit such condition exists, of the following conditions:

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(a) each applicable waiting period (and any extensions thereof, or any timing agreements, understandings or commitments obtained by request or other action of the United States Federal Trade Commission or the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, as applicable) or Consent under the HSR Act shall have expired, been terminated or obtained (or deemed, by applicable Law, to have been obtained), as applicable;

(b) no Order or Law issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other Governmental Entity or other legal restraint or prohibition preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Closing) shall exist, and the Parties shall act reasonably and in good faith and consult each other when assessing the application of any such restraint or prohibition;

(c) the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement shall have become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act, no stop order shall have been issued by the SEC and shall remain in effect with respect to the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement, and no proceeding seeking such a stop order shall have been threatened or initiated by the SEC and remain pending;

(d) the Company Stockholder Written Consent shall have been obtained;

(e) the SPAC Stockholder Approval shall have been obtained;

(f) SPAC's initial listing application with Nasdaq in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have been approved and, immediately following the Effective Time, SPAC shall be able to satisfy any applicable initial and continuing listing requirements of Nasdaq, and SPAC shall not have received any notice of non-compliance therewith that has not been cured or would not be cured at or immediately following the Effective Time, and the Series A Common Stock (including the Series A Common Stock to be issued hereunder) shall have been approved for listing on Nasdaq, subject only to official notice of issuance thereof; and

(g) after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby (including the SPAC Stockholder Redemption and the PIPE Financing), SPAC shall have at least 5,000,001 of net tangible assets (as determined in accordance with Rule 3a51-1(g)(1) of the Exchange Act) immediately after the Effective Time.

Section 6.2. Other Conditions to the Obligations of the SPAC Parties. The obligations of the SPAC Parties to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Closing) are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable Law, waiver by SPAC (on behalf of itself and the other SPAC Parties), of the following further conditions:

(a) (i) the Company Fundamental Representations shall be true and correct in all material respects (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) as of the Closing Date, as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty is made as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any

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limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) in all material respects as of such earlier date), and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in <u>ARTICLE III</u> (other than the Company Fundamental Representations) shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) in all respects as of the Closing Date, as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty is made as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) as of such earlier date), except, in the case of this clause (ii), where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, taken as a whole, does not, and would not reasonably be expected to, cause a Company Material Adverse Effect;

(b) the Company shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by the Company under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing;

(c) since the date of this Agreement, no Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred and is continuing;

(d) at or prior to the Closing, the Company shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to SPAC a certificate duly executed by an authorized officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions specified in <u>Section 6.2(a)</u>, <u>Section 6.2(b)</u> and <u>Section 6.2(c)</u> are satisfied, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to SPAC;

(e) each Ancillary Document to which the Company is or is to be a party pursuant hereto shall have been executed and delivered by the Company and shall be in full force and effect;

(f) the Company Preferred Stock Conversion shall have been duly authorized; and

(g) each of the agreements set forth on Section 6.2(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule has been terminated as of immediately prior to Closing.

Section 6.3. Other Conditions to the Obligations of the Company. The obligations of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Closing) are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable Law, waiver by the Company, of the following further conditions:

(a) (i) the SPAC Fundamental Representations shall be true and correct in all material respects (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "SPAC Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) as of the Closing Date, as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty is made as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects (without

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giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "SPAC Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) as of such earlier date), and (ii) the representations and warranties of the SPAC Parties (other than the SPAC Fundamental Representations) contained in <u>ARTICLE IV</u> of this Agreement shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "SPAC Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) in all respects as of the Closing Date, as though made on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty is made as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "SPAC Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth therein) as of such earlier date), except, in the case of this clause (ii), where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, taken as a whole, does not, and would not reasonably be expected to, cause a SPAC Material Adverse Effect;

(b) the SPAC Parties shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by the SPAC Parties under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing;

(c) there being at least \$8,700,000 in Available Closing Cash;

(d) since the date of this Agreement, no SPAC Material Adverse Effect has occurred and is continuing;

(e) the Employment Agreements shall have been signed by the respective executives party thereto in form reasonably satisfactory to the Parties, with approval of the form Employment Agreement not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed by the SPAC;

(f) at or prior to the Closing, SPAC shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to the Company a certificate duly executed by an authorized officer of SPAC, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions specified in <u>Section 6.3(a)</u>, <u>Section 6.3(b)</u> and <u>Section 6.3(d)</u> are satisfied, in a form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company; and

(g) each Ancillary Document to which SPAC or Sponsor is or is to be a party pursuant hereto shall have been executed and delivered by SPAC or Sponsor and shall be in full force and effect.

Section 6.4. Frustration of Closing Conditions.

The Company may not rely on the failure of any condition set forth in this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> to be satisfied if such failure was proximately caused by the Company's or any one of its Subsidiaries' failure to use reasonable best efforts to cause the Closing to occur, as required by <u>Section 5.2</u>, or a material breach of any of its other obligations under this Agreement. None of the SPAC Parties may rely on the failure of any condition set forth in this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> to be satisfied if such failure was proximately caused by any SPAC Party's failure to use reasonable best efforts to cause the Closing to occur, as required by <u>Section 5.2</u>, or a material breach of any of its other obligations under this Agreement.

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ARTICLE VII. TERMINATION

Section 7.1. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may be abandoned at any time prior to the Closing:

(a) by mutual written consent of SPAC and the Company;

(b) by SPAC, if any of the representations or warranties set forth in <u>ARTICLE III</u> shall not be true and correct, or if the Company has failed to perform any covenant or agreement on the part of the Company set forth in this Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing), such that the condition to Closing set forth in either <u>Section 6.2(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.2(b)</u> will not be satisfied and the breach or breaches causing such representations or warranties not to be true and correct, or the failure to perform any covenant or agreement, as applicable, is (or are) not cured or cannot be cured within the earlier of (i) 30 days after written notice thereof is delivered to the Company by SPAC, and (ii) the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that none of the SPAC Parties is then in breach of this Agreement so as to prevent the condition to Closing set forth in either <u>Section 6.3(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.3(b)</u> from being satisfied;

(c) by the Company, if any of the representations or warranties set forth in <u>ARTICLE IV</u> shall not be true and correct, or if any SPAC Party has failed to perform any covenant or agreement on the part of such applicable SPAC Party set forth in this Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing), such that the condition to Closing set forth in either <u>Section 6.3(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.3(b)</u> will not be satisfied and the breach or breaches causing such representations or warranties not to be true and correct, or the failure to perform any covenant or agreement, as applicable, is (or are) not cured or cannot be cured within the earlier of (i) 30 days after written notice thereof is delivered to SPAC by the Company, and (ii) the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that the Company is not then in breach of this Agreement so as to prevent the condition to Closing set forth in <u>Section 6.2(a)</u> or <u>Section 6.2(b)</u> from being satisfied;

(d) by either SPAC or the Company, if the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Closing) shall not have been consummated on or prior June 1, 2024 (the "**Termination Date**"); *provided*, that (i) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 7.1(d)</u> shall not be available to SPAC if any SPAC Party's breach of any of its covenants or obligations under this Agreement shall have proximately caused the failure to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on or before the Termination Date, and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement shall have proximately caused the failure to this <u>Section 7.1(d)</u> shall not be available to the Company if the Company's breach of its covenants or obligations under this Agreement shall have proximately caused the failure to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on or before the Termination Date, and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement shall have proximately caused the failure to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on or before the Termination Date;

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(e) by either SPAC or the Company, if any Governmental Entity shall have issued an Order or taken any other action permanently enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and such Order or other action shall have become final and nonappealable;

(f) by either SPAC or the Company, if the SPAC Stockholders Meeting has been held (including any adjournment or postponement thereof), has concluded, SPAC's stockholders have duly voted and the SPAC Stockholder Approval was not obtained; or

(g) by SPAC, if the Company does not deliver or cause to be delivered to SPAC the Company Stockholder Written Consent in accordance with Section 5.13 on or prior to the Company Stockholder Written Consent Deadline.

Section 7.2. Effect of Termination. In the event of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 7.1</u>, this entire Agreement shall forthwith become void (and there shall be no Liability or obligation on the part of the Parties and their respective Representatives) with the exception of (a) <u>Section 5.3(a)</u>, this <u>Section 7.2</u>, <u>ARTICLE VIII</u> and <u>ARTICLE I</u> (to the extent related to the foregoing), each of which shall survive such termination and remain valid and binding obligations of the Parties, and (b) the Confidentiality Agreement, which shall survive such termination and remain valid and binding obligations of the parties thereto in accordance with its terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 7.1</u> shall not affect any Liability on the part of any Party for the Willful Breach of this Agreement by, or any Fraud of, such Party.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 8.1. Non-Survival. The representations, warranties, agreements and covenants in this Agreement, or in any instrument, document or certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement, shall terminate at the Effective Time, except for (a) those covenants and agreements that, by their terms, contemplate performance after the Effective Time, and (b) those representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 3.25</u>, <u>Section 3.27</u>, <u>Section 4.17</u> and <u>Section 4.20</u>.

Section 8.2. Entire Agreement; Assignment. This Agreement (together with the Ancillary Documents and the Confidentiality Agreement) constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, undertakings, representations and other arrangements, both written and oral, among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be assigned by any Party (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of (a) prior to the Closing, SPAC and the Company, and (b) from and after the Closing, SPAC and the Sponsor. Any attempted assignment of this Agreement not in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 8.2</u> shall be void, *ab initio*.

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Section 8.3. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only (a) prior to the Closing, by a written agreement executed and delivered by SPAC and the Company, and (b) after the Closing, by a written agreement executed and delivered by SPAC and the Sponsor. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence and any purported amendment by any Party or Parties effected in a manner which does not comply with this <u>Section 8.3</u> shall be void, *ab initio*.

Section 8.4. Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given) by delivery in person, e-mail (having obtained electronic delivery confirmation thereof) or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) (upon receipt thereof) to the other Parties as follows:

(a) If to any SPAC Party, to:

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II 6 St. Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, New York 10013 Attention: Shahraab Ahmad Email: ******

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

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 31 W 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: Matthew Oresman Email: ******

(b) If to the Company, to:

Abpro Corporation 68 Cummings Park Drive Woburn, MA 01801 Attention: Legal Department Email: <u>******</u>

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

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20001 Attention: Jonathan Talcott; E. Peter Strand E-mail: <u>******</u>; <u>*******</u>

or to such other address as the Party to whom notice is given may have previously furnished to the others in writing in the manner set forth above. All such notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day; otherwise, any such notice, request, claim, demand or other communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day.

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Section 8.5. Governing Law. This Agreement and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, including the applicable statute of limitations, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Law of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Merger shall be governed by the DGCL.

Section 8.6. Fees and Expenses. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Ancillary Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the fees and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors and accountants, shall be paid by the Party incurring such fees or expenses; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, in the event the Closing occurs, Unpaid Company Expenses and Unpaid SPAC Expenses shall be borne by the Trust Account (provided, however, that the effect of such payment shall be disregarded for the purposes of Section 6.1(g), but not, for the avoidance of doubt, Section 6.3(c)).

Section 8.7. Construction; Interpretation. The term "this Agreement" means this Business Combination Agreement together with the Schedules and Exhibits hereto, as the same may from time to time be amended, modified, supplemented or restated in accordance with the terms hereof. The headings set forth in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. No Party, nor its respective counsel, shall be deemed the drafter of this Agreement for purposes of construing the provisions hereof, and all provisions of this Agreement shall be construed according to their fair meaning and not strictly for or against any Party. Unless otherwise indicated to the contrary herein by the context or use thereof (a) the words, "herein," "hereto," "hereof" and words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole, including the Schedules and Exhibits, and not to any particular section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph or clause set forth in this Agreement, (b) masculine gender shall also include the feminine and neutral genders, and vice versa, (c) words importing the singular shall also include the plural, and vice versa, (d) the words "include," "includes" or "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation," (e) references to "\$" or "dollar" or "US\$" shall be references to United States dollars, (f) the word "or" is disjunctive but not necessarily exclusive, (g) the words "writing," "written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing and other means of reproducing words (including electronic media) in a visible form, (h) the word "day" means calendar day unless Business Day is expressly specified, (i) the word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" means the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and such phrase shall not mean simply "if," (j) all references to Articles, Sections, Exhibits or Schedules are to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules of this Agreement, (k) the words "provided" or "made available" or words of similar import (regardless of whether capitalized or not) shall mean, when used with reference to documents or other materials required to be provided or made available to any SPAC Party, any documents or other materials posted to datasite electronic data room maintained by or on behalf of the Company as of 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at least one day prior to the date of this Agreement, (1) all references to any Law will be to such Law as amended, supplemented, restated

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or otherwise modified or re-enacted from time to time, and (m) all references to any Contract are to such Contract as amended or modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof (subject to any restrictions on amendments or modifications set forth in this Agreement). If any action under this Agreement is required to be done or taken on a day that is not a Business Day, then such action shall be required to be done or taken not on such day but on the first succeeding Business Day thereafter.

Section 8.8. Exhibits and Schedules. All Exhibits and Schedules, or documents expressly incorporated into this Agreement, are hereby incorporated into this Agreement and are hereby made a part hereof as if set out in full in this Agreement. The Schedules shall be arranged in sections and subsections corresponding to the numbered and lettered Sections and subsection or subsection of <u>ARTICLE III</u> (in the case of the Company Disclosure Schedules) or <u>ARTICLE IV</u> (in the case of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules) shall be deemed to have been disclosed with respect to every other Section and subsection of <u>ARTICLE III</u> (in the case of the Company Disclosure Schedules) or <u>ARTICLE III</u> (in the case of the Company Disclosure Schedules), as applicable, where the relevance of such disclosure to such other Section or subsection is reasonably apparent on the face of the disclosure. The information and disclosures set forth in the Schedules, and any such additional information or disclosure is for informational purposes only and does not necessarily include other matters of a similar nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the fact that any disclosure on any of the Schedules is not required to be disclosed in order to render the applicable representation or warranty to which it relates true, or that the absence of such disclosure on the Schedules would not constitute a breach of such or matteriality disclosure in respect of any representation or warranty or create any covenant and (ii) shall not constitute, or be deemed to be, an admission to any third party concerning such item or an admission of default or breach under any agreement or document.

Section 8.9. Parties in Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each Party and its successors and permitted assigns and, except as provided in <u>Section 5.14</u> and <u>Section 5.15</u> and, with respect thereto, this <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.14</u>, nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any rights, benefits or remedies of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement. The Sponsor shall be an express third-party beneficiary of <u>Section 8.2</u>, <u>Section 8.3</u> and <u>Section 8.13</u> and, with respect thereto, this <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.14</u>. Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP ("Nelson Mullins") shall be an express third-party beneficiary of <u>Section 8.19</u> and, with respect thereto, this <u>Section 8.19</u> and, with respect thereto, this <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.9</u> and <u>Section 8.14</u>.

Section 8.10. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable Law, but if any term or other provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable under applicable Law, then all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any Party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable under applicable Law, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

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Section 8.11. Counterparts; Electronic Signatures; Effectiveness. This Agreement and each Ancillary Document (including any of the Closing deliverables contemplated hereby) may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement or any Ancillary Document (including any of the Closing deliverables contemplated hereby) by e-mail, or scanned pages shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart to this Agreement or any such Ancillary Document or Closing deliverable.

Section 8.12. Knowledge of Company; Knowledge of SPAC. For all purposes of this Agreement, the phrase "to the Company's knowledge" and "known by the Company" and any derivations thereof shall mean, as of the applicable date, the actual knowledge of the individuals set forth on <u>Section 8.12</u> of the Company Disclosure Schedules after reasonable inquiry. For all purposes of this Agreement, the phrase "to SPAC's knowledge" and "to the knowledge of SPAC." and any derivations thereof shall mean, as of the applicable date, the actual knowledge of the individuals set forth on <u>Section 8.12</u> of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the individuals set forth on <u>Section 8.12</u> of the SPAC Disclosure Schedules shall have any personal Liability or obligations regarding such knowledge.

Section 8.13. No Recourse. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any action for breach of this Agreement or related to the transactions contemplated hereby, may only be made against, the Parties (and then only with respect to the specific obligations of such Parties, as set forth herein), and none of the Representatives of any SPAC Party (including the Sponsor) or the Company (and including the Parties' stockholders) shall have any Liability arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, including with respect to any claim (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) for breach of this Agreement or in respect of any written or oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith, as expressly provided herein. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this <u>Section 8.13</u> shall limit the enforcement of, or recovery under, Ancillary Documents.

Section 8.14. Extension; Waiver. The Company (prior to the Closing) or the Sponsor (after the Closing) may (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the SPAC Parties set forth herein, (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the SPAC Parties set forth herein or (c) waive compliance by the SPAC Parties with any of the agreements or conditions set forth herein. SPAC may (i) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the Company set forth herein, (ii) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Company set forth herein or (iii) waive compliance by the Company set forth herein, (ii) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the Company set forth herein or (iii) waive compliance by the Company with any of the agreements or conditions set forth herein. Any agreement on the part of any such Party to any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in a written instrument signed on behalf of such Party. Any waiver of any other term or condition of this Agreement. The failure of any Party to assert any of its rights, powers or privileges hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of such rights, powers or privileges, nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

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Section 8.15. Waiver of Jury Trial. THE PARTIES EACH HEREBY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY PROCEEDING (I) ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR UNDER ANY ANCILLARY DOCUMENT, OR (II) IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO THE DEALINGS OF THE PARTIES IN RESPECT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY ANCILLARY DOCUMENT OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS RELATED HERETO OR THERETO OR ANY FINANCING IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY, IN EACH CASE, WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING, AND WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, EQUITY OR OTHERWISE. THE PARTIES EACH HEREBY AGREE AND CONSENT THAT ANY SUCH PROCEEDING SHALL BE DECIDED BY COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY AND THAT THE PARTIES MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL COUNTERPART OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO THE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (B) EACH SUCH PARTY UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER, (C) EACH SUCH PARTY MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY AND (D) EACH SUCH PARTY HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 8.15</u>.

Section 8.16. Submission to Jurisdiction. Each of the Parties irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in New Castle County, State of Delaware for the purposes of any Proceeding (a) arising under this Agreement or under any Ancillary Document, or (b) in any way connected with or related or incidental to the dealings of the Parties in respect of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, and irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any such Proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Each Party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, and agrees not to assert, by way of motion or as a defense, counterclaim or otherwise, in any Proceeding (i) arising under this Agreement or under any Ancillary Document, or (ii) in any way connected with or related or incidental to the dealings of the Parties in respect of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, or (ii) in any way connected with or related or incidental to the dealings of the Parties in respect of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, or (ii) in any way connected with or related or incidental to the dealings of the Parties in respect of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document, or (ii) in any way connected with or related or incidental to the dealings of the Parties in respect of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (A) any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the courts as described in this <u>Section 8.16</u> for any reason, (B) that it or its property is exempt or immune from the jurisdiction of any such court or from any Proceeding

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commenced in such courts (whether through service of notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution of judgment, execution of judgment or otherwise) and (C) that (x) the Proceeding in any such court is brought in an inconvenient forum, (y) the venue of such Proceeding is improper or (z) this Agreement, or any Ancillary Document, or the subject matter hereof or thereof, may not be enforced in or by such courts. Each Party agrees that service of any process, summons, notice or document by registered mail to such Party's respective address set forth in <u>Section 8.4</u> shall be effective service of process for any such Proceeding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party may seek the remedies contemplated by <u>Section 8.17</u> in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 8.17. Remedies. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any and all remedies provided herein will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by Law or equity upon such Party, and the exercise by a Party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy. The Parties agree that irreparable damage, for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that the Parties do not perform their respective obligations under the provisions of this Agreement (including failing to take such actions as are required of them hereunder to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) in accordance with their specific terms or otherwise breach such provisions. It is accordingly agreed that the Parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement, in each case, without posting a bond or undertaking and without proof of damages, and this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. Each of the Parties agrees that it will not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief when expressly available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement on the basis that (a) the other Parties have an adequate remedy at law, or (b) an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or in equity.

Section 8.18. Trust Account Waiver. Reference is made to the final prospectus of SPAC, filed with the SEC (File No. 333-262159) on January 18, 2022 (the "Prospectus"). The Company acknowledges, agrees and understands that SPAC has established a trust account (the "Trust Account") containing the proceeds of its initial public offering (the "IPO") and certain proceeds of the private placement (including interest accrued from time to time thereon) for the benefit of SPAC's public stockholders. The Company hereby agrees that it does not now and shall not at any time hereafter have any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any assets held in the Trust Account, and shall not make any claim against the Trust Account, regardless of whether such claim arises as a result of, in connection with or relating in any way to this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or any proposed or actual business relationship between SPAC or any of its Representatives or Affiliates, on the other hand or any other matter, and regardless of whether such claim arises based on contract, tort, equity or any other theory of legal liability (any and all such claims are collectively referred to hereafter as the "Released Claims"). The Company hereby irrevocably waives (on its own behalf and on behalf of its Company Related Parties) any Released Claims that it may have against the Trust Account now or in the future as a result of, or arising out of, any discussions, contracts or agreements with SPAC and will not seek recourse against the Trust Account for any reason whatsoever. Notwithstanding anything herein or otherwise to the contrary (a) nothing herein shall serve to limit or prohibit the

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Company's right to pursue a claim against SPAC for legal relief against monies or other assets held outside the Trust Account, for specific performance or other equitable relief in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (including a claim for SPAC to specifically perform its obligations under this Agreement and cause the disbursement of the balance of the cash remaining in the Trust Account (after giving effect to the SPAC Shareholder Redemption) to the Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Trust Agreement), or for Fraud and (b) nothing herein shall serve to limit or prohibit any claims that the Company may have in the future against SPAC's (or its successors') assets or funds that are not held in the Trust Account (including any funds that have been released from the Trust Account and any assets that have been purchased or acquired with any such funds).

Section 8.19. Conflicts and Privilege.

(a) SPAC and Merger Sub, on behalf of their respective successors and assigns (including, after the Closing, the Surviving Corporation), hereby agree that, in the event a dispute with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby arises after the Closing between or among (i) the Sponsor, the stockholders or holders of other equity interests of SPAC, or any of their respective directors, members, partners, officers, employees or Affiliates (other than the Surviving Corporation) (collectively, the "SPAC Group"), on the one hand, and (ii) any pre-Closing stockholders, directors, members, partners, officers or employees of the Company or Affiliates (the "Company Group"), on the other hand, Nelson Mullins, may represent any member of the Company Group in such dispute even though the interests of such Persons may be directly adverse to SPAC or the Surviving Corporation, and even though Nelson Mullins may be handling ongoing unrelated matters for SPAC, the Surviving Corporation or the members of the Company Group.

(b) SPAC and Merger Sub, on behalf of their respective successors and assigns (including, after the Closing, the Surviving Corporation), further agree that, as to all legally privileged communications made prior to the Closing (in each case, including to the extent made in connection with the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery and performance under, or any dispute or Proceeding arising out of or relating to, this Agreement, any Ancillary Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby) between or among the Company, its Affiliates or any member of the Company Group, on the one hand, and Nelson Mullins, on the other hand (the "Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications"), the attorney/client privilege, attorney work-product protection, and the expectation of client confidence shall survive the Merger and belong to the pre-Closing stockholders of the Company after the Closing, and shall not pass to or be claimed or controlled by the Surviving Corporation or any other member of the SPAC Group. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a dispute arises between SPAC or the SPAC Group, on the one hand, and a third party other than the Company, its Affiliates or any member of the SPAC Group, as applicable) may assert the attorney-client privilege to prevent the disclosure of the Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications to such third party; provided, however, that neither SPAC nor the SPAC Group may waive such privilege with respect to Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications without the prior written consent of Nelson Mullins.

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(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any privileged communications or information shared by or on behalf of the Company prior to the Closing with SPAC or the Sponsor shall remain the privileged communications (the attorney/client privilege, attorney work-product protection, and the expectation of client confidence shall survive the Merger and belong to the pre-Closing stockholders of the Company after the Closing, and shall not pass to or be claimed or controlled by the Surviving Corporation or any other member of the SPAC Group), and SPAC agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the other members of the SPAC Group, not to assert that any privilege has been waived as to the Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications, by virtue of the same having been shared.

(d) SPAC agrees on behalf of itself and the other members of the SPAC Group, (i) to the extent that SPAC or, after the Closing, the Surviving Corporation receives or takes physical possession of any Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications, (A) such physical possession or receipt shall not, in any way, be deemed a waiver by the Company or the Company's pre-closing stockholders of the privileges or protections described in this <u>Section 8.19</u>, and (B) neither SPAC nor the SPAC Group shall assert any claim that the Company, or the Company's pre-closing stockholders or any other Person waived the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection or any other right or expectation of client confidence applicable to any such materials or communications, (ii) not to access or use the Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications, including by way of review of any electronic data, communications or other information, by seeking to have the Company or the Company's pre-closing stockholders waive the attorney-client or other privilege or otherwise and (iii) not to seek to obtain the Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications from Nelson Mullins as long as such Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications would be subject to a privilege or protection if they were being requested in a proceeding by an unrelated third party.

(e) To the extent that files or other materials maintained by Nelson Mullins constitute property of its clients, such property rights (and the attorney/client privilege, attorney work-product protection, and the expectation of client confidence with respect thereto) shall survive the Merger and belong to the pre- Closing stockholders of the Company after the Closing, and shall not pass to or be claimed or controlled by the Surviving Corporation or any other member of the SPAC Group, and Nelson Mullins shall have no duty to reveal or disclose to any Person any such files or other materials or any Nelson Mullins Privileged Communications, as long as such files or other materials would be subject to a privilege or protection if they were being requested in a proceeding by an unrelated third party.

(f) SPAC on behalf of itself and the SPAC Group, hereby acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to discuss and obtain adequate information concerning the significance and material risks of, and reasonable available alternatives to, the waivers, permissions and other provisions of this Agreement. This <u>Section 8.19</u> shall be irrevocable, and no term of this <u>Section 8.19</u> may be amended, waived or modified, without the prior written consent of Nelson Mullins (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Business Combination Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf as of the day and year first above written.

COMPANY:

SPAC:

MERGER SUB:

ABPRO CORPORATION

By: /s/ Ian Chan Name: Ian Chan

Title: Chief Executive Officer

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: /s/ Shahraab Ahmad

Name: Shahraab Ahmad Title: CEO

ABPRO MERGER SUB CORP.

By:/s/ Shahraab AhmadName:Shahraab AhmadTitle:President

[Signature Page to Business Combination Agreement]

<u>Exhibit A</u> Form of Sponsor Support Agreement

(attached)

SPONSOR SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This SPONSOR SUPPORT AGREEMENT, dated as of December 11, 2023 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), by and among ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Supporter</u>"), ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II, a Delaware corporation ("<u>SPAC</u>"), and ABPRO CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"). Terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the BCA (as defined below).

WHEREAS, contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement, SPAC, the Company, and Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of SPAC ("<u>Merger Sub</u>"), are entering into that certain Business Combination Agreement (the "<u>BCA</u>"), a copy of which has been made available to Supporter and pursuant to which, subject to the terms and conditions thereof, Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company (the "<u>Merger</u>"), and the Company's securityholders will receive shares of SPAC's Series A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "<u>Series A Common Stock</u>");

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, Supporter owns 6,374,774 shares of Series A Common Stock and 1 share of SPAC's Series B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Series B Common Stock") (all such SPAC shares and any SPAC shares of which ownership of record or the power to vote is hereafter acquired by Supporter prior to the termination of this Agreement being referred to herein as the "Shares"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company and SPAC to enter into the BCA, Supporter is executing and delivering this Agreement to the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Supporter, the Company, and SPAC hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Agreement to Vote</u>. Supporter, with respect to the Shares, hereby agrees (and agrees to execute such documents or certificates evidencing such agreement as SPAC and/or the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith) to vote at any meeting of the stockholders of SPAC, and in any action by written consent of the stockholders of SPAC, to approve the BCA, all of the Shares (a) in favor of the approval and adoption of the BCA, the transactions contemplated by the BCA and this Agreement, (b) in favor of any other matter reasonably necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the BCA and considered and voted upon by the stockholders of SPAC (including each Required Transaction Proposal), (c) in favor of the approval and adoption of the new equity incentive plan, (d) for the appointment, and designation of classes, of the members of the Post-Closing Board and (e) against any action, agreement or transaction (other than the BCA or the transactions contemplated thereby) or proposal that would result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of SPAC under the BCA or that would reasonably be expected to result in the failure of the transactions contemplated by the BCA from being consummated. Supporter acknowledges receipt and review of a copy of the BCA.

2. <u>Transfer of Shares</u>. Supporter agrees that it shall not, directly or indirectly, except as otherwise contemplated pursuant to the BCA and the Ancillary Documents, (a) sell, assign, transfer (including by operation of law), redeem, lien, pledge, distribute, dispose of or otherwise encumber any of the Shares or otherwise agree to do any of the foregoing (unless the transferee agrees to be bound by this Agreement), (b) deposit any Shares into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement or arrangement or grant any proxy or power of attorney with respect thereto that is inconsistent with this Agreement, (c) enter into any contract, option or other disposition of any Shares (unless the transferee agrees to be bound by this Agreement), transfer (including by operation of law), redemption or other disposition of any Shares (unless the transferee agrees to be bound by this Agreement) or (d) take any action that would have the effect of preventing or disabling Supporter from performing its obligations hereunder.

3. <u>Waiver</u>. Except as otherwise contemplated pursuant to the BCA and the Ancillary Documents, Supporter hereby waives (and agrees to execute such documents or certificates evidencing such waiver as SPAC and/or the Company may reasonably request) any adjustment to the conversion ratio set forth in the SPAC Certificate of Incorporation or any other anti-dilution or similar protection with respect to the Shares (whether resulting from the transactions contemplated hereby, by the BCA or any Ancillary Document or by any other transaction consummated in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

4. Representations and Warranties. Supporter represents and warrants for and on behalf of itself to SPAC and the Company as follows:

(a) The execution, delivery and performance by Supporter of this Agreement and the consummation by Supporter of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not (i) conflict with or violate any Law or Order applicable to Supporter, (ii) require any consent, approval or authorization of, declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, any person or entity, (iii) result in the creation of any Lien on any Shares (other than pursuant to this Agreement or transfer restrictions under applicable securities laws or the Governing Documents of Supporter) or (iv) conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute a default under any provision of Supporter's Governing Documents.

(b) Except as contemplated pursuant to the BCA and the Ancillary Documents, Supporter owns of record and has good, valid and marketable title to the Shares free and clear of any Lien (other than pursuant to this Agreement or transfer restrictions under applicable securities Laws or the Governing Documents of Supporter) and has the sole power (as currently in effect) to vote and has the full right, power and authority to sell, transfer and deliver such Shares, and Supporter does not own, directly or indirectly, any other Shares.

(c) Supporter has the power, authority and capacity to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Supporter.

5. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement and the obligations of Supporter under this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earliest of: (a) the Effective Time; (b) the termination of the BCA in accordance with its terms; and (c) the mutual agreement of the Company and SPAC. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, no party shall have any further obligations or liabilities under this Agreement; provided, however, such termination or expiration shall not relieve any party from liability for any willful breach of this Agreement occurring prior to its termination.

6. Miscellaneous.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein or in the BCA or any Ancillary Document, all costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the party incurring such costs and expenses, whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated.

(b) All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person, by telecopy or e-mail or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this paragraph 6(b)):

If to SPAC or Supporter, to:

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II 6 St. Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, New York 10013 Attention: Shahraab Ahmad Email: ******

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

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 31 W 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: Matthew Oresman Email: ******

If to the Company, to:

Abpro Corporation 68 Cummings Park Drive Woburn, MA 01801 Attention: Legal Department Email: ******

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

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20001 Attention: Jonathan Talcott; E. Peter Strand E-mail: ******* ; ******

(c) If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

(d) This Agreement, the BCA and the Ancillary Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the parties, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall not be assigned (whether pursuant to a merger, by operation of law or otherwise).

(e) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each party hereto, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

(f) The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage may occur in the event any provision of this Agreement was not performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or in equity. Each of the parties agrees that it shall not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief when expressly available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement on the basis that the other parties have an adequate remedy at law or an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or equity. Any party seeking an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of, or to enforce compliance with this Agreement when expressly available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such Order.

(g) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware. Without prejudice to the ability of any party to enforce this Agreement in any other proper jurisdiction, each of the parties irrevocably and unconditionally submits and attorns to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware to determine all issues, whether at law or in equity, arising from this Agreement. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each party:

(i) irrevocably waives any objection, including any claim of inconvenient forum, that it may now or in the future have to the venue of any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this agreement in the courts of the State of Delaware, or that the subject matter of this agreement may not be enforced in those courts;

(ii) irrevocably agrees not to seek, and waives any right to, judicial review by any court that may be called upon to enforce the judgment of the courts referred to in this paragraph 6(g), of the substantive merits of any suit, action or proceeding; and

(iii) to the extent that party has or may acquire any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process, whether through service or notice, attachment before judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise, with respect to itself or its property, irrevocably waives that immunity in connection with its obligations under this Agreement.

(h) This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile or portable document format (pdf) transmission) in one or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(i) Without further consideration, each party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered such additional documents and instruments and take all such further action as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(j) This Agreement shall not be effective or binding upon Supporter until such time as the BCA is executed by each of the parties thereto.

(k) If, and as often as, there are any changes in the SPAC Common Stock by way of stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification, or through merger, consolidation, recognization, recapitalization or business combination, or by any other means, equitable adjustment shall be made to the provisions of this Agreement as may be required so that the rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder shall continue with respect to SPAC, Supporter and the Shares as so changed.

(1) Each of the parties hereto hereby waives to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law any right it may have to a trial by jury with respect to any litigation directly or indirectly arising out of, under or in connection with this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto (i) certifies that no representative, agent or attorney of any other party has represented, expressly or otherwise, that such other party would not, in the event of litigation, seek to enforce that foregoing waiver and (ii) acknowledges that it and the other parties hereto have been induced to enter into this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, as applicable, by, among other things, the mutual waivers and certifications in this <u>paragraph 6(1)</u>.

[Signature pages follow]

SPAC:

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: Name: Title:

COMPANY:

ABPRO CORPORATION

By: Name: Title:

[Signature Page to Sponsor Support Agreement]

SUPPORTER:

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT II LLC

By:

Name: Title:

[Signature Page to Sponsor Support Agreement]

<u>Exhibit B</u> Form of Company Support Agreement

(attached)

COMPANY SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This COMPANY SUPPORT AGREEMENT, is entered into as of December 11, 2023 (this "*Agreement*"), by and among Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation (the "*SPAC*"), Abpro Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), and each of the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the signature pages of this Agreement (each, a "*Company Shareholder*" and, collectively, the "*Company Shareholders*"). The SPAC, the Company and each Company Shareholder may be referred to herein individually as a "*Party*" and collectively as the "*Parties*."

WHEREAS, contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement, the SPAC, the Company, and Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the SPAC ("*Merger Sub*"), are entering into that certain Business Combination Agreement (the "*BCA*"), pursuant to which, subject to the terms and conditions thereof, Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company and become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the SPAC (the "*Merger*"), and the Company's securityholders will receive shares of the SPAC's Series A Common Stock;

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, each Company Shareholder owns of record the number of equity securities of the Company as set forth opposite such Company Shareholder's name on *Exhibit A* hereto (all such securities and any underlying securities of the Company of which ownership of record or the power to vote is hereafter acquired by the Company Shareholders prior to the termination of this Agreement being referred to herein as the "*Securities*"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the SPAC, Merger Sub, and the Company to enter into the BCA, the Company Shareholders are executing and delivering this Agreement to the SPAC and the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, each of the Company Shareholders (severally and not jointly), the SPAC and the Company hereby agrees as follows:

1. <u>Agreement to Vote</u>. Each Company Shareholder, by this Agreement, with respect to its Securities, severally and not jointly, hereby agrees (and agrees to execute such documents and certificates evidencing such agreement as the SPAC may reasonably request in connection therewith), if (and only if) the Approval Condition (as defined below) shall have been satisfied, to vote, at any meeting of the members of the Company, and in any action by written consent of the members of the Company, all of such Company Shareholder's Securities (a) in favor of the approval and adoption of the BCA, the transactions contemplated by the BCA and this Agreement, including, no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the date that the Registration Statement/Proxy Statement (as defined in the BCA) becomes effective, an amendment to the Company Certificate of Incorporation (as defined in the BCA), providing for the automatic conversion, immediately prior to the Closing, of the Company Preferred Stock (as defined in the BCA) (b) in favor of any other matter reasonably necessary to the consummation of the transactions

contemplated by the BCA and considered and voted upon by the stockholders of the Company, including the conversion of the Company's preferred stock, (c) in favor of the approval and adoption of the new equity incentive plan (as contemplated by the BCA) and (d) against any action, agreement or transaction (other than the BCA or the transactions contemplated thereby) or proposal that would result in a breach of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of the Company under the BCA or that would reasonably be expected to result in the failure of the transactions contemplated by the BCA from being consummated. Each Company Shareholder acknowledges receipt and review of a copy of the BCA. For purposes of this Agreement, "*Approval Condition*" shall mean that (i) the BCA and the transactions as set forth therein shall have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company and such approval shall not have been withdrawn and (ii) the BCA shall not have been amended or modified to change the Merger Consideration payable under the BCA to the Company Shareholders.

2. <u>Waiver of Appraisal Rights</u>. Each Company Shareholder hereby unconditionally waives, and agrees not to exercise, assert or perfect, any rights of appraisal or any dissenters' rights that such Company Shareholder may have (whether under applicable Law or otherwise) or could potentially have or acquire in connection with the Merger.

3. <u>Transfer of Securities</u>. Except as may be required by or permitted in the BCA, each Company Shareholder, severally and not jointly, agrees that it shall not, directly or indirectly, (a) sell, assign, transfer (including by operation of law), lien, pledge, dispose of or otherwise encumber any of the Securities or otherwise agree to do any of the foregoing (unless the transferee agrees to be bound by this Agreement), (b) deposit any Securities into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement or arrangement or grant any proxy or power of attorney with respect thereto that is inconsistent with this Agreement, (c) enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or undertaking with respect to the direct or indirect acquisition or sale, assignment, transfer (including by operation of law) or other disposition of any Securities (unless the transferee agrees to be bound by this Agreement), or (d) take any action that would have the effect of preventing or disabling the Company Shareholder from performing its obligations hereunder.

4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Company Shareholder, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants for and on behalf of itself to the SPAC as follows:

(a) The execution, delivery and performance by such Company Shareholder of this Agreement and the consummation by such Company Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby do not and will not (i) conflict with or violate any Law (with this and any other defined term used herein without definition having the meaning as given in the BCA) or other Order applicable to such Company Shareholder, (ii) require any consent, approval or authorization of, declaration, filing or registration with, or notice to, any person or entity, (iii) result in the creation of any Lien on any Securities (other than pursuant to this Agreement, the BCA or transfer restrictions under applicable securities laws or the Governing Documents of the Company Shareholder) or (iv) conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute a default under any provision of such Company Shareholder is an entity.

(b) Such Company Shareholder owns of record and has good, valid and marketable title to the Securities set forth opposite the Company Shareholder's name on Exhibit A free and clear of any Lien (other than pursuant to this Agreement or transfer restrictions under applicable securities Laws or the Governing Documents of such Company Shareholder) and has the sole power (as currently in effect) to vote and the full right, power and authority to sell, transfer and deliver such Securities, and such Company Shareholder does not own, directly or indirectly, any other Securities.

(c) Such Company Shareholder has the power, authority and capacity to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Company Shareholder.

5. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement and the obligations of the Company Shareholders under this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earliest of (a) the Effective Time; (b) the termination of the BCA in accordance with its terms; or (c) the mutual agreement of the SPAC and the Company. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, no Party shall have any further obligations or liabilities under this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, such termination or expiration shall not relieve any Party from liability for any willful breach of this Agreement occurring prior to such termination of this Agreement.

6. Miscellaneous.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, in the BCA or in any Ancillary Document, all costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the Party incurring such costs and expenses, whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated.

(b) All notices, consents, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered (i) in person, (ii) by e-mail, with affirmative confirmation of receipt, (iii) one Business Day after being sent, if sent by reputable, nationally recognized overnight courier service or (iv) three (3) Business Days after being mailed, if sent by registered or certified mail, pre-paid and return receipt requested, in each case to the applicable Party at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified by like notice in accordance with this <u>paragraph 5(b)</u>):

If to the SPAC, to:

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II 6 St. Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, New York 10013 Attention: Shahraab Ahmad Email: ******

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

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 31 W 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: Matthew Oresman Email: ****** If to the Company, to:

Abpro Corporation 68 Cummings Park Drive Woburn, MA 01801 Attention: Legal Department Email: ******

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

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20001 Attention: Jonathan Talcott; E. Peter Strand E-mail: *******; ******

If to a Company Shareholder, to the address set forth for such Company Shareholder on the signature page hereof.

(c) If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any Party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

(d) This Agreement, the BCA and the Ancillary Documents constitute the entire agreement among the Parties and the other parties thereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof, and supersede all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the Parties and the other parties thereto, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof. This Agreement shall not be assigned (whether pursuant to a merger, by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of each of the Parties, and any attempt to do so without such consent shall be void ab initio.

(e) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each Party, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement. No Company Shareholder shall be liable for the breach of this Agreement by any other Company Shareholder.

(f) The Parties agree that irreparable damage may occur in the event any provision of this Agreement is not performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the Parties shall be entitled to seek specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or in equity. Each of the Parties agrees that it shall not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief when expressly available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement on the basis that the other Parties have an adequate remedy at law or that an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or equity. Any Party seeking an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of, or to enforce compliance with, this Agreement, when expressly available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, shall not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such Order.

(g) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Delaware. Without prejudice to the ability of any Party to enforce this Agreement in any other proper jurisdiction, each of the Parties irrevocably and unconditionally submits and attorns to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware to determine all issues, whether at law or in equity, arising from this Agreement. To the extent permitted by applicable Law, each of the Parties:

(i) irrevocably waives any objection, including any claim of inconvenient forum, that it may now or in the future have to the venue of any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement in the courts of the State of Delaware, or that the subject matter of this Agreement may not be enforced in those courts;

(ii) irrevocably agrees not to seek, and waives any right to, judicial review by any court that may be called upon to enforce the judgment of the courts referred to in this paragraph 5(g), of the substantive merits of any suit, action or proceeding; and

(iii) to the extent that the Party has or may acquire any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process, whether through service or notice, attachment before judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise, with respect to itself or its property, irrevocably waives that immunity in connection with its obligations under this Agreement.

(h) This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile or portable document format (pdf) transmission) in one or more counterparts, and by the different Parties in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(i) Without further consideration, each Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered such additional documents and instruments and take all such further action as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(j) This Agreement shall not be effective or binding upon any Company Shareholder until such time as the BCA is executed by each of the parties thereto.

(k) If, and as often as, there are any changes in the Company or the Company Shareholder's Securities by way of stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification, or through merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or business combination, or by any other means, equitable adjustment shall be made to the provisions of this Agreement as may be required so that the rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder shall continue with respect to the Company Shareholder and its Securities as so changed.

(1) Each of the Parties hereby waives to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law any right it may have to a trial by jury with respect to any litigation directly or indirectly arising out of, under or in connection with this Agreement. Each of the Parties hereto (i) certifies that no representative, agent or attorney of any other Party has represented, expressly or otherwise, that such other Party would not, in the event of litigation, seek to enforce that foregoing waiver and (ii) acknowledges that it and the other Parties have been induced to enter into this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, as applicable, by, among other things, the mutual waivers and certifications in this <u>paragraph 5(1)</u>.

[Signatures appear on following pages]

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By:

Name: Title:

ABPRO CORPORATION

By:

Name: Title:

COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholder Name:

ABPRO BIO INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By:

Name:

Title:

Address for Notices: Email:******

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COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholder Name:

APEX PARTNERS II LTD.

By:

Name:

Title:

Address for Notices: Email: ******

COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholder Name:

IAN CHAN

By: ____

Name: Ian Chan

Address for Notices:

Email: ******

COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholder Name:

FV DYNASTY TRUST

By:

Name:

Title:

Address for Notices:

Email: ******

EXHIBIT A

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THE COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

Company Shareholder	Company Securities
Ian Chan	4,477,913 common (approx. 47.8%)
FV Dynasty Trust	556,118 common (approx. 5.94%)
Abpro Bio International, Inc.	3,748,410 preferred (approx. 48.4%)
Apex Partners II Ltd.	892,391 preferred (approx. 11.5%)

<u>Exhibit C</u> Form of Company Lock-Up Agreement

(attached)

FORM OF LOCK-UP AGREEMENT

THIS LOCK-UP AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") is made and entered into as of [•], 2023, by and between (i) Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), (ii) Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Management II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("*Sponsor*"), and (iii) the undersigned (each, a "*Holder*"). Any capitalized term used but not defined in this Agreement will have the meaning ascribed to such term in the BCA (as defined herein). Company, Sponsor and each Holder may be referred to herein individually as a "*Party*" and collectively as the "*Parties*."

WHEREAS, the Company, Abpro Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("*Abpro*"), and Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("*Merger Sub*"), have entered into that certain Business Combination Agreement (the "*BCA*"), pursuant to which, subject to the terms and conditions thereof, Merger Sub will merge with and into Abpro, with Abpro's securityholders receiving shares of the Company's Series A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "*Series A Common Stock*");

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the Closing, Holder is a holder of equity or equity-linked securities of Abpro and upon the Closing, Holder will be a holder of Series A Common Stock or options to acquire Series A Common Stock; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the BCA, and in view of the valuable consideration to be received by each Holder thereunder, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement, pursuant to which the shares of Series A Common Stock and options to acquire shares of Series A Common Stock (all such securities, together with any securities paid as dividends or distributions with respect to such securities or into which such securities are exchanged or converted, the "*Restricted Securities*") shall become subject to limitations on disposition as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth above, which are incorporated in this Agreement as if fully set forth below, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Lock-Up Provisions.

(a) Each Holder hereby agrees not to, during the period commencing from the Closing and ending on the earlier of (x) the twelve month anniversary of the date of the Closing, (y) if the reported last sale price of the shares of Series A Common Stock equals or exceeds \$12.00 per share (as adjusted for share splits, share dividends, right issuances, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any twenty (20) trading days within any thirty (30) trading day period commencing at least one-hundred and fifty (150) days after the Closing, and (z) the date after the Closing on which the Company consummates a liquidation, merger, capital stock exchange, reorganization or other similar transaction with an unaffiliated third party that results in all of the Company's shareholders having the right to exchange their common stock of the Company for cash, securities or other property (the "*Lock-Up Period*"): (i) lend, offer, pledge, hypothecate, encumber, donate, assign, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise

transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Securities, (ii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Restricted Securities, or (iii) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing, whether any such transaction described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above is to be settled by delivery of Restricted Securities or other securities, in cash or otherwise (any of the foregoing described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), a "Prohibited Transfer"). The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the transfer of any or all of the Restricted Securities owned by a Holder (I) by gift, will or intestate succession upon the death of Holder, (II) to any Permitted Transferee (as defined below) or (III) pursuant to a court order or settlement agreement related to the distribution of assets in connection with the dissolution of marriage or civil union; provided, however, that in any of cases (I), (II) or (III) it shall be a condition to such transfer that the transferee executes and delivers to the Company an agreement stating that the transferee is receiving and holding the Restricted Securities subject to the provisions of this Agreement applicable to Holder, and there shall be no further transfer of such Restricted Securities except in accordance with this Agreement. The forgoing restrictions shall also not apply to the exercise of stock options existing on the date hereof, provided that the shares of Series A Common Stock received upon such exercise shall be Restricted Securities subject to the forgoing restrictions. As used in this Agreement, the term "Permitted Transferee" shall mean: (1) the members of Holder's immediate family (for purposes of this Agreement, "immediate family" shall mean with respect to any natural person, any of the following: such person's spouse or domestic partner, the siblings of such person and his or her spouse or domestic partner, and the direct descendants and ascendants (including adopted and step children and parents) of such person and his or her spouses or domestic partners and siblings), (2) any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of Holder or the immediate family of Holder, (3) if Holder is a trust, to the trustor or beneficiary of such trust or to the estate of a beneficiary of such trust, (4) in the case of an entity, partners, members, managers, investment managers or stockholders of such entity that receive such transfer as a distribution, (5) to any affiliate of Holder, (6) any charitable foundation controlled by the undersigned, its members or stockholders or any of their respective immediate family, (7) any transferee to satisfy any U.S. federal, state, or local income tax obligations of a Holder (or its direct or indirect owners) arising from such Holder's ownership (including prior to and after the Closing) of the Restricted Securities or any interests in the Company, in each case solely and to the extent necessary to cover any tax liability as a direct result of such ownership of the Restricted Securities or any interests in the Company, and (8) any transferee whereby there is no change in beneficial ownership. Holder further agrees to execute such agreements as may be reasonably requested by the Company that are consistent with the foregoing or that are necessary to give further effect thereto.

(b) If any Prohibited Transfer is made or attempted contrary to the provisions of this Agreement, such purported Prohibited Transfer shall be null and void *ab initio*, and the Company shall refuse to recognize any such purported transferee of the Restricted Securities as one of its equity holders for any purpose. In order to enforce this <u>Section 1</u>, the Company may impose stop-transfer instructions with respect to the Restricted Securities of Holder (and Permitted Transferees and assigns thereof) until the end of the Lock-Up Period except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

(c) During the Lock-Up Period, each certificate evidencing any Restricted Securities shall be stamped or otherwise imprinted with a legend in substantially the following form, in addition to any other applicable legends:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH IN A LOCK-UP AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF [•], 2023, BY AND AMONG THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES (THE "ISSUER") AND THE ISSUER'S SECURITY HOLDER NAMED THEREIN, AS AMENDED. A COPY OF SUCH LOCK-UP AGREEMENT WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE BY THE ISSUER TO THE HOLDER HEREOF UPON WRITTEN REQUEST."

(d) For the avoidance of any doubt, Holder shall retain all of its rights as a stockholder of the Company during the Lock-Up Period, including the right to vote any Restricted Securities.

2. Miscellaneous.

(a) <u>Binding Effect; Assignment</u>. This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns. This Agreement and all obligations of Holder are personal to Holder and may not be transferred or delegated by Holder at any time. The Company may freely assign any or all of its rights under this Agreement, in whole or in part, to any successor entity (whether by merger, consolidation, equity sale, asset sale or otherwise) without obtaining the consent or approval of Holder.

(b) <u>Third Parties</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement or in any instrument or document executed by any Party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby shall create any rights in, or be deemed to have been executed for the benefit of, any person or entity that is not a Party or thereto or a successor or permitted assign of such a Party.

(c) <u>Governing Law; Jurisdiction</u>. This Agreement and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, including the applicable statute of limitations, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Law of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware. To the extent permitted by applicable Law, each Party:

- i) irrevocably waives any objection, including any claim of inconvenient forum, that it may now or in the future have to the venue of any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this agreement in the courts of that Province, or that the subject matter of this agreement may not be enforced in those courts;
- ii) irrevocably agrees not to seek, and waives any right to, judicial review by any court that may be called upon to enforce the judgment of the courts referred to in this section 2(c), of the substantive merits of any suit, action or proceeding; and

iii) to the extent that party has or may acquire any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process, whether through service or notice, attachment before judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise, with respect to itself or its property, irrevocably waives that immunity in connection with its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY. EACH PARTY HERETO (i) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACTION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THAT FOREGOING WAIVER AND (ii) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 2(d)</u>.

(e) Interpretation. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement. In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires: (i) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa; (ii) "including" (and with correlative meaning "include") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding or succeeding such term and shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (iii) the words "herein," "hereto," and "hereby" and other words of similar import in this Agreement shall be deemed in each case to refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section or other subdivision of this Agreement; and (iv) the term "or" means "and/or". The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. Consequently, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

(f) <u>Notices</u>. All notices, consents, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered (i) in person, (ii) by facsimile, email or other electronic means, with affirmative confirmation of receipt, (iii) one Business Day after being sent, if sent by reputable, nationally recognized overnight courier service or (iv) three (3) Business Days after being mailed, if sent by registered or certified mail, pre-paid and return receipt requested, in each case to the applicable Party at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified by like notice):

If to the Company, to:

Abpro Corporation 68 Cummings Park Drive Woburn, MA 01801 Attention: Legal Department

Email: ******

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

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 20001 Attention: Jonathan Talcott; E. Peter Strand E-mail: *******; ******

and:

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II 6 St. Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, New York 10013 Attention: Shahraab Ahmad Email: ******

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

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP 31 W 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 Attention: Matthew Oresman Email: ******

If to a Holder or Sponsor; to: the address set forth below Holder's or Sponsor's name on the signature page to this Agreement.

(g) <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance, and either retroactively or prospectively) only with the written consent of the Company, Sponsor and Holder. No failure or delay by a Party in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No waivers of or exceptions to any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be or construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such term, condition, or provision.

(h) <u>Authorization on Behalf of the Company</u>. The Parties acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, any and all determinations, actions or other authorizations under this Agreement on behalf of the Company, including enforcing the Company's rights and remedies under this Agreement, or providing any waivers with respect to the provisions hereof, shall solely be made, taken and authorized by the majority of the Company's disinterested directors (the "*Disinterested Directors*"). In the event that the Company at any time does not have any Disinterested Directors, so long as Holder has any remaining obligations under this Agreement, the Company will promptly appoint one in connection with this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, in the event that Holder or Holder's Affiliate serves as a director, officer, employee or other authorized agent of the Company or any of its current or future Affiliates, Holder and/or Holder's Affiliate shall have no authority, express or implied, to act or make any determination on behalf of the Company or any of its current or future Affiliates in connection with this Agreement or any dispute or Action with respect hereto.

(i) <u>Severability</u>. In case any provision in this Agreement shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in a jurisdiction, such provision shall be modified or deleted, as to the jurisdiction involved, only to the extent necessary to render the same valid, legal and enforceable, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby nor shall the validity, legality or enforceability of such provision be affected thereby in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties will substitute for any invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision a suitable and equitable provision that carries out, so far as may be valid, legal and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

(j) <u>Specific Performance</u>. Holder acknowledges that its obligations under this Agreement are unique, recognizes and affirms that in the event of a breach of this Agreement by Holder, money damages will be inadequate and Company will have no adequate remedy at law, and agrees that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed by Holder in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Accordingly, the Company shall be entitled to an injunction or restraining order to prevent breaches of this Agreement by Holder and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof, without the requirement to post any bond or other security or to prove that money damages would be inadequate, this being in addition to any other right or remedy to which the Company may be entitled under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

(k) Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and any other written or oral agreement relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the Parties is expressly canceled; provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties under the BCA or any Ancillary Document or under the Letter Agreement, dated as of January 13, 2022, by and among Sponsor, the undersigned thereto, and the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall limit any of the rights or remedies of the Company or any of the obligations of Holder under any other agreement, certificate or instrument shall limit any of the rights or remedies of the Company or any of the Obligations of Holder under this Agreement.

(1) <u>Further Assurances</u>. From time to time, at another Party's request and without further consideration (but at the requesting Party's reasonable cost and expense), each Party shall execute and deliver such additional documents and take all such further action as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(m) <u>Counterparts; Facsimile.</u> This Agreement may also be executed and delivered by facsimile signature or by email in portable document format in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(n) <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Holder upon the Holder's execution and delivery of this Agreement, but this Agreement shall only become effective upon the consummation of the Merger. In the event that the BCA is validly terminated in accordance with its terms prior to the consummation of the Merger, this Agreement shall automatically terminate and become null and void, and the Parties shall have no obligations hereunder.

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

Company:

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: Name: Title:

Sponsor:

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT II LLC

By:

Name: Title:

Address for Notice:

Email:

{Additional Signature on the Following Page}

{Signature Page to Lock-Up Agreement}

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Lock-Up Agreement as of the date first written above.

<u>Holder:</u>

Name of	Holder:		
By:			
Name:			

Title:

Number of Series A Common Stock and Options:

Address for Notice:

Email:

{Signature Page to Lock-Up Agreement}

<u>Exhibit D</u> Form of Amended and Restated SPAC Certificate of Incorporation

(attached)

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

Shahraab Ahmad hereby certifies that:

ONE: He is the duly elected and acting Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation (the "*Corporation*").

TWO: The date of filing of said corporation's original certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware was May 20, 2021.

THREE: The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on January 18, 2022 (the "*Amended Certificate*").

FOUR: This Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation amends and restates the Amended Certificate in its entirety.

FIVE: This Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation has been duly approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on [•], and by the stockholders of the Corporation on [•], in accordance with the provisions of Sections 141, 228, 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

FIVE: The Amended Certificate is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

I.

The name of this corporation is Abpro Corporation (the "Company").

II.

The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801. The name of the registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

CIII.

The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Delaware General Corporation Law ("*DGCL*").

IV.

A. The Company is authorized to issue two classes of stock to be designated, respectively, "*Common Stock*" and "*Preferred Stock*." The total number of shares which the Company is authorized to issue is 111,000,000 shares. 110,000,000 shares shall be Common Stock, each having a par value of \$0.0001. 1,000,000 shares shall be Preferred Stock, each having a par value of \$0.0001.

B. The Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The Board of Directors of the Company (the "*Board of Directors*") is hereby expressly authorized to provide for the issue of any or all of the unissued and undesignated shares of the Preferred Stock in one or more series, and to fix the number of shares and to determine or alter for each such series, such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designation, preferences, and relative, participating, optional, or other rights and such qualifications, limitations, or restrictions thereof, as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of

Directors providing for the issuance of such shares and as may be permitted by the DGCL. The Board of Directors is also expressly authorized to increase or decrease the number of shares of any series subsequent to the issuance of shares of that series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding. In case the number of shares of any series shall be decreased in accordance with the foregoing sentence, the shares constituting such decrease shall resume the status that they had prior to the adoption of the resolution originally fixing the number of shares of such series. The number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the stock of the Company entitled to vote thereon, without a separate vote of the holders of the Preferred Stock, or of any series thereof, unless a vote of any such holders is required pursuant to the terms of any certificate of designation filed with respect to any series of Preferred Stock.

C. Each outstanding share of Common Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote on each matter properly submitted to the stockholders of the Company for their vote; *provided, however*, that, except as otherwise required by law, holders of Common Stock shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (this "*Restated Certificate*") (including any certificate of designation filed with respect to any series of Preferred Stock) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected series of Preferred Stock are entitled, either separately or together as a class with the holders of one or more other such series of Preferred Stock, to vote thereon by law or pursuant to this Restated Certificate (including any certificate of designation filed with respect to any series of Preferred Stock).

V.

For the management of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Company, and in further definition, limitation and regulation of the powers of the Company, of its directors and of its stockholders or any class thereof, as the case may be, it is further provided that:

A. The management of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the Company shall be vested in its Board of Directors. The number of directors that shall constitute the Board of Directors shall be fixed exclusively by resolutions adopted by a majority of the authorized number of directors constituting the Board of Directors.

B. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the directors shall be divided into three classes designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, respectively. The Board of Directors is authorized to assign members of the Board of Directors already in office to such classes at the time the classification becomes effective. At the first annual meeting of stockholders following the initial classification of the Board of Directors, the term of office of the Class I directors shall expire and Class I directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the second annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the second annual meeting of a full term of three years. At the third annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the third annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At elected for a full term of three years, directors shall be elected for a full term of three years to succeed the directors of the class whose terms expire at such annual meeting.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, each director shall serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

C. Subject to the rights of any series of Preferred Stock that may be designated from time to time to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, neither the Board of Directors nor any individual director may be removed without cause. Subject to any limitations imposed by applicable law, any individual director or directors may be removed with cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting power of all then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally at an election of directors, voting together as a single class.

D. Subject to any limitations imposed by applicable law and subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock that may be designated from time to time, any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other causes and any newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors, shall, unless the Board of Directors determines by resolution that any such vacancies or newly created directorships shall be filled by the stockholders and except as otherwise provided by applicable law, be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, and not by the stockholders. Any director elected in accordance with the preceding sentence shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the director for which the vacancy was created or occurred and until such director's successor shall have been elected and qualified.

E. The Board of Directors is expressly empowered to adopt, amend or repeal the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the "*Bylaws*"). Any adoption, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws by the Board of Directors shall require the approval of a majority of the authorized number of directors. The stockholders shall also have power to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws; *provided, however*; that, in addition to any vote of the holders of any class or series of stock of the Company required by law or by this Restated Certificate, such action by stockholders shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

F. The directors of the Company need not be elected by written ballot unless the Bylaws so provide.

G. No action shall be taken by the stockholders of the Company except at an annual or special meeting of stockholders called in accordance with the Bylaws. No action shall be taken by the stockholders of the Company by written consent or electronic transmission.

H. Advance notice of stockholder nominations for the election of directors and of business to be brought by stockholders before any meeting of the stockholders of the Company shall be given in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

VI.

A. The liability of a director of the Company for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent under applicable law.

B. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company is authorized to provide indemnification of (and advancement of expenses to) directors, officers and agents of the Company (and any other persons to which applicable law permits the Company to provide indemnification) through Bylaw provisions, agreements with such agents or other persons, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise in excess of the indemnification and advancement otherwise permitted by such applicable law. If applicable law is amended after approval by the stockholders of this Article VI to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director to the Company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as so amended.

C. Any repeal or modification of this Article VI shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights or protections or increase the liability of any director under this Article VI in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any act or omission to act giving rise to liability or indemnification.

VII.

A. Unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if and only if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware lacks subject matter jurisdiction, any state court located within the State of Delaware or, if and only if all such state courts lack subject matter jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) and any appellate court therefrom shall be the sole and exclusive forum for the following claims or causes of action under Delaware statutory or common law: (A) any derivative claim or cause of action brought on behalf of the Company; (B) any claim or cause of action for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer or other employee of the Company or the Company's stockholders; (C) any claim or cause of action against the Company or any current or former director, officer or other employee of the Company, arising out of or pursuant to any provision of the DGCL,

this Restated Certificate or the Bylaws of the Company (as each may be amended from time to time); (D) any claim or cause of action seeking to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of this Restated Certificate or the Bylaws of the Company (as each may be amended from time to time, including any right, obligation, or remedy thereunder); (E) any claim or cause of action as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware; and (F) any claim or cause of action against the Company or any current or former director, officer or other employee of the Company, governed by the internal-affairs doctrine or otherwise related to the Company's internal affairs, in all cases to the fullest extent permitted by law and subject to the court having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. This Section A of Article VII shall not apply to claims or causes of action brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *"1933 Act*"), or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

B. Unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the 1933 Act, including all causes of action asserted against any defendant named in such complaint. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision is intended to benefit and may be enforced by the Company, its officers and directors, the underwriters for any offering giving rise to such complaint, and any other professional entity whose profession gives authority to a statement made by that person or entity and who has prepared or certified any part of the documents underlying the offering.

C. Any person or entity holding, owning or otherwise acquiring any interest in any security of the Company shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Restated Certificate.

VIII.

A. The Company reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Restated Certificate, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, except as provided in Section B of this Article VIII, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Restated Certificate or any provision of law which might otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, but in addition to any affirmative vote of the holders of any particular class or series of the Company required by law or by this Restated Certificate or any certificate of designation filed with respect to a series of Preferred Stock that may be designated from time to time, subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, shall be required to alter, amend or repeal Articles V, VI, VII and VIII of this Restated Certificate.

SIX: This Restated Certificate has been duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and by written consent of the stockholders in accordance with Sections 228, 242 and 245 of the DGCL and written notice of such action has been given as provided in section 228 of the DGCL.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II has caused this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be signed by its Chief Executive Officer this $[\cdot]$ th day of $[\cdot]$, $[\cdot]$.

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: Shahraab Ahmad Its: Chief Executive Officer

<u>Exhibit E</u> Form of Amended and Restated SPAC Bylaws

(attached)

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF ABPRO CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

Section 1. Registered Office. The registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware shall be at 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801.

The name of the registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801.

Section 2. Other Offices. The corporation shall also have and maintain an office or principal place of business at such place as may be fixed by the corporation's Board of Directors (the "*Board of Directors*"), and may also have offices at such other places, both within and without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE SEAL

Section 3. Corporate Seal. The Board of Directors may adopt a corporate seal. The corporate seal shall consist of a die bearing the name of the corporation and the inscription, "Corporate Seal-Delaware." Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

ARTICLE III

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS

Section 4. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the stockholders of the corporation may be held at such place, either within or without the State of Delaware, as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, determine that the meeting shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication as provided under the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "*DGCL*").

Section 5. Annual Meetings.

(a) The annual meeting of the stockholders of the corporation, for the purpose of election of directors and for such other business as may properly come before it, shall be held on such date and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the corporation and the proposal of business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders: (i) pursuant to the corporation's notice of meeting of stockholders (with respect to business other than nominations); (ii) brought specifically by or at the direction of the Board of Directors; or (iii) by any stockholder of the corporation who was a stockholder of record at the time of giving the stockholder's notice provided for in Section 5(b) of these Second Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "*Bylaws*"), who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who complied with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 5. For the avoidance of doubt, clause (iii) above shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations and submit other business (other than matters properly included in the corporation's notice of meeting of stockholders and proxy statement under Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "*1934 Act*") before an annual meeting of stockholders.

(b) At an annual meeting of the stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as is a proper matter for stockholder action under Delaware law and as shall have been properly brought before the meeting.

(i) For nominations for the election to the Board of Directors to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to clause (iii) of Section 5(a) of these Bylaws, the stockholder must deliver written notice to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation on a timely basis as set forth in Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws and must update and supplement such written notice on a timely basis as set forth in Section 5(c) of these Bylaws. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth: (A) as to each nominee such stockholder proposes to nominate at the meeting: (1) the name, age, business address and residence address of such nominee; (2) the principal occupation or employment of such nominee; (3) the class and number of shares of each class of capital stock of the corporation which are owned of record and beneficially by such nominee; (4) the date or dates on which such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition; (5) with respect to each nominee for election or re-election to the Board of Directors, include a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by Section 5(e) of these Bylaws; and (6) such other information concerning such nominee as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of such nominee as a director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or that is otherwise required to be disclosed pursuant to Section 14 of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named as a nominee to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the corporation or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.

(ii) Other than proposals sought to be included in the corporation's proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14(a)-8 under the 1934 Act, for business other than nominations for the election to the Board of Directors to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to clause (iii) of Section 5(a) of these Bylaws, the stockholder must deliver written notice to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation on a timely basis as set forth in Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws, and must update and supplement such written notice on a timely basis as set forth in Section 5(c) of these Bylaws. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth: (A) as to each matter such stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, and any material interest (including any anticipated benefit of such business to any Proponent (as defined below) other than solely as a result of its ownership of the corporation's capital stock, that is material to any Proponent individually, or to the Proponents in the aggregate) in such business of any Proponent; and (B) the information required by Section 5(b)(iv) of these Bylaws.

(iii) To be timely, the written notice required by Section 5(b)(i) or 5(b)(ii) of these Bylaws must be received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than the close of business on the 90th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; *provided, however*; that, subject to the last sentence of this Section 5(b)(ii), in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days prior to or delayed by more than 30 days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. In no event shall an adjournment or a postponement of an annual meeting for which notice has been given, or the public announcement thereof has been made, commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(iv) The written notice required by Section 5(b)(i) or 5(b)(ii) of these Bylaws shall also set forth, as of the date of the notice and as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made (each, a "*Proponent*" and collectively, the "*Proponents*"): (A) the name and address of each Proponent, as they appear on the corporation's books; (B) the class, series and number of shares of the corporation that are owned beneficially and of record by each Proponent; (C) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether oral or in writing) with respect to such nomination or proposal between or among any Proponent and any of its affiliates or associates, and any others (including their names) acting in concert, or otherwise under the agreement, arrangement or understanding, with any of the foregoing; (D) a representation that the Proponents are holders of record or beneficial owners, as the case may be, of shares of the corporation entitled to vote at the meeting and intend to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or

persons specified in the notice (with respect to a notice under Section 5(b)(i) of these Bylaws) or to propose the business that is specified in the notice (with respect to a notice under Section 5(b)(ii) of these Bylaws); (E) a representation as to whether the Proponents intend to deliver a proxy statement and form of proxy to holders of a sufficient number of holders of the corporation's voting shares to elect such nominee or nominees (with respect to a notice under Section 5(b)(i) of these Bylaws) or to carry such proposal (with respect to a notice under Section 5(b)(i) of these Bylaws); (F) to the extent known by any Proponent, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the proposal on the date of such stockholder's notice; and (G) a description of all Derivative Transactions (as defined below) by each Proponent during the previous 12 month period, including the date of the transactions and the class, series and number of securities involved in, and the material economic terms of, such Derivative Transactions.

For purposes of Sections 5 and 6 of these Bylaws, a "*Derivative Transaction*" means any agreement, arrangement, interest or understanding entered into by, or on behalf or for the benefit of, any Proponent or any of its affiliates or associates, whether record or beneficial:

(w) the value of which is derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares or other securities of the corporation;

(x) which otherwise provides any direct or indirect opportunity to gain or share in any gain derived from a change in the value of securities of the corporation;

(y) the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss, manage risk or benefit of security value or price changes; or

(z) which provides the right to vote or increase or decrease the voting power of, such Proponent, or any of its affiliates or associates, with respect to any securities of the corporation,

which agreement, arrangement, interest or understanding may include, without limitation, any option, warrant, debt position, note, bond, convertible security, swap, stock appreciation right, short position, profit interest, hedge, right to dividends, voting agreement, performance-related fee or arrangement to borrow or lend shares (whether or not subject to payment, settlement, exercise or conversion in any such class or series), and any proportionate interest of such Proponent in the securities of the corporation held by any general or limited partnership, or any limited liability company, of which such Proponent is, directly or indirectly, a general partner or managing member.

(c) A stockholder providing written notice required by Section 5(b)(i) or (ii) of these Bylaws shall update and supplement such notice in writing, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice is true and correct in all material respects as of (i) the record date for the meeting and (ii) the date that is five business days prior to the meeting and, in the event of any adjournment or postponement thereof, five business days prior to such adjourned or postponed meeting. In the case of an update and supplement pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 5(c), such update and supplement shall be received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than five business days after the received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of this Section 5(c), such update and supplement shall be received offices of the corporation not later than five business days after the received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the secretary at the principal executive offices of the secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation to the date for the meeting, and, in the event of any adjournment or postponement thereof, two business days prior to such adjourned or postponed meeting.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors in an Expiring Class (as defined below) is increased and there is no public announcement of the appointment of a director to such class, or, if no appointment was made, of the vacancy in such class, made by the corporation at least 10 days before the last day a stockholder may deliver a notice of nomination in accordance with Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws, a stockholder's notice required by this Section 5 and which complies with the requirements in Section 5(b)(i) of these Bylaws, other than the timing requirements in Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws, other than the timing requirements in Section 5(b)(iii) of these Bylaws, other than the timing Class created by such increase, if it shall be received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the corporation. For purposes of this Section 5, an "*Expiring Class*" shall mean a class of directors whose term shall expire at the next annual meeting of stockholders.

(e) To be eligible to be a nominee for election or re-election as a director of the corporation pursuant to a nomination under clause (iii) of Section 5(a) of these Bylaws, such proposed nominee or a person on such proposed nominee's behalf must deliver (in accordance with the time periods prescribed for delivery of notice under Section 5(b)(iii) or 5(d) of these Bylaws, as applicable) to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation a written questionnaire with respect to the background and qualification of such proposed nominee and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made (which questionnaire shall be provided by the Secretary upon written request) and a written representation and agreement (in the form provided by the Secretary upon written request) that such person (i) is not and will not become a party to (A) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question (a "*Voting Commitment*") that has not been disclosed to the corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law; (ii) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with are applicable law; (ii) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director of the corporation that has not been disclosed therein; and (iii) in such person's individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the corporation, and will comply with, all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and t

(f) A person shall not be eligible for election or re-election as a director unless the person is nominated either in accordance with clause (ii) of Section 5(a) of these Bylaws, or in accordance with clause (iii) of Section 5(a) of these Bylaws. Except as otherwise required by law, the chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made, or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Bylaws and, if any proposed nomination or business is not in compliance with these Bylaws, or the Proponent does not act in accordance with the representations in Sections 5(b)(iv)(D) and 5(b)(iv)(E) of these Bylaws, to declare that such proposal or nomination shall not be presented for stockholder action at the meeting and shall be disregarded, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such nominations or such business may have been solicited or received.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5, in order to include information with respect to a stockholder proposal in the proxy statement and form of proxy for a stockholders' meeting, a stockholder must also comply with all applicable requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act; *provided, however*; that any references in these Bylaws to the 1934 Act or the rules and regulations thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to proposals and/or nominations to be considered pursuant to Section 5(a)(iii) of these Bylaws.

(h) For purposes of Sections 5 and 6 of these Bylaws,

(i) "*public announcement*" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act; and

(ii) "affiliates" and "associates" shall have the meanings set forth in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the

"**1933** Act").

Section 6. Special Meetings.

(a) Special meetings of the stockholders of the corporation may be called, for any purpose as is a proper matter for stockholder action under Delaware law, by (i) the Chairman of the Board of Directors, (ii) the Chief Executive Officer, or (iii) the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors (whether or not there exist any vacancies in previously authorized directorships at the time any such resolution is presented to the Board of Directors for adoption).

(b) The Board of Directors shall determine the time and place, if any, of such special meeting. Upon determination of the time and place, if any, of the meeting, the Secretary shall cause a notice of meeting to be given to the stockholders entitled to vote, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of these Bylaws. No business may be transacted at such special meeting otherwise than specified in the notice of meeting.

(c) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (ii) by any stockholder of the corporation who is a stockholder of record at the time of giving notice provided for in this paragraph, who shall be entitled to vote at the meeting and who delivers written notice to the Secretary of the corporation setting forth the information required by Section 5(b)(i) of these Bylaws. In the event the corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder of record may nominate a person or persons (as the case may be), for election to such position(s) as specified in the corporation's notice of meeting, if written notice setting forth the information required by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. The stockholder shall also update and supplement such information as required under Section 5(c) of these Bylaws. In no event shall an adjournment or a postponement of a special meeting for which notice has been given, or the public announcement thereof has been made, commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6, a stockholder must also comply with all applicable requirements of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to matters set forth in this Section 6. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act; *provided, however*; that any references in these Bylaws to the 1934 Act or the rules and regulations thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to nominations for the election to the Board of Directors to be considered pursuant to Section 6(c) of these Bylaws.

Section 7. Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided by law, notice, given in writing or by electronic transmission, of each meeting of stockholders shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting, such notice to specify the place, if any, date and hour, in the case of special meetings, the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxy holders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at any such meeting. If mailed, notice is deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, directed to the stockholder at such stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the corporation. If sent via electronic transmission, notice is deemed given as of the sending time recorded at the time of transmission. Notice of the time, place, if any, and purpose of any meeting of stockholders may be waived in writing, signed by the person entitled to notice thereof, or by electronic transmission by such person, either before or after such meeting, and will be waived by any stockholder by his attendance thereat in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or by proxy, except when the stockholder attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Any stockholder so waiving notice of such meeting shall be bound by the proceedings of any such meeting in all respects as if due notice thereof had been given.

Section 8. Quorum. At all meetings of stockholders, except where otherwise provided by statute or by the corporation's Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (as amended or restated from time to time, the "*Certificate of Incorporation*"), or by these Bylaws, the presence, in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or by proxy duly authorized, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of stockholders may be adjourned, from time to time, either by the chairman of the meeting or by vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented thereat, but no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. The stockholders present at a duly called or convened meeting, at which a quorum is present, may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave less than a quorum. Except as otherwise provided by statute or by applicable stock exchange rules, or by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, in all matters other than the election of directors, the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote generally on the subject matter shall be the act of the stockholders. Except as otherwise provided by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote generally on the election of directors. Where a separate vote by a class or classes or series is required, except

where otherwise provided by the statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of the outstanding shares of such class or classes or series, present in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or represented by proxy duly authorized, shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to that vote on that matter. Except where otherwise provided by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of the majority (plurality, in the case of the election of directors) of shares of such class or classes or series present in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or represented by proxy at the meeting shall be the act of such class or classes or series.

Section 9. Adjournment and Notice of Adjourned Meetings. Any meeting of stockholders, whether annual or special, may be adjourned from time to time either by the chairman of the meeting or by the vote of a majority of the shares present in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or represented by proxy at the meeting. When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, if any, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the time and place, if any, thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting, the corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 10. Voting Rights. For the purpose of determining those stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of the stockholders, except as otherwise provided by law, only persons in whose names shares stand on the stock records of the corporation on the record date, as provided in Section 12 of these Bylaws, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders. Every person entitled to vote shall have the right to do so either in person, by remote communication, if applicable, or by an agent or agents authorized by a proxy granted in accordance with Delaware law. An agent so appointed need not be a stockholder. No proxy shall be voted after three years from its date of creation unless the proxy provides for a longer period.

Section 11. Joint Owners of Stock. If shares or other securities having voting power stand of record in the names of two or more persons, whether fiduciaries, members of a partnership, joint tenants, tenants in common, tenants by the entirety, or otherwise, or if two or more persons have the same fiduciary relationship respecting the same shares, unless the Secretary is given written notice to the contrary and is furnished with a copy of the instrument or order appointing them or creating the relationship wherein it is so provided, their acts with respect to voting shall have the following effect: (a) if only one votes, his act binds all; (b) if more than one votes, the act of the majority so voting binds all; or (c) if more than one votes, but the vote is evenly split on any particular matter, each faction may vote the securities in question proportionally, or may apply to the Delaware Court of Chancery for relief as provided in the DGCL, Section 217(b). If the instrument filed with the Secretary shows that any such tenancy is held in unequal interests, a majority or even-split for the purpose of clause (c) of this Section 11 shall be a majority or even-split in interest.

Section 12. List of Stockholders. The Secretary shall prepare and make, at least 10 days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at said meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, (a) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of the meeting, or (b) during ordinary business hours, at the principal place of business of the corporation. In the event that the corporation determines to make the list available on an electronic network, the corporation may take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is available only to stockholders of the corporation. The list shall be open to examination of any stockholder during the time of the meeting as provided by law.

Section 13. Action Without Meeting. No action shall be taken by the stockholders except at an annual or special meeting of stockholders called in accordance with these Bylaws, and no action shall be taken by the stockholders by written consent or electronic transmission.

Section 14. Organization.

(a) At every meeting of stockholders, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or, if a Chairman has not been appointed or is absent, the President, or, if the President is absent, if applicable, the Lead Independent Director (as defined below), or, if the Lead Independent Director is absent, a chairman of the meeting chosen by a majority in interest of the stockholders entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, shall act as chairman. The Secretary, or, in his or her absence, an Assistant Secretary directed to do so by the President, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

(b) The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be entitled to make such rules or regulations for the conduct of meetings of stockholders as it shall deem necessary, appropriate or convenient. Subject to such rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, if any, the chairman of the meeting shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such chairman, are necessary, appropriate or convenient for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, establishing an agenda or order of business for the meeting, rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present, limitations on participation in such meeting to stockholders of record of the corporation and their duly authorized and constituted proxies and such other persons as the chairman shall permit, restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof, limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants and regulation of the opening and closing of the polls for balloting on matters which are to be voted on by ballot. The date and time of the opening and closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at the meeting shall be announced at the meeting. Unless and to the extent determined by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with rules of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE IV

DIRECTORS

Section 15. Number and Term of Office. The authorized number of directors of the corporation shall be fixed in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation. Directors need not be stockholders unless so required by the Certificate of Incorporation. If for any cause, the directors shall not have been elected at an annual meeting, they may be elected as soon thereafter as convenient at a special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose in the manner provided in these Bylaws.

Section 16. Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 17. Classes of Directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the directors shall be divided into three classes designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, respectively. The Board of Directors is authorized to assign members of the Board of Directors already in office to such classes at the time the classification becomes effective. At the first annual meeting of stockholders following the initial classification of the Board of Directors, the term of office of the Class I directors shall expire and Class I directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the second annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class II directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of office of the Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the third annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At each succeeding annual meeting of stockholders, directors shall be elected for a full term of three years to succeed the directors of the class whose terms expire at such annual meeting.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 17, each director shall serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

Section 18. Vacancies. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, and subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock, any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other causes and any newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors shall, unless the Board of Directors determines by resolution that any such vacancies or newly created directorships shall be filled by stockholders, be filled only by the affirmative vote of a

majority of the directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, or by a sole remaining director, and not by the stockholders, *provided, however*, that whenever the holders of any class or classes of stock or series thereof are entitled to elect one or more directors by the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, vacancies and newly created directorships of such class or classes or series shall, unless the Board of Directors determines by resolution that any such vacancies or newly created directorships shall be filled by stockholders, be filled by a majority of the director elected by such class or classes or series thereof then in office, or by a sole remaining director so elected, and not by the stockholders. Any director elected in accordance with the preceding sentence shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the director for which the vacancy was created or occurred and until such director's successor shall have been elected and qualified. A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist under this Bylaw in the case of the death, removal or resignation of any director.

Section 19. Resignation. Any director may resign at any time by delivering his or her notice in writing or by electronic transmission to the Secretary, such resignation to specify whether it will be effective at a particular time. If no such specification is made, it shall be deemed effective at the time of delivery to the Secretary. When one or more directors shall resign from the Board of Directors, effective at a future date, a majority of the directors then in office, including those who have so resigned, shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the vote thereon to take effect when such resignation or resignations shall become effective, and each director so chosen shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacated and until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 20. Removal.

(a) Subject to the rights of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, neither the Board of Directors nor any individual director may be removed without cause.

(b) Subject to any limitation imposed by law, any individual director or directors may be removed with cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally at an election of directors.

Section 21. Meetings.

(a) Regular Meetings. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation, regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time or date and at any place within or without the State of Delaware which has been designated by the Board of Directors and publicized among all directors, either orally or in writing, by telephone, including a voice-messaging system or other system designed to record and communicate messages, facsimile, telegraph or telex, or by electronic mail or other electronic means. No further notice shall be required for regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

(b) Special Meetings. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation, special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place within or without the State of Delaware whenever called by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or a majority of the authorized number of directors.

(c) Meetings by Electronic Communications Equipment. Any member of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

(d) Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of the time and place of all special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be orally or in writing, by telephone, including a voice messaging system or other system or technology designed to record and communicate messages, facsimile, telegraph or telex, or by electronic mail or other electronic means, during normal business hours, at least 24 hours before the date and time of the meeting. If notice is sent by U.S. mail, it shall be sent by first class mail, charges prepaid, at least three days before the date of the meeting. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing, or by electronic transmission, at any time before or after the meeting and will be waived by any director by attendance thereat, except when the director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

(e) Waiver of Notice. The transaction of all business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, however called or noticed, or wherever held, shall be as valid as though it had been transacted at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present who did not receive notice shall sign a written waiver of notice or shall waive notice by electronic transmission. All such waivers shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 22. Quorum and Voting.

(a) Unless the Certificate of Incorporation requires a greater number, and except with respect to questions related to indemnification arising under Section 45 of these Bylaws for which a quorum shall be one-third of the exact number of directors fixed from time to time, a quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the exact number of directors fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation; *provided, however*; at any meeting whether a quorum be present or otherwise, a majority of the directors present may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting.

(b) At each meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, all questions and business shall be determined by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present, unless a different vote be required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 23. Action Without Meeting. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and such writing or writings or transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

Section 24. Fees and Compensation. Directors shall be entitled to such compensation for their services as may be approved by the Board of Directors, including, if so approved, by resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and at any meeting of a committee of the Board of Directors. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee, or otherwise and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 25. Committees.

(a) Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee to consist of one or more members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee, to the extent permitted by law and provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; but no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to (i) approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter (other than the election or removal of directors) expressly required by the DGCL to be submitted to stockholders for approval, or (ii) adopting, amending or repealing any Bylaw of the corporation.

(b) Other Committees. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint such other committees as may be permitted by law. Such other committees appointed by the Board of Directors shall consist of one or more members of the Board of Directors and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the resolution or resolutions creating such committees, but in no event shall any such committee have the powers denied to the Executive Committee in these Bylaws.

(c) Term. The Board of Directors, subject to any requirements of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock and the provisions of subsections (a) or (b) of this Section 25, may at any time increase or decrease the number of members of a committee or terminate the existence of a committee. The membership of a committee member shall terminate on the date of his death or voluntary resignation from the committee or from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may at any time for any reason remove any individual committee member and the

Board of Directors may fill any committee vacancy created by death, resignation, removal or increase in the number of members of the committee. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee, and, in addition, in the absence or disqualification of any member of a committee, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member.

(d) Meetings. Unless the Board of Directors shall otherwise provide, regular meetings of the Executive Committee or any other committee appointed pursuant to this Section 25 shall be held at such times and places as are determined by the Board of Directors, or by any such committee, and when notice thereof has been given to each member of such committee, no further notice of such regular meetings need be given thereafter. Special meetings of any such committee may be held at any place which has been determined from time to time by such committee, and may be called by any director who is a member of such committee, upon notice to the members of such committee of the time and place of such special meeting given in the manner provided for the giving of notice to members of the Board of Directors of the time and place of special meetings of the Board of Directors. Notice of any special meeting of any committee may be waived in writing or by electronic transmission at any time before or after the meeting and will be waived by any director by attendance thereat, except when the director attends such special meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in the resolutions authorizing the creation of the committee, a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of such committee.

Section 26. Duties of Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, when present, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers, as the Board of Directors shall designate from time to time.

Section 27. Lead Independent Director. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, or if the Chairman is not an independent director, one of the independent directors, may be designated by the Board of Directors as lead independent director ("*Lead Independent Director*") to serve until replaced by the Board of Directors. The Lead Independent Director will: with the Chairman of the Board of Directors, establish the agenda for regular Board meetings and serve as chairman of Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors; establish the agenda for meetings of the independent directors; coordinate with the committee chairs regarding meeting agendas and informational requirements; preside over meetings of the independent directors; preside over any portions of meetings of the Board of Directors at which the performance of the Cheir Executive Officer is presented or discussed; preside over any portions of meetings of the Board of Directors at which the performance of the Board of Directors is presented or discussed; and perform such other duties as may be established or delegated by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 28. Organization. At every meeting of the directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or, if a Chairman has not been appointed or is absent, the Lead Independent Director, or if the Lead Independent Director is absent, the Chief Executive Officer (if a director), or, if a Chief Executive Officer is absent, the President (if a director), or if the President is absent, the most senior Vice President (if a director), or, in the absence of any such person, a chairman of the meeting chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall preside over the meeting. The Secretary, or in his absence, any Assistant Secretary or other officer or director directed to do so by the Chairman, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 29. Officers Designated. The officers of the corporation shall include, if and when designated by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer. The Board of Directors may also appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers and such other officers and agents with such powers and duties as it shall deem necessary. The Board of Directors may assign such additional titles to one or more of the officers as it shall deem appropriate. Any one person may hold any number of offices of the corporation at any one time unless specifically prohibited therefrom by law. The salaries and other compensation of the officers of the corporation shall be fixed by or in the manner designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 30. Tenure and Duties of Officers.

(a) General. All officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by the Board of Directors. If the office of any officer becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors.

(b) Duties of Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, unless the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Lead Independent Director has been appointed and is present. Unless an officer has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the corporation, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and officers of the corporation. To the extent that a Chief Executive Officer has been appointed and no President has been appointed, all references in these Bylaws to the President shall be deemed references to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers, as the Board of Directors shall designate from time to time.

(c) Duties of President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, unless the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Lead Independent Director, or the Chief Executive Officer has been appointed and is present. Unless another officer has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the corporation, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and officers of the corporation. The President shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers, as the Board of Directors shall designate from time to time.

(d) Duties of Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents may assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President or whenever the office of President is vacant. The Vice Presidents shall perform other duties commonly incident to their office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer, or, if the Chief Executive Officer has not been appointed or is absent, the President shall designate from time to time.

(e) Duties of Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors and shall record all acts and proceedings thereof in the minute book of the corporation. The Secretary shall give notice in conformity with these Bylaws of all meetings of the stockholders and of all meetings of the Board of Directors and any committee thereof requiring notice. The Secretary shall perform all other duties provided for in these Bylaws and other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers, as the Board of Directors shall designate from time to time. The President may direct any Assistant Secretary or other officer to assume and perform the duties of the Secretary in the absence or disability of the Secretary, and each Assistant Secretary shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the President shall designate from time to time.

(f) Duties of Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep or cause to be kept the books of account of the corporation in a thorough and proper manner and shall render statements of the financial affairs of the corporation in such form and as often as required by the Board of Directors or the President. The Chief Financial Officer, subject to the order of the Board of Directors, shall have the custody of all funds and securities of the corporation. The Chief Financial Officer shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the President shall designate from time to time. To the extent that a Chief Financial Officer has been appointed and no Treasurer has been appointed, all references in these Bylaws to the Treasurer shall be deemed references to the Chief Financial Officer. The President may direct the Treasurer, if any, or any Assistant Treasurer, or the Controller or any Assistant Controller to assume and perform the duties of the Chief Financial Officer in the absence or disability of the Chief Financial Officer, and each Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and each Controller and Assistant Controller shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the President shall designate from time to time. (g) Duties of Treasurer. Unless another officer has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of the corporation, the Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the corporation and shall keep or cause to be kept the books of account of the corporation in a thorough and proper manner and shall render statements of the financial affairs of the corporation in such form and as often as required by the Board of Directors or the President, and, subject to the order of the Board of Directors, shall have the custody of all funds and securities of the corporation. The Treasurer shall perform other duties commonly incident to the office and shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the President shall designate from time to time.

Section 31. Delegation of Authority. The Board of Directors may from time to time delegate the powers or duties of any officer to any other officer or agent, notwithstanding any provision hereof.

Section 32. Resignations. Any officer may resign at any time by giving notice in writing or by electronic transmission to the Board of Directors or to the President or to the Secretary. Any such resignation shall be effective when received by the person or persons to whom such notice is given, unless a later time is specified therein, in which event the resignation shall become effective at such later time. Unless otherwise specified in such notice, the acceptance of any such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation shall be without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the corporation under any contract with the resigning officer.

Section 33. Removal. Any officer may be removed from office at any time, either with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors in office at the time, or by the unanimous written consent of the directors in office at the time, or by any committee or by the Chief Executive Officer or by other superior officers upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTION OF CORPORATE INSTRUMENTS AND VOTING OF SECURITIES OWNED BY THE CORPORATION

Section 34. Execution of Corporate Instruments. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, determine the method and designate the signatory officer or officers, or other person or persons, to execute on behalf of the corporation any corporate instrument or document, or to sign on behalf of the corporation the corporate name without limitation, or to enter into contracts on behalf of the corporation, except where otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, and such execution or signature shall be binding upon the corporation.

All checks and drafts drawn on banks or other depositaries on funds to the credit of the corporation or in special accounts of the corporation shall be signed by such person or persons as the Board of Directors shall authorize so to do.

Unless authorized or ratified by the Board of Directors or within the agency power of an officer, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

Section 35. Voting of Securities Owned by the Corporation. All stock and other securities of other corporations owned or held by the corporation for itself, or for other parties in any capacity, shall be voted, and all proxies with respect thereto shall be executed, by the person authorized so to do by resolution of the Board of Directors, or, in the absence of such authorization, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Vice President.

ARTICLE VII

SHARES OF STOCK

Section 36. Form and Execution of Certificates. The shares of the corporation shall be represented by certificates, or shall be uncertificated if so provided by resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors. Certificates for the shares of stock of the corporation, if any, shall be in such form as is consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law. Every holder of stock represented by certificate in the corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate signed by or in the name of the corporation by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, or the President or any Vice President and by the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, certifying the number of shares owned by him in the corporation. Any or all of the signatures on the certificate may be facsimiles. In case any officer, transfer agent, or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent, or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued with the same effect as if he were such officer, transfer agent, or registrar at the date of issue.

Section 37. Lost Certificates. A new certificate or certificates shall be issued in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen, or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen, or destroyed. The corporation may require, as a condition precedent to the issuance of a new certificate or certificates, the owner of such lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate or certificates, or the owner's legal representative, to agree to indemnify the corporation in such manner as it shall require or to give the corporation a surety bond in such form and amount as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the corporation with respect to the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

Section 38. Transfers.

(a) Transfers of record of shares of stock of the corporation shall be made only upon its books by the holders thereof, in person or by attorney duly authorized, and, in the case of stock represented by certificate, upon the surrender of a properly endorsed certificate or certificates for a like number of shares.

(b) The corporation shall have power to enter into and perform any agreement with any number of stockholders of any one or more classes of stock of the corporation to restrict the transfer of shares of stock of the corporation of any one or more classes owned by such stockholders in any manner not prohibited by the DGCL.

Section 39. Fixing Record Dates.

(a) In order that the corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors, and which record date shall, subject to applicable law, not be more than 60 nor less than 10 days before the date of such meeting. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day on which the meeting is held. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; *provided, however*; that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

(b) In order that the corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or the stockholders entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted, and which record date shall be not more than 60 days prior to such action. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto.

Section 40. Registered Stockholders. The corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of Delaware.

ARTICLE VIII

OTHER SECURITIES OF THE CORPORATION

Section 41. Execution of Other Securities. All bonds, debentures and other corporate securities of the corporation, other than stock certificates (covered in Section 36 of these Bylaws), may be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or any Vice President, or such other person as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, and the corporate seal impressed thereon or a facsimile of such seal imprinted thereon and attested by the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, or the Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer; *provided, however*; that where any such bond, debenture or other corporate security shall be authenticated by the manual signature, or where permissible facsimile signature, of a trustee under an indenture pursuant to which such bond, debenture or other corporate security shall be issued, the signatures of such persons. Interest coupons appertaining to any such bond, debenture or other corporate security, authenticated by a trustee as aforesaid, shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer of the corporation or such other person as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, or bear imprinted thereon the facsimile signature of such person. In case any officer who shall have signed or attested any bond, debenture or other corporate security, or whose facsimile signature shall appear thereon or on any such interest coupon, shall have ceased to be such officer before the bond, debenture or other corporate security nevertheless may be adopted by the corporation and issued and delivered as though the person who signed the same or whose facsimile signature shall have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

DIVIDENDS

Section 42. Declaration of Dividends. Dividends upon the capital stock of the corporation, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law, if any, may be declared by the Board of Directors pursuant to law at any regular or special meeting. Dividends may be paid in cash, in property, or in shares of the capital stock, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law.

Section 43. Dividend Reserve. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board of Directors from time to time, in their absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the corporation, or for such other purpose as the Board of Directors shall think conducive to the interests of the corporation, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

ARTICLE X

FISCAL YEAR

Section 44. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 45. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Agents.

(a) Directors and Officers. The corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers to the extent not prohibited by the DGCL or any other applicable law; *provided, however*, that the corporation may modify the extent of such indemnification by individual contracts with its directors and officers; and, *provided, further*, that the corporation shall not be required to indemnify any director or officer in connection with any proceeding (or part

thereof) initiated by such person unless (i) such indemnification is expressly required to be made by law, (ii) the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors of the corporation, (iii) such indemnification is provided by the corporation, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in the corporation under the DGCL or any other applicable law or (iv) such indemnification is required to be made under subsection (d).

(b) Employees and Other Agents. The corporation shall have power to indemnify its employees and other agents as set forth in the DGCL or any other applicable law. The Board of Directors shall have the power to delegate the determination of whether indemnification shall be given to any such person (except for officers) or other persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

(c) Expenses. The corporation shall advance to any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer, of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, prior to the final disposition of the proceeding, promptly following request therefor, all expenses incurred by any director or officer in connection with such proceeding provided, however, that if the DGCL requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by a director or officer in his or her capacity as a director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the corporation of an undertaking (hereinafter an "*undertaking*"), by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter a "*final adjudication*") that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 45 or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section 45, no advance shall be made by the corporation to an officer of the corporation (except by reason of the fact that such officer is or was a director of the corporation in which event this paragraph shall not apply) in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by a majority vote of directors who were not parties to the proceeding, even if not a quorum, or (ii) by a committee of such directors designated by a majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (iii) if there are no such directors, or such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, that the facts known to the decision-making party at the time such determination is made demonstrate clearly and convincingly that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation.

(d) Enforcement. Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights to indemnification and advances to directors and officers under this Section 45 shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the corporation and the director or officer. Any right to indemnification or advances granted by this Section 45 to a director or officer shall be enforceable by or on behalf of the person holding such right in any court of competent jurisdiction if (i) the claim for indemnification or advances is denied, in whole or in part, or (ii) no disposition of such claim is made within 90 days of request therefor. To the extent permitted by law, the claimant in such enforcement action, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting the claim. In connection with any claim for indemnification, the corporation shall be entitled to raise as a defense to any such action that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct that make it permissible under the DGCL or any other applicable law for the corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed. In connection with any claim by an officer of the corporation (except in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such officer is or was a director of the corporation) for advances, the corporation shall be entitled to raise a defense as to any such action clear and convincing evidence that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, or with respect to any criminal action or proceeding that such person acted without reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was lawful. Neither the failure of the corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because the director or officer has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the DGCL or any other applicable law, nor an actual determination by the corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct. In any suit brought by a director or officer to enforce a right to indemnification or to an advancement of expenses hereunder, the burden of proving that the director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified, or to such advancement of expenses, under this Section 45 or otherwise shall be on the corporation.

(e) Non-Exclusivity of Rights. The rights conferred on any person by this Bylaw shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any applicable statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office. The corporation is specifically authorized to enter into individual contracts with any or all of its directors, officers, employees or agents respecting indemnification and advances, to the fullest extent not prohibited by the DGCL, or by any other applicable law.

(f) Survival of Rights. The rights conferred on any person by this Bylaw shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer, or, if applicable, employee or other agent, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(g) Insurance. To the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL or any other applicable law, the corporation, upon approval by the Board of Directors, may purchase insurance on behalf of any person required or permitted to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 45.

(h) Amendments. Any repeal or modification of this Section 45 shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights under this Bylaw in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the corporation.

(i) Saving Clause. If this Bylaw or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the corporation shall nevertheless indemnify each director and officer to the full extent not prohibited by any applicable portion of this Section 45 that shall not have been invalidated, or by any other applicable law. If this Section 45 shall be invalid due to the application of the indemnification provisions of another jurisdiction, then the corporation shall indemnify each director and officer to the full extent under any other applicable law.

(j) Certain Definitions. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) The term "*proceeding*" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, the investigation, preparation, prosecution, defense, settlement, arbitration and appeal of, and the giving of testimony in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative.

(ii) The term "*expenses*" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, court costs, attorneys' fees, witness fees, fines, amounts paid in settlement or judgment and any other costs and expenses of any nature or kind incurred in connection with any proceeding.

(iii) The term the "*corporation*" shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Section 45 with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(iv) References to a "*director*," "*officer*," "*employee*," or "*agent*" of the corporation shall include, without limitation, situations where such person is serving at the request of the corporation as, respectively, a director, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

(v) References to "*other enterprises*" shall include employee benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "*serving at the request of the corporation*" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "*not opposed to the best interests of the corporation*" as referred to in this Section 45.

ARTICLE XII

NOTICES

Section 46. Notices.

(a) Notice to Stockholders. Written notice to stockholders of stockholder meetings shall be given as provided in Section 7 of these Bylaws. Without limiting the manner by which notice may otherwise be given effectively to stockholders under any agreement or contract with such stockholder, and except as otherwise required by law, written notice to stockholders for purposes other than stockholder meetings may be sent by U.S. mail or nationally recognized overnight courier, or by facsimile, telegraph or telex, or by electronic mail or other electronic means.

(b) Notice to Directors. Any notice required to be given to any director may be given by the method stated in subsection (a), or as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, except that such notice other than one which is delivered personally shall be sent to such address as such director shall have filed in writing with the Secretary, or, in the absence of such filing, to the last known post office address of such director.

(c) Affidavit of Mailing. An affidavit of mailing, executed by a duly authorized and competent employee of the corporation or its transfer agent appointed with respect to the class of stock affected, or other agent, specifying the name and address or the names and addresses of the stockholder or stockholders, or director or directors, to whom any such notice or notices was or were given, and the time and method of giving the same, shall in the absence of fraud, be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

(d) Methods of Notice. It shall not be necessary that the same method of giving notice be employed in respect of all recipients of notice, but one permissible method may be employed in respect of any one or more, and any other permissible method or methods may be employed in respect of any other or others.

(e) Notice to Person With Whom Communication is Unlawful. Whenever notice is required to be given, under any provision of law or of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws of the corporation, to any person with whom communication is unlawful, the giving of such notice to such person shall not be required and there shall be no duty to apply to any governmental authority or agency for a license or permit to give such notice to such person. Any action or meeting which shall be taken or held without notice to any such person with whom communication is unlawful shall have the same force and effect as if such notice had been duly given. In the event that the action taken by the corporation is such as to require the filing of a certificate under any provision of the DGCL, the certificate shall state, if such is the fact and if notice is required, that notice was given to all persons entitled to receive notice except such persons with whom communication is unlawful.

(f) Notice to Stockholders Sharing an Address. Except as otherwise prohibited under the DGCL, any notice given under the provisions of the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws shall be effective if given by a single written notice to stockholders who share an address if consented to by the stockholders at that address to whom such notice is given. Such consent shall have been deemed to have been given if such stockholder fails to object in writing to the corporation within 60 days of having been given notice by the corporation of its intention to send the single notice. Any consent shall be revocable by the stockholder by written notice to the corporation.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 47. Amendments. Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 45(h) of these Bylaws or the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is expressly empowered to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the corporation. Any adoption, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws of the corporation by the Board of Directors shall require the approval of a majority of the authorized number of directors. The stockholders also shall have power to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the corporation, such action by stockholders shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

ARTICLE XIV

LOANS TO OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES

Section 48. Loans to Officers or Employees. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, the corporation may lend money to, or guarantee any obligation of, or otherwise assist any officer or other employee of the corporation or of its subsidiaries, including any officer or employee who is a director of the corporation or its subsidiaries, whenever, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, such loan, guarantee or assistance may reasonably be expected to benefit the corporation. The loan, guarantee or other assistance may be with or without interest and may be unsecured, or secured in such manner as the Board of Directors shall approve, including, without limitation, a pledge of shares of stock of the corporation. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be deemed to deny, limit or restrict the powers of guaranty or warranty of the corporation at common law or under any statute.

ARTICLE XV

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 49. Forum.

(a) Unless the corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if and only if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware lacks subject matter jurisdiction, any state court located within the State of Delaware or, if and only if all such state courts lack subject matter jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) and any appellate court therefrom shall be the sole and exclusive forum for the following claims or causes of action under Delaware statutory or common law: (A) any derivative claim or cause of action brought on behalf of the corporation; (B) any claim or cause of action for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer or other employee of the corporation, to the corporation or the corporation's stockholders; (C) any claim or cause of action against the corporation or any current or former director, officer or other employee of the corporation (as each may be amended from time to time); (D) any claim or cause of action seeking to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Certificate of Incorporation or any current or former director, officer or empty thereunder); (E) any claim or cause of action as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware; and (F) any claim or cause of action against the corporation or any current or former director, officer or other employee of the corporation or the state of Delaware; and (F) any claim or cause of action against the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware; and (F) any claim or cause of action against the corporation or any current or former director, officer or other employee of the corporation, or theremal-affairs doctrine or otherwise related to the corporation's internal affairs, in all cases to the fullest extent permitted by law and subject to the court having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. This Section 49 of Article

(b) Unless the corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the 1933 Act, including all causes of action asserted against any defendant named in such complaint. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision is intended to benefit and may be enforced by the corporation, its officers and directors, the underwriters for any offering giving rise to such complaint, and any other professional entity whose profession gives authority to a statement made by that person or entity and who has prepared or certified any part of the documents underlying the offering.

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Management II LLC 6 St Johns Lane, Floor 5

New York, New York 10013

December 11, 2023

Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II 6 St Johns Lane, Floor 5 New York, New York 10013 Attn: Shahraab Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer

Re: Sponsor Share Letter

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

Reference is hereby made to that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated as of December 11, 2023 (as it may be amended, the "*BCA*") by and among Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Corp. II, a Delaware corporation (including any successor thereto, "*Purchaser*"), Abpro Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Purchaser ("*Merger Sub*"), and Abpro Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"). Any capitalized term used but not defined herein will have the meanings ascribed thereto in the BCA.

In order to induce the Company to enter into the BCA, Atlantic Coastal Acquisition Management II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("*Sponsor*"), has agreed to enter into this letter agreement (this "*Agreement*") relating to (i) the 6,374,774 shares of Series A Common Stock and 1 share of Series B Common Stock of Purchaser (collectively, the "*Founder Shares*") purchased by Sponsor in a private placement prior to Purchaser's initial public offering, and (ii) the 13,850,000 warrants to purchase Series A Common Stock of Purchaser (the "*Sponsor Warrants*"), purchased by Sponsor in a private placement concurrent with Purchaser's initial public offering.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Sponsor and each of the undersigned parties hereby agrees as follows:

- 1. Sponsor hereby agrees to, upon and subject to the Closing, transfer and assign, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, all of its right, title and interest in and to (i) 983,333 Founder Shares (the "Abpro Bio Transfer Shares") to Abpro Bio International, Inc. ("Abpro Bio") or its designee and (ii) 983,334 Founder Shares (the "Company Transfer Shares") to the Company or its designee. Sponsor also hereby agrees to retain, upon and subject to the Closing and subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, 983,333 Founder Shares (the "Sponsor Transfer Shares," and, collectively with the Abpro Bio Transfer Shares and the Company Transfer Shares, the "Transfer Shares"). The Transfer Shares shall be available for the holder to use to obtain (i) non-redemption commitments from stockholders of Purchaser or (ii) other capital for Purchaser or the Company, however, any Transfer Shares that are not used for such purpose are to be owned and retained by the respective holder thereof.
- 2. The Abpro Bio Transfer Shares and the Company Transfer Shares will be transferred by Sponsor to Abpro Bio and the Company, respectively, as a "permitted transferee" (as defined in the Letter Agreement, dated as of January 13, 2022 (as it may, subject to the terms hereof be amended, the "*Insider Letter*"), by and among Sponsor and its members, and Purchaser) of Sponsor under Section 8(c) of the Insider Letter, and accordingly Abpro Bio and the Company hereby agrees to become bound by the transfer restrictions in the Insider Letter with respect to its respective Transfer Shares that apply to Sponsor thereunder, in addition to the other restrictions set forth in this Agreement.
- 3. Sponsor hereby agrees, upon and subject to the Closing, to forfeit 1,600,000 of the Founder Shares held by Sponsor at the time of the Closing (the "*Forfeited Shares*"). In order to effectuate such forfeiture, upon the Closing, Sponsor shall deliver the Forfeited Shares to Purchaser in certificated or book entry form (at the election of Sponsor) for cancellation by Purchaser.
- 4. Purchaser and Sponsor hereby each agree, that without the prior written consent of the Company, they will not, prior to the Closing, seek or agree to a waiver, amendment or termination of Sections 2 or 8 of the Insider Letter (or related definitions).

- 5. No party hereto may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other parties. Any purported assignment in violation of this <u>Section 5</u> shall be void and ineffectual and shall not operate to transfer or assign any interest or title to the purported assignee. This Agreement shall be binding on the undersigned and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 6. This Agreement (including the BCA and the Ancillary Documents to the extent incorporated herein) constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or among the parties hereto, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter hereof; provided, that for the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall affect the terms and conditions of the Insider Letter.
- 7. This Agreement may not be changed, amended or modified as to any particular provision, except by a written instrument executed by all parties hereto. No provision of this Agreement may be waived except in a writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of such waiver is sought. No failure or delay by a party in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any other right hereunder.
- 8. Any notice, consent or request to be given in connection with any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent in the same manner as provided in Section 8.4 of the BCA.
- 9. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in a manner consistent with the provisions of the BCA. The provisions set forth in Sections 8.5, 8.7, 8.10, 8.11, and 8.15 through 8.18 of the BCA, as in effect as of the date hereof, are hereby incorporated by reference into, and shall be deemed to apply to, this Agreement as if all references to the "Agreement" in such sections were instead references to this Agreement, and the references therein to the "Parties" were instead to the parties to this Agreement.
- 10. This Agreement shall terminate at such time, if any, as the BCA is terminated in accordance with its terms prior to the Closing, and upon such termination this Agreement shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever, and the parties hereto shall have no obligations under this Agreement.

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Please indicate your agreement to the foregoing by signing in the space provided below.

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT II LLC

By:/s/ Shahraab AhmadName:Shahraab AhmadTitle:CEO

Accepted and agreed, effective as of the date first set forth above:

ATLANTIC COASTAL ACQUISITION CORP. II

By: /s/ Shahraab Ahmad Name: Shahraab Ahmad

Title: CEO

ABPRO BIO INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Jin Sang Yang Name: Jin Sang Yang Title: President

Address for Notice:

Address: Abpro Bio I

Abpro Bio International, Inc. 139, Techno jungang-daero, Yuga-myeon, Dalseong-gun, Daegu, Republic of Korea ******

ABPRO CORPORATION

By:	/s/ Ian Chan
Name:	Ian Chan
Title:	Chief Executive Officer

Address for Notice: Address:

68 Cummings Park Drive Woburn, MA 01801

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