

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 4, 2021 (August 3, 2021)

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-39123
(Commission file number)

33-0227337
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4250 Executive Square, Suite 300, La Jolla, CA 92037
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 362-6300

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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

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).

Emerging growth company

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.

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

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	SI	New York Stock Exchange

ITEM 3.03. MATERIAL MODIFICATION TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On August 4, 2021, Silvergate Capital Corporation (the "Company") issued and sold 8,000,000 depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares"), each representing a 1/40th ownership interest in a share of 5.375% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"). On August 3, 2021, the Company filed articles supplementary to its articles of incorporation, as amended (the "Articles Supplementary") with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "Maryland Department"), establishing the voting powers, designations, preferences, special rights, and qualifications of the Series A Preferred Stock. Holders of the Depositary Shares will be entitled to all proportional rights and preferences of the Series A Preferred Stock (including, dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights). The Depositary Shares were sold in a public offering under the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (File No. 333-252258) and a related prospectus, including the related prospectus supplement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated as of July 28, 2021 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule I thereof.

Under the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, the ability of the Company to pay dividends on, make distributions with respect to, or to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire its common stock or any preferred stock ranking on parity with or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock is subject to certain restrictions in the event that the Company does not declare and either pay or set aside a sum sufficient for payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for the immediately preceding dividend period. The Series A Preferred has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share.

The description of the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Articles Supplementary, which is included as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with the issuance of the Depositary Shares, the Company entered into a Deposit Agreement, dated as of August 4, 2021 (the "Deposit Agreement"), by and among the Company, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, acting as depository, and the holders from time to time of the depositary receipts (the "Depositary Receipts") evidencing the Depositary Shares. The Series A Preferred Stock were deposited against the delivery of the Depositary Receipts pursuant to the Deposit Agreement. The Deposit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and the form of Depositary Receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2. The foregoing description of the Deposit Agreement is entirely qualified by reference to such exhibit, which is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS.

On August 3, 2021, the Company filed the Articles Supplementary with the Maryland Department, supplementing the Company's articles of incorporation, as amended, by establishing the newly authorized Series A Preferred Stock of the Company consisting of 200,000 authorized shares. The Articles Supplementary were accepted for record, and became effective, on August 4, 2021. The terms of the Series A Preferred Stock are more fully described in Item 3.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Articles Supplementary, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1, both of which are incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On August 4, 2021, the Company completed the issuance and sale of 8,000,000 Depositary Shares pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. The Depositary Shares were issued pursuant to the Deposit Agreement. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1. A copy of the Deposit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and the form of Depositary Receipt representing the Depositary Shares is included as Exhibit A of the Deposit Agreement. A copy of the legal opinion as to the legality of the issuance and sale of the Depositary Shares is attached as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Exhibits 5.1 and 23.1 of this Current Report on Form 8-K are hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (File No. 333-252258).

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated July 28, 2021, by and among Silvergate Capital Corporation, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and UBS Securities LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on July 30, 2021)
3.1	Articles Supplementary of 5.375% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A
4.1	Deposit Agreement, dated August 4, 2021, by and among Silvergate Capital Corporation, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, LLC, as depositary, and the holders from time to time of the depositary receipts described therein
4.2	Form of Depositary Receipt (included in Exhibit 4.1 hereto)
5.1	Opinion of Holland & Knight LLP
23.1	Consent of Holland & Knight LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION

Dated: August 4, 2021

By: /s/ Alan J. Lane

Alan J. Lane

President and Chief Executive Officer

**ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY
DESIGNATING THE RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES OF
THE 5.375% FIXED RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PERPETUAL PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A,
PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE OF
SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation (the “**Corporation**”), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

FIRST: Under a power contained in Article Fifth of the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the “**Articles of Incorporation**”), the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “**Board**”) and a duly authorized committee thereof (the “**Committee**”), by duly adopted resolutions or unanimous written consent, classified and designated 200,000 shares of the authorized but unissued serial preferred stock of the Corporation, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Preferred Stock**”), as 5.375% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, par value \$0.01 per share, with the following preferences and rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption, which, upon any restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, shall become part of Article Fifth of the Articles of Incorporation, with any necessary or appropriate renumbering or relettering of the sections or subsections hereof.

**5.375% FIXED RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PERPETUAL
PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A**

Section 1. Designation. There is hereby created out of the authorized and unissued shares of Preferred Stock a series of Preferred Stock designated as the “5.375% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A” (hereinafter called “**Series A Preferred Stock**”). Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be identical in all respects to every other share of Series A Preferred Stock.

Section 2. Number of Authorized Shares. The number of authorized shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall initially be 200,000 shares. Such number may from time to time be increased (but not in excess of the total number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock, less all shares of any other series of Preferred Stock authorized at the time of such increase) or decreased (but not below the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding), without the vote or consent of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock by the Board. Shares of outstanding Series A Preferred Stock that are redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired by the Corporation shall be cancelled and shall revert to authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock undesignated as to series. The Corporation shall have the authority to issue fractional shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time without notice to or the consent of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, provided that such additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock issued after August 4, 2021 (the “Original Issue Date”) will only be issued if they are fungible with the original shares for United States federal income tax purposes. Any such additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock will form a single series with the Series A Preferred Stock issued on the Original Issue Date.

Section 3. Definitions. The following terms are used in this Articles Supplementary as defined below:

(a) “**Appropriate Federal Banking Agency**” means the “appropriate federal banking agency” with respect to the Corporation as defined in Section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. § 1813(q)), or any successor provision.

(b) “**Articles Supplementary**” means this Articles Supplementary relating to the Series A Preferred Stock, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

(c) “**Articles of Incorporation**” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

(d) “**Board**” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

(e) “**Business Day**” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, and is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in New York, New York or La Jolla, California.

- (f) **“Common Stock”** means the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Corporation.
- (g) **“Corporation”** has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
- (h) **“Dividend Parity Stock”** means any class or series of stock of the Corporation that ranks on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the payment of current dividends.
- (i) **“Dividend Payment Date”** has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a).
- (j) **“Dividend Period”** means each period from and including a Dividend Payment Date (except that the initial Dividend Period shall commence on and include the Original Issue Date) and continuing to but not including the next succeeding Dividend Payment Date.
- (k) **“DTC”** means The Depository Trust Company.
- (l) **“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (m) **“Junior Stock”** means any class or series of stock of the Corporation (including the Common Stock) that ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.
- (n) **“Liquidation Preference”** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.
- (o) **“Liquidation Preference Parity Stock”** means any class or series of stock of the Corporation that ranks on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.
- (p) **“Nonpayment Event”** has the meaning set forth in Section 7(b).
- (q) **“Original Issue Date”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.
- (r) **“Parity Stock”** means any class or series of stock of the Corporation that ranks on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the payment of dividends and in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.
- (s) **“Preferred Stock”** has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
- (t) **“Preferred Stock Directors”** has the meaning set forth in Section 7(b).
- (u) **“Regulatory Capital Treatment Event”** means the good faith determination by the Corporation that, as a result of (i) any amendment to, or change in, the laws, rules or regulations of the United States (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any agency or instrumentality of the United States, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and other federal bank regulatory agencies) or any political subdivision of or in the United States that is enacted or becomes effective after the initial issuance of any share of the Series A Preferred Stock, (ii) any proposed change in those laws, rules or regulations that is announced or becomes effective after the initial issuance of any share of the Series A Preferred Stock, or (iii) any official administrative decision or judicial decision or administrative action or other official pronouncement interpreting or applying those laws, rules or regulations or policies with respect thereto that is announced after the initial issuance of any share of the Series A Preferred Stock, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Corporation will not be entitled to treat the full Stated Amount of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding as “Tier 1 capital” (or its equivalent) for purposes of the capital adequacy rules of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or, as and if applicable, the capital adequacy rules or regulations of any successor Appropriate Federal Banking Agency) as then in effect and applicable, for so long as any share of the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding.
- (v) **“Series A Preferred Stock”** has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(w) **“Stated Amount”** means, in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock, \$1,000 per share, and, in respect of any other series of capital stock, the stated amount per share specified in the Articles of Incorporation or applicable articles supplementary (including, in the case of any series that does not use the words “stated amount,” the specified amount of any preference upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, without regard to any unpaid dividends that may also be included in the liquidation preference with respect to such shares).

(x) **“Transfer Agent”** means the transfer agent with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock, which shall be American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC as of the Original Issue Date, and its successor, including any successor transfer agent appointed by the Corporation.

(y) **“Voting Preferred Stock”** means any other class or series of Preferred Stock ranking equally with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividends (whether cumulative or non-cumulative) and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation and upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable. Whether a plurality, majority or other portion of the Series A Preferred Stock and any other Voting Preferred Stock have been voted in favor of any matter shall be determined by reference to the Stated Amounts of the shares voted.

Section 4. Dividends.

(a) **Rate.** Holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board or a duly authorized committee of the Board, only out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, non-cumulative cash dividends payable on the Stated Amount at a rate of 5.375% per annum, and no more, payable quarterly in arrears on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, beginning on November 15, 2021, with respect to the dividend period (or portion thereof) ending on the day preceding such respective Dividend Payment Date. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock issued after the Original Issue Date will be entitled to dividends that are declared on or after the date such shares are issued.

Each date on which dividends are payable pursuant to the foregoing is a **“Dividend Payment Date”**. Dividends will be payable to holders of record of Series A Preferred Stock as they appear on the Corporation’s stock register on the applicable record date, which shall be the 15th calendar day before the applicable Dividend Payment Date, or such other record date, not exceeding 60 days nor less than 10 days before the applicable Dividend Payment Date, as shall be fixed by the Board or a duly authorized committee of the Board in advance of payment of each particular dividend. The Corporation shall not pay interest or any sum of money instead of interest on any dividend, or in lieu of dividends not declared.

(b) **Business Day Convention.** If a Dividend Payment Date is not a Business Day, then the applicable dividend will be paid on the next business day without any adjustment to, or interest on, the amount of dividends paid.

(c) **Dividend Computation.** Dividends payable on the Series A Preferred Stock will be calculated for each Dividend Period (or portion thereof) on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dollar amounts resulting from such calculation will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upward.

(d) **Dividends Non-cumulative.** Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock shall not be cumulative or mandatory. If the Board or a duly authorized committee of the Board does not declare a dividend on the Series A Preferred Stock in respect of a Dividend Period, then no dividend shall be deemed to be payable for such Dividend Period, or be cumulative, and the Corporation will have no obligation to pay any dividend for that Dividend Period, whether or not the Board or a duly authorized committee of the Board declares a dividend on the Series A Preferred Stock, any other series of Preferred Stock or on the Common Stock for any future Dividend Period. Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, securities or other property, other than dividends (if any) declared and payable on the Series A Preferred Stock as specified in this Section 4 (subject to the other provisions of this Articles Supplementary).

(e) **Priority of Dividends and Redemption and Repurchase of Junior Stock and Parity Stock.** So long as any share of Series A Preferred Stock remains outstanding, unless dividends on all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock for the most recently completed Dividend Period have been paid in full or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been set aside for payment:

(i) no dividend shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment and no distribution shall be declared or made or set aside for payment on any Junior Stock (other than (A) a dividend payable solely in Junior Stock or (B) any dividend in connection with the implementation of a stockholders’ rights plan, or the redemption or repurchase of any rights under any such plan);

(ii) no monies may be paid or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption or retirement of any Junior Stock nor shall any shares of Junior Stock be repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired for consideration by the Corporation, directly or indirectly, during a Dividend Period (other than (A) as a result of a reclassification of Junior Stock for or into other Junior Stock, (B) the exchange or conversion of one share of Junior Stock for or into another share of Junior Stock, (C) through the use of the proceeds of a substantially contemporaneous sale of other shares of Junior Stock, (D) purchases, redemptions or other acquisitions of shares of the Junior Stock in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or other similar arrangement with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants, (E) purchases of shares of Junior Stock pursuant to a contractually binding requirement to buy Junior Stock existing prior to or during the most recently completed preceding Dividend Period, including under a contractually binding stock repurchase plan, (F) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of Junior Stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such stock or the security being converted or exchanged, or (G) the acquisition by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries of record ownership in Junior Stock for the beneficial ownership of any other persons (other than for the beneficial ownership by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries), including as trustees or custodians), nor shall any monies be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such securities by the Corporation; and

(iii) no monies may be paid or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption or retirement of any Parity Stock nor shall any shares of Parity Stock, if any, be repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired for consideration by the Corporation, directly or indirectly, during a Dividend Period (other than (A) any purchase or other acquisition of shares of Series A Preferred Stock and Parity Stock in accordance with a purchase offer made in writing or by publication (as determined by the Board, or a duly authorized committee of the Board), to all holders of such shares on such terms as the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board), after consideration of the respective annual dividend rates and other relative rights and preferences of the respective series and classes, shall determine in good faith will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective series or classes, (B) as a result of a reclassification of Parity Stock for or into other Parity Stock, (C) the exchange or conversion of Parity Stock for or into other Parity Stock or Junior Stock, (D) through the use of the proceeds of a substantially contemporaneous sale of other shares of Parity Stock, (E) purchases of shares of Parity Stock pursuant to a contractually binding requirement to buy Parity Stock existing prior to or during the preceding Dividend Period, including under a contractually binding stock repurchase plan, (F) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of Parity Stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such stock or the security being converted or exchanged, or (G) the acquisition by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries of record ownership in Parity Stock for the beneficial ownership of any other persons (other than for the beneficial ownership by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries), including as trustees or custodians).

If the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board) elects to declare only partial instead of full dividends for a dividend payment date and the related dividend period (which terms include, in the case of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Dividend Payment Dates and Dividend Periods provided for herein) on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock or any Dividend Parity Stock, then, to the extent permitted by the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock and each outstanding series of Dividend Parity Stock, such partial dividends shall be declared on shares of Series A Preferred Stock and Dividend Parity Stock, and dividends so declared shall be paid, as to any such dividend payment date and related dividend period, in amounts such that the ratio of the partial dividends declared and paid on each such series to full dividends on each such series is the same. As used in this paragraph, “**full dividends**” means, as to any Dividend Parity Stock that bears dividends on a cumulative basis, the amount of dividends that would need to be declared and paid to bring such Dividend Parity Stock current in dividends, including undeclared dividends for past dividend periods. To the extent a dividend period with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock or any series of Dividend Parity Stock (in either case, the “**first series**”) coincides with more than one dividend period with respect to another series as applicable (in either case, a “**second series**”), then, for purposes of this paragraph, the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board) may, to the extent permitted by the terms of each affected series, treat such dividend period for the first series as two or more consecutive dividend periods, none of which coincides with more than one dividend period with respect to the second series, or may treat such dividend period(s) with respect to any Dividend Parity Stock and Dividend Period(s) with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock for purposes of this paragraph in any other manner that it deems to be fair and equitable in order to achieve ratable payments of dividends on such Dividend Parity Stock and the Series A Preferred Stock.

Subject to the foregoing, and not otherwise, such dividends (payable in cash, stock or otherwise) as may be determined by the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board) may be declared and paid on any Common Stock or other Junior Stock from time to time out of any assets legally available for such payment, and the holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to participate in any such dividend.

Section 5. Liquidation Rights.

(a) **Voluntary or Involuntary Liquidation.** In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation's business and affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any distribution or payment out of the assets of the Corporation may be made to or set aside for the holders of any Junior Stock, holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Corporation legally available for distribution to its stockholders an amount equal to the Stated Amount per share, together with any declared and unpaid dividends, without regard to any undeclared dividends, to but excluding the date of such payment (the "**Liquidation Preference**"). Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any other amounts from the Corporation after they have received their full liquidating distribution.

(b) **Partial Payment.** If the assets of the Corporation are not sufficient to pay the Liquidation Preference in full to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock and all holders of any Liquidation Preference Parity Stock, the amounts paid to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock and to the holders of all Liquidation Preference Parity Stock shall be pro rata in accordance with the respective aggregate Liquidation Preferences of Series A Preferred Stock and all such Liquidation Preference Parity Stock. In any such distribution, the "**Liquidation Preference**" of any holder of stock of the Corporation other than the Series A Preferred Stock means the amount otherwise payable to such holder in such distribution (assuming no limitation on the assets of the Corporation available for such distribution), including an amount equal to any declared but unpaid dividends in the case of any holder of stock on which dividends accrue on a non-cumulative basis and, in the case of any holder of stock on which dividends accrue on a cumulative basis, an amount equal to any unpaid, accrued, cumulative dividends, whether or not earned or declared, as applicable.

(c) **Residual Distributions.** If the Liquidation Preference has been paid in full to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock and all holders of any Liquidation Preference Parity Stock, the holders of Junior Stock will be entitled to receive all remaining assets of the Corporation according to their respective rights and preferences.

(d) **Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets Not Liquidation.** For purposes of this Section 5, the merger, consolidation or other business combination of the Corporation with or into any other entity, including a transaction in which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock receive cash, securities or property for their shares, or the sale, lease, conveyance, transfer or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation for cash, securities or other property, shall not constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

Section 6. Redemption.

(a) Optional Redemption.

(i) The Series A Preferred Stock is perpetual and has no maturity date. The Corporation may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock at its option, in whole or in part, from time to time, on any Dividend Payment Date on or after August 15, 2026, at a redemption price equal to the Stated Amount, together (except as otherwise provided herein) with any declared and unpaid dividends, without regard to any undeclared dividends, to but excluding the redemption date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation may not redeem shares of the Series A Preferred Stock without having received the prior approval of the Appropriate Federal Banking Agency.

(ii) The Corporation may redeem shares of the Series A Preferred Stock at any time within 90 days following a Regulatory Capital Treatment Event, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to the Stated Amount, together (except as otherwise provided herein) with any declared and unpaid dividends, without regard to any undeclared dividends, to but excluding the redemption date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation may not redeem shares of the Series A Preferred Stock without having received the prior approval of the Appropriate Federal Banking Agency, if the Series A Preferred Stock is capital for bank regulatory purposes or such approval is otherwise required.

(iii) The redemption price for any shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be payable on the redemption date to the holder of such shares against surrender of the certificate(s) evidencing such shares to the Corporation or its agent, if the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are issued in certificated form. Any declared but unpaid dividends payable on a redemption date that occurs subsequent to the applicable record date for a Dividend Period shall not be paid to the holder entitled to receive the redemption price on the redemption date, but rather shall be paid to the holder of record of the redeemed shares on such record date relating to the applicable Dividend Payment Date as provided in Section 4 above.

(b) **No Sinking Fund.** The Series A Preferred Stock will not be subject to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or other similar provisions. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have no right to require redemption or repurchase of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

(c) **Notice of Redemption.** Notice of every redemption of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the holders of record of the shares to be redeemed at their respective last addresses appearing on the books of the Corporation, mailed not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof (provided that, if shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are held in book-entry form through DTC or any other similar facility, we may give such notice at such time and in any manner permitted by such facility). Any notice mailed as provided in this Subsection shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the holder receives such notice, but failure duly to give such notice by mail, or any defect in such notice or in the mailing thereof, to any holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock designated for redemption shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Each notice of redemption will include a statement setting forth: (1) the redemption date; (2) the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed and, if less than all the shares held by the holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder; (3) the redemption price; (4) the place or places where the certificates evidencing shares of Series A Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (5) that dividends on such shares will cease to accrue on the redemption date.

(d) **Partial Redemption.** In case of any redemption of only part of the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, the shares to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata from the holders of record of the Series A Preferred Stock or by lot. Subject to the provisions hereof (or, if the Preferred Stock is issued or held in book-entry form through DTC or another facility, in accordance with the procedures of such facility), the Board, or a duly authorized committee of the Board, shall have full power and authority to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed from time to time. If the Corporation shall have issued certificates for the Series A Preferred Stock and fewer than all shares represented by any certificates are redeemed, new certificates shall be issued representing the unredeemed shares without charge to the holders thereof.

(e) **Effectiveness of Redemption.** If notice of redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock has been duly given and if on or before the redemption date specified in the notice all funds necessary for such redemption have been irrevocably set aside by the Corporation, separate and apart from its other assets, in trust for the pro rata benefit of the holders of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption so as to be and continue to be available therefor, then, notwithstanding that any certificate for any share so called for redemption has not been surrendered for cancellation in the case that the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are issued in certificated form, on and after the redemption date, unless we default in the payment of the redemption price of the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption, dividends will cease to accrue on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption, and all such shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares with respect to such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the amount payable on such redemption, without interest. Any funds unclaimed at the end of two years from the redemption date, to the extent permitted by law, shall be released from the trust so established and may be commingled with the Corporation's other funds, and after that time the holders of the shares so called for redemption shall look only to us for payment of the redemption price of such shares.

Section 7. Voting Rights.

(a) **General.** The holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have no voting rights except as set forth below or as otherwise required by law.

(b) Right to Elect Two Directors on Nonpayment of Dividends. If and whenever dividends payable on Series A Preferred Stock or any class or series of Voting Preferred Stock have not been declared and paid (or, in the case of Voting Preferred Stock bearing dividends on a cumulative basis, shall be in arrears) in an aggregate amount equal to full dividends for at least six quarterly dividend periods or their equivalent, whether or not consecutive (a “**Nonpayment Event**”), the number of directors on the Board shall automatically be increased by two and the holders of Series A Preferred Stock, together with the holders of any outstanding Voting Preferred Stock then entitled to vote for additional directors, voting together as a single class in proportion to their respective Stated Amounts, shall be entitled to elect by a plurality of the votes cast the two additional directors (the “**Preferred Stock Directors**”); provided that the election of any such directors shall not cause the Corporation to violate the corporate governance requirement of the New York Stock Exchange (or any other exchange on which the Corporation’s securities may be listed) that listed companies must have a majority of independent directors and provided further that the Board shall at no time include more than two Preferred Stock Directors (including, for purposes of this limitation, all directors that the holders of any series of Voting Preferred Stock are entitled to elect pursuant to like voting rights). In the event that the holders of Series A Preferred Stock and such other holders of Voting Preferred Stock shall be entitled to vote for the election of the Preferred Stock Directors following a Nonpayment Event, such directors shall be initially elected following such Nonpayment Event only at a special meeting called at the request of the holders of record of at least 10% of the Stated Amount of the Series A Preferred Stock and each other series of Voting Preferred Stock then outstanding (unless such request for a special meeting is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders, in which event such election shall be held only at such next annual or special meeting of stockholders), and at each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders. Such request to call a special meeting for the initial election of the Preferred Stock Directors after a Nonpayment Event shall be made by written notice, signed by the requisite holders of Series A Preferred Stock or Voting Preferred Stock, and delivered to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation in such manner as provided for in Section 9 below, or as may otherwise be required or permitted by applicable law. If the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation fails to call a special meeting for the election of the Preferred Stock Directors within 20 days of receiving proper notice, any holder of Series A Preferred Stock or any class or series of Voting Preferred Stock may call such a meeting at the Corporation’s expense solely for the election of the Preferred Stock Directors, and for this purpose and no other (unless provided otherwise by applicable law) such Series A Preferred Stock holder shall have access to the Corporation’s stock ledger.

Any Preferred Stock Director may be removed at any time without cause by the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock and Voting Preferred Stock, when they have the voting rights described above (voting together as a single class in proportion to their respective Stated Amounts). The Preferred Stock Directors elected at any such special meeting shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders if such office shall not have previously terminated as provided below. In case any vacancy shall occur among the Preferred Stock Directors, a successor shall be elected by the Board to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders on the nomination of the then remaining Preferred Stock Director or, if no Preferred Stock Director remains in office, by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of record of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock and such Voting Preferred Stock for which dividends have not been paid, voting as a single class in proportion to their respective Stated Amounts, provided that the election of any such directors shall not cause the Corporation to violate the corporate governance requirement of the New York Stock Exchange (or any other exchange on which the Corporation’s securities may be listed) that listed companies must have a majority of independent directors. The Preferred Stock Directors shall each be entitled to one vote per director on any matter that shall come before the Board for a vote.

If and when (i) dividends have been paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment thereof set aside) in full on the Preferred Stock on four consecutive Dividend Payment Dates following a Nonpayment Event, and (ii) the rights of holders of any Voting Preferred Stock to participate in electing the Preferred Stock Directors shall have ceased, the right of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to participate in the election of Preferred Stock Directors shall cease (but subject always to the re-vesting of such voting rights in the case of any future Nonpayment Event), the terms of office of all the Preferred Stock Directors shall immediately terminate, and the number of directors constituting the Board shall automatically be reduced accordingly. In determining whether dividends have been paid for at least four consecutive quarterly Dividend Periods following a nonpayment event, the Corporation may take account of any dividend it elects to pay for any Dividend Period after the regular Dividend Payment Date for that period has passed. If and when the rights of holders of Series A Preferred Stock terminate for any reason, such voting rights shall terminate along with the other rights (except, if applicable, the right to receive the redemption price, together with any declared and unpaid dividends, without regard to any undeclared dividends, to but excluding the redemption date), and the terms of any Preferred Stock Directors shall terminate automatically and the number of directors reduced by two, assuming that the rights of holders of Voting Preferred Stock have similarly terminated.

(c) Other Voting Rights. So long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, in addition to any other vote or consent of stockholders required by law or by the Articles of Incorporation, the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of all outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, voting together with any other series of Preferred Stock that would be adversely affected in substantially the same manner and entitled to vote as a single class in proportion to their respective Stated Amounts (to the exclusion of all other series of Preferred Stock), given in person or by proxy, either in writing without a meeting or by vote at any meeting called for the purpose, will be necessary to:

(i) amend or alter the Articles of Incorporation to authorize or increase the authorized amount of, or issue, any shares of a class or series of the Corporation's capital stock ranking prior to the Series A Preferred Stock in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares;

(ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation so as to materially and adversely affect the powers, preferences, privileges or rights of the Series A Preferred Stock, taken as a whole; provided, however, that any amendment to authorize or create, or increase the authorized amount of, any class or series of stock that does not rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock in either payment of dividends (whether such dividends are cumulative or non-cumulative) or in the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation will not be deemed to affect adversely the powers, preferences, privileges or rights of the Series A Preferred Stock; or

(iii) consummate (x) a binding share-exchange or reclassification involving the Series A Preferred Stock, or (y) a merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into another entity (whether or not a corporation), unless in each case (A) the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding or, in the case of any such merger or consolidation with respect to which the Corporation is not the surviving or resulting entity, the Series A Preferred Stock is converted into or exchanged for preference securities of the surviving or resulting entity or its ultimate parent and (B) such shares remaining outstanding or such preference securities, as the case may be, have such rights, preferences, privileges and voting powers, and limitations and restrictions thereof, taken as a whole, as are not materially less favorable to the holders thereof than the rights, preferences, privileges and voting powers, and restrictions and limitations thereof, of the Series A Preferred Stock immediately prior to such consummation, taken as a whole.

If an amendment, alteration, repeal, share exchange, reclassification, merger or consolidation described above would adversely affect one or more but not all series of Preferred Stock (including the Series A Preferred Stock for this purpose), then only the series affected and entitled to vote shall vote to the exclusion of all other series of Preferred Stock. If all series of Preferred Stock are not equally affected by the proposed amendment, alteration, repeal, share exchange, reclassification, merger or consolidation described above, there shall be required a two-thirds approval of each series that will have a diminished status.

(d) Changes Permitted without Consent. Without the consent of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, so long as such action does not adversely affect the rights, preferences, privileges and voting powers of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation may amend, alter, supplement or repeal any terms of the Series A Preferred Stock:

(i) to cure any ambiguity, or to cure, correct or supplement any provision contained in this Articles Supplementary for the Series A Preferred Stock that may be defective or inconsistent; or

(ii) to make any provision with respect to matters or questions arising with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock that is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Articles Supplementary.

(e) Changes after Provision for Redemption. The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption on proper notice and sufficient funds have been set aside by the Corporation for the benefit of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to effect the redemption.

(f) Procedures for Voting and Consents. The rules and procedures for calling and conducting any meeting of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock (including, without limitation, the fixing of a record date in connection therewith), the solicitation and use of proxies at such a meeting, the obtaining of written consents and any other aspect or matter with regard to such a meeting or such consents shall be governed by any rules the Board (or a duly authorized committee of the Board), in its discretion, may adopt from time to time, which rules and procedures shall conform to the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation, the Amended and Restated Bylaws, applicable law and any national securities exchange or other trading facility on which the Series A Preferred Stock may be listed or traded at the time.

Section 8. Record Holders. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Corporation and the Transfer Agent may deem and treat the record holder of any share of Series A Preferred Stock as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Corporation nor the Transfer Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 9. Notices. All notices or communications in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock will be sufficiently given if given in writing and delivered in person or by first class mail, postage prepaid, or if given in such other manner as may be permitted in this Articles Supplementary, in the Articles of Incorporation or Amended and Restated Bylaws or by applicable law.

Section 10. Other Rights. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not have any voting powers, preferences or relative, participating, optional or other special rights, or qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, other than as set forth herein or in the Articles of Incorporation. The holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall not have any preemptive rights or conversion rights.

Section 11. Certificates. The Corporation may at its option issue shares of Series A Preferred Stock without certificates. If DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Series A Preferred Stock, the following provisions of this Section 11 shall apply. If and as long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Series A Preferred Stock, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, shall be considered the sole owner and holder of all shares of Series A Preferred Stock for all purposes under the instruments governing the rights and obligations of holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. If DTC discontinues providing its services as securities depository with respect to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, or if DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained within 90 days, the Corporation shall either print and deliver certificates for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock or provide for the direct registration of the Series A Preferred Stock with the Transfer Agent. If the Corporation decides to discontinue the use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository), the Corporation shall print certificates for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock and deliver such certificates to DTC or shall provide for the direct registration of the Series A Preferred Stock with the Transfer Agent. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in the Series A Preferred Stock:

- (a) shall not be entitled to have such Series A Preferred Stock registered in their names;
- (b) shall not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of securities certificates in exchange for beneficial interests in the Series A Preferred Stock; and
- (c) shall not be considered to be owners or holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock for any purpose under the instruments governing the rights and obligations of holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

Section 12. Restatement of Certificate. On any restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, Section 1 through Section 11 of this Articles Supplementary shall be included in the Articles of Incorporation under the heading "Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A" and this Section 12 may be omitted. If the Board so determines, the numbering of Section 1 through Section 11 may be changed for convenience of reference or for any other proper purpose.

SECOND: The Series A Preferred Stock has been classified and designated by the Board and the Committee, under the authority contained in the Articles of Incorporation.

THIRD: These Articles Supplementary have been approved by the Board and the Committee in the manner and by the vote required by law.

FOURTH: These Articles Supplementary shall become effective on August 4, 2021.

FIFTH: The undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation acknowledges these Articles Supplementary to be the corporate act of the Corporation and, as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles Supplementary to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Corporate Secretary on this 2nd day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Judith Knowles
Name: Judith Knowles
Title: Corporate Secretary

By: /s/ Alan Lane
Name: Alan Lane
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Articles Supplementary]

DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

among

**SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION
AS ISSUER**

and

**AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC
AS DEPOSITARY**

and

**THE HOLDERS FROM TIME TO TIME OF THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS
DESCRIBED HEREIN**

Dated August 4, 2021

DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

DEPOSIT AGREEMENT, dated August 4, 2021, among (i) SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation; (ii) AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC, and (iii) the Record Holders from time to time of the Receipts described in this Deposit Agreement.

WHEREAS, it is desired to provide, as hereinafter set forth in this Deposit Agreement, for the deposit of shares of the Preferred Stock of the Corporation from time to time with the Depositary for the purposes set forth in this Deposit Agreement and for the issuance hereunder of Receipts evidencing Depositary Shares in respect of shares of the Preferred Stock so deposited; and

WHEREAS, the Receipts are to be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided in this Deposit Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINED TERMS

1.1 Definitions.

The following definitions shall for all purposes, unless otherwise indicated, apply to the respective terms used in this Deposit Agreement:

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any Person, any Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other Person. For the purpose of this definition, “controlling,” “controlled by” or “under common control with” mean the ownership, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the operation or management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership or control of voting interests, by contract or otherwise.

“Articles Supplementary” means the relevant Articles Supplementary filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland establishing the Preferred Stock as a series of preferred stock of the Corporation.

“AST” means American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

“Board of Directors” means the board of directors of the Corporation.

“Corporation” means Silvergate Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation.

“Deposit Agreement” means this Deposit Agreement, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

“Depositary” means AST, and any successor as Depositary hereunder.

“Depositary Shares” means the depositary shares, each representing one-fortieth (1/40th) of one share of the Preferred Stock, and evidenced by a Receipt.

“Depositary’s Agent” means an agent appointed by the Depositary pursuant to Section 7.5.

“Depositary’s Office” means the office of the Depositary, at which at any particular time its depositary receipt business shall be administered, which at the date of this Deposit Agreement is located at 6201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Exchange Event” means with respect to any Global Registered Receipt: (i) (A) the Global Receipt Depository which is the Holder of such Global Registered Receipt notifies the Corporation that it is no longer willing or able to properly discharge its responsibilities under any Letter of Representations or that it is no longer eligible or in good standing under the Exchange Act, and (B) the Corporation has not appointed a qualified successor Global Receipt Depository within ninety (90) calendar days after the Corporation received such notice, or (ii) the Corporation in its sole discretion notifies the Depository in writing that the Receipts or portion thereof issued or issuable in the form of one or more Global Registered Receipts shall no longer be represented by such Global Registered Receipt.

“Funds” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.10.

“Global Receipt Depository” means, with respect to any Receipt issued hereunder, DTC or such other entity designated as Global Receipt Depository by the Corporation in or pursuant to this Deposit Agreement, which entity must be, to the extent required by any applicable law or regulation, a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act.

“Global Registered Receipt” means a global registered Receipt registered in the name of a nominee of the Global Receipt Depository.

“Letter of Representations” means any applicable agreement among the Corporation, the Depository and a Global Receipt Depository with respect to such Global Receipt Depository’s rights and obligations with respect to any Global Registered Receipt, as the same may be amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time and any successor agreement thereto.

“Person” means any natural person, partnership, joint venture, firm, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, unincorporated association, trust or other entity, and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of the foregoing.

“Preferred Stock” means the shares of the Corporation’s Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, \$1,000 liquidation preference per share, designated in the Articles Supplementary.

“Receipt” means one of the depository receipts issued hereunder, substantially in the form set forth as Exhibit A hereto, whether in definitive or temporary form, and evidencing the number of Depository Shares with respect to shares of the Preferred Stock held of record by the Record Holder of such Depository Shares.

“Record Holder” or “Holder” as applied to a Receipt means the Person in whose name such Receipt is registered on the books of the Depository maintained for such purpose.

“Redemption Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.8.

“Registrar” means AST, or such other successor bank or trust company which shall be appointed by the Corporation to register ownership and transfers of Receipts and the deposited shares of Preferred Stock as herein provided, and if a successor Registrar shall be so appointed, references herein to “the books” of or maintained by the Depository shall be deemed, as applicable, to refer as well to the register maintained by such Registrar for such purpose.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Signature Guarantee” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

“Transfer Agent” means American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, or such other successor bank or trust company which shall be appointed by the Corporation to transfer the Receipts or the deposited shares of Preferred Stock, as the case may be, as herein provided.

ARTICLE II
FORM OF RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT OF THE PREFERRED STOCK,
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, TRANSFER, SURRENDER AND REDEMPTION OF RECEIPTS

2.1 Form and Transfer of Receipts.

The definitive Receipts shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Deposit Agreement, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided (but which do not affect the rights, duties, obligations or immunities of the Depositary as set forth in this Deposit Agreement without the Depositary’s consent). Pending the preparation of definitive Receipts, the Depositary, upon the written order of the Corporation, delivered in compliance with Section 2.2, shall be authorized and instructed to, and shall execute and deliver temporary Receipts which may be printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise substantially of the tenor of the definitive Receipts in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the Persons executing such Receipts may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Receipts. If temporary Receipts are issued, the Corporation and the Depositary will cause definitive Receipts to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Receipts, the temporary Receipts shall be exchangeable for definitive Receipts upon surrender of the temporary Receipts at the Depositary’s Office or at such other place or places as the Depositary shall determine, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Receipts, the Depositary is hereby authorized and instructed to, and shall execute and deliver in exchange therefor definitive Receipts representing the same number of Depositary Shares as represented by the surrendered temporary Receipt or Receipts registered in the name (and only in the name) of the holder of the temporary Receipt(s); provided that, the Depositary has been provided with all necessary information that it may request in order to execute and deliver such definitive Receipt(s). Such exchange shall be made at the Corporation’s expense and without any charge therefor. Until so exchanged, the temporary Receipts shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Deposit Agreement, and with respect to the Preferred Stock, as definitive Receipts.

Any Receipt to be executed by the Depositary pursuant to this Deposit Agreement shall be executed by the manual, electronic or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary. No Receipt shall be entitled to any benefits under this Deposit Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless it shall have been executed manually, electronically or by the facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary or, if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Depositary) shall have been appointed, by manual, electronic or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature by a duly authorized officer of such Registrar. The Depositary shall record on its books each Receipt so signed and delivered as hereinafter provided. Receipts bearing the manual, electronic or facsimile signature of a duly authorized signatory of the Depositary who was at such time a proper signatory of the Depositary shall bind the Depositary, notwithstanding that such signatory ceased to hold such office prior to the execution and delivery of such Receipts by the Registrar or did not hold such office on the date of issuance of such Receipts.

Receipts shall be in denominations of any number of whole Depositary Shares. All Receipts shall be dated the date of their issuance.

Receipts may be endorsed with or have incorporated in the text thereof such legends or recitals or changes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement, all as may be required by the Depositary and approved by the Corporation or required to comply with any applicable law or any regulation thereunder or with the rules and regulations of any securities exchange upon which the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts may be listed or to conform with any usage with respect thereto, or to indicate any special limitations or restrictions to which any particular Receipt is subject (but which do not affect the rights, duties, obligations or immunities of the Depositary as set forth in this Deposit Agreement without the Depositary’s consent).

Title to Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt which is properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer accompanied by a guarantee of the signature thereon by a guarantor institution that is a participant in a signature guarantee program approved by the Securities Transfer Association at a guarantee level acceptable to the Transfer Agent (a “Signature Guarantee”), shall be transferable by delivery of such Receipt with the same effect as if such Receipt were a negotiable instrument; provided, however, that until transfer of any particular Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Depositary as provided in Section 2.3, the Depositary may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the Record Holder thereof at such time as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of determining the Person entitled to distributions of dividends or other distributions or to any notice provided for in this Deposit Agreement and for all other purposes.

2.2 Deposit of the Preferred Stock; Execution and Delivery of Receipts in Respect Thereof.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Corporation may from time to time deposit shares of the Preferred Stock under this Deposit Agreement by delivery to the Depositary, including via electronic book-entry, of the shares of Preferred Stock to be deposited (or in such other manner as may be agreed to by the Corporation and the Depositary), duly endorsed and accompanied, if required by the Depositary, by a duly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Depositary, together with all such certifications as may be required by the Depositary pursuant to this Deposit Agreement, and together with a written order of the Corporation directing the Depositary to (i) register such shares of the Preferred Stock in uncertificated form by direct registration, and (ii) execute and deliver to, or upon the written order of, the Person or Persons stated in such order a Receipt or Receipts evidencing in the aggregate the number of Depositary Shares representing such deposited shares of the Preferred Stock.

The shares of the Preferred Stock that are deposited pursuant to this Deposit Agreement shall be held by the Depositary at the Depositary’s Office or at such other place or places as the Depositary shall determine. The Depositary shall not lend any shares of the Preferred Stock deposited hereunder.

Upon receipt by the Depositary of shares of the Preferred Stock deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.2, together with the other documents required as above specified, and upon recordation of the shares of the Preferred Stock on the books of the Corporation (or its duly appointed transfer agent) in the name of the Depositary or its nominee, the Depositary, subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, shall execute and deliver to or upon the order of the Person or Persons named in the written order delivered to the Depositary referred to in the first paragraph of this Section 2.2, a Receipt or Receipts evidencing in the aggregate the number of Depositary Shares representing the shares of the Preferred Stock so deposited and registered in such name or names as may be requested by such Person or Persons. The Depositary shall execute and deliver such Receipt or Receipts at the Depositary’s Office or such other offices, if any, as the Depositary may designate. Delivery at other offices shall be at the risk and expense of the Person requesting such delivery.

The Corporation shall cause to be provided an opinion of counsel containing opinions, or a letter of counsel to the Corporation authorizing reliance on such counsel’s opinions delivered to the underwriters named therein, relating to (i) the status of the Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares as validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and (ii) the registration of the Depositary Shares and Preferred Stock under the Securities Act.

2.3 Registration of Transfer of Receipts.

Subject to the express terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, AST, as Transfer Agent and Registrar for the Receipts, shall register on its books from time to time transfers of Receipts upon any surrender thereof by the Holder in person or by duly authorized attorney, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, including a Signature Guarantee, together with (if applicable) evidence of the payment of any taxes or charges as may be required by law. Thereupon, the Depositary shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts evidencing the same aggregate number of Depositary Shares as those evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered and deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the Person entitled thereto.

The Depositary shall not be required (i) to issue, transfer or exchange any Receipts for a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days next preceding any selection of Depositary Shares and Preferred Stock to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of the sending of notice of redemption, or (ii) to transfer or exchange for another Receipt any Receipt called or being called for redemption in whole or in part except as provided in Section 2.8.

2.4 Split-ups and Combinations of Receipts; Surrender of Receipts and Withdrawal of the Preferred Stock.

Upon surrender of a Receipt or Receipts at the Depository's Office or at such other offices as it may designate for the purpose of effecting a split-up or combination of such Receipt or Receipts, and the receipt by the Depository of all other necessary information and documents, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depository shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts in the authorized denomination or denominations requested, evidencing the aggregate number of Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered, and shall deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the Holder of the Receipt or Receipts so surrendered; provided, however, that the Depository shall not issue any Receipt evidencing a fractional Depository Share.

Any Holder of a Receipt or Receipts may withdraw the number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock and all money and other property, if any, represented thereby by surrendering such Receipt or Receipts at the Depository's Office or at such other offices as the Depository may designate for such withdrawals; provided, however, that a Holder of a Receipt or Receipts may not withdraw such whole shares of Preferred Stock (or money and other property, if any, represented thereby) which has previously been called for redemption. After such surrender and upon the receipt of written instructions from the Holder of such Receipt or Receipts, without unreasonable delay (provided the Corporation has provided the Depository with all necessary documentation), the Depository shall deliver to such Holder, or to the Person or Persons designated by such Holder as hereinafter provided, the number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by the Receipt or Receipts so surrendered for withdrawal, but Holders of such whole shares of the Preferred Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such shares of the Preferred Stock hereunder or to receive a Receipt evidencing Depository Shares therefor. Delivery of such shares of the Preferred Stock and such money and other property being withdrawn may be made by the delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depository may deem appropriate, which, if required by the Depository, shall be properly endorsed or accompanied by proper instruments of transfer. If a Receipt delivered by the Holder to the Depository in connection with such withdrawal shall evidence a number of Depository Shares in excess of the number of Depository Shares representing the number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock to be withdrawn, the Depository shall at the same time, in addition to such number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock and such money and other property, if any, to be so withdrawn, deliver to such Holder, or subject to Section 2.3 upon such Holder's order, a new Receipt evidencing such excess number of Depository Shares.

In no event will fractional shares of the Preferred Stock (or any cash payment in lieu thereof) be delivered by the Depository. Delivery of shares of the Preferred Stock and money and other property, if any, being withdrawn may be made by the delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depository may deem appropriate.

If shares of the Preferred Stock and the money and other property, if any, being withdrawn are to be delivered to a Person or Persons other than the Record Holder of the related Receipt or Receipts being surrendered for withdrawal of such shares of the Preferred Stock, such Holder shall execute and deliver to the Depository a written order so directing the Depository and the Depository may require that the Receipt or Receipts surrendered by such Holder for withdrawal of such shares of the Preferred Stock be properly endorsed in blank or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer in blank.

Delivery of shares of the Preferred Stock and the money and other property, if any, represented by Receipts surrendered for withdrawal shall be made by the Depository at the Depository's Office, except that, at the request, risk and expense of the Holder surrendering such Receipt or Receipts and for the account of the Holder thereof, such delivery may be made at such other place as may be designated by such Holder.

2.5 Limitations on Execution and Delivery, Transfer, Surrender and Exchange of Receipts.

As a condition precedent to the execution and delivery, registration of transfer, split-up, combination, surrender or exchange of any Receipt, the Depositary, any of the Depositary's Agents or the Corporation may require (i) payment to it of a sum sufficient for the payment (or, in the event that the Depositary or the Corporation shall have made such payment, the reimbursement to it) of any charges, taxes or expenses payable by the Holder of a Receipt pursuant to Section 5.7 (including any such tax or charge with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock being deposited or withdrawn or any charges or expense pursuant to Section 3.2), (ii) the production of evidence satisfactory to it as to the identity and genuineness of any signature (which evidence may include a Signature Guarantee), and (iii) any other reasonable evidence of authority that may be required by the Depositary, and may also require compliance with such requirements, if any, as the Depositary or the Corporation may establish consistent with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement and/or applicable law and as may be required by any securities exchange on which the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts may be listed.

The deposit of shares of the Preferred Stock may be refused, the delivery of Receipts against shares of the Preferred Stock may be suspended, the registration of transfer of Receipts may be refused and the registration of transfer, surrender or exchange of outstanding Receipts may be suspended (i) during any period when the register of stockholders of the Corporation is closed or (ii) if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the Depositary, any of the Depositary's Agents or the Corporation at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission or under any provision of this Deposit Agreement.

2.6 Lost Receipts, etc.

In case any Receipt shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Depositary in its discretion may, absent notice to the Depositary that such Receipt has been acquired by a *bona fide* purchaser, execute and deliver a Receipt of like form and tenor in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Receipt, or in lieu of and in substitution for such destroyed, lost or stolen Receipt, only upon (i) the filing by the Holder thereof with the Depositary of evidence satisfactory to the Depositary of such destruction or loss or theft of such Receipt, of the authenticity thereof and of the Holder's ownership thereof; and (ii) the Holder thereof furnishing the Depositary with an affidavit and an open penalty surety bond or other indemnity satisfactory to the Depositary, holding the Depositary and the Corporation harmless. Such Holder shall also comply with such other reasonable regulations and pay such other reasonable charges as the Depositary may prescribe.

2.7 Cancellation and Destruction of Surrendered Receipts.

All Receipts surrendered to the Depositary or any Depositary's Agent shall be cancelled by the Depositary. Except as prohibited by applicable law or regulation, the Depositary is authorized and directed to destroy all Receipts so cancelled.

2.8 Redemption of the Preferred Stock.

Whenever the Corporation shall be permitted and shall elect to redeem shares of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms of the Articles Supplementary, it shall (unless otherwise agreed to in writing with the Depositary) give or cause to be given to the Depositary, not less than thirty-five (35) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date (as defined below), notice of the date of such proposed redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock and of the number of such shares held by the Depositary to be so redeemed and the applicable redemption price, which notice shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Corporation stating that such redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock is in accordance with the provisions of the Articles Supplementary. On the date of such redemption, provided that the Corporation shall then have paid or caused to be paid in full to AST the redemption price of \$1,000 per share of the Preferred Stock to be redeemed, plus an amount equal to any declared and unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption to be redeemed, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles Supplementary, the Depositary shall redeem the number of Depositary Shares representing such shares of the Preferred Stock. The Depositary shall, if requested in writing and provided with all necessary information, transmit the notice of the Corporation's redemption of shares of the Preferred Stock and the proposed simultaneous redemption of the number of Depositary Shares representing such shares of the Preferred Stock to be redeemed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the respective last addresses as they appear on the records of the Depositary, or transmit in accordance with the applicable procedures of any Global Receipt Depository or by such other method approved by the Depositary, in its reasonable discretion, in either case not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption of such shares of the Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares (the "Redemption Date"), to the Record Holders of the Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed at the addresses of such Holders as they appear on the records of the Depositary; but neither failure to mail or transmit any such notice of redemption of Depositary Shares to one or more such Holders nor any defect in any notice of redemption of Depositary Shares to one or more such Holders shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption as to the other Holders. Each such notice shall be prepared by the Corporation and shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the number of Depositary Shares to be redeemed and, if less than all the Depositary Shares held by any such Holder are to be redeemed, the number of such Depositary Shares held by such Holder to be so redeemed; (iii) the redemption price; (iv) the place or places where Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (v) that dividends in respect of the Preferred Stock represented by such Depositary Shares to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such Redemption Date. In case less than all the outstanding Depositary Shares are to be redeemed, the Depositary Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected either *pro rata* or by lot or in such other manner as the Corporation may determine to be fair and equitable (which determination the Corporation will promptly notify the Depositary in writing). In any such case, the Depositary Shares shall only be redeemed in increments of 40 shares and any integral multiple thereof.

Notice having been mailed or transmitted by the Depositary as aforesaid, from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Corporation shall have failed to provide the funds necessary to redeem shares of the Preferred Stock evidenced by the Depositary Shares called for redemption) (i) all dividends on the shares of the Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after such date; (ii) the Depositary Shares being redeemed from such proceeds shall be deemed no longer to be outstanding; (iii) all rights of the Holders of Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price) shall, to the extent of such Depositary Shares, cease and terminate; and (iv) upon surrender in accordance with such redemption notice of the Receipts evidencing any such Depositary Shares called for redemption (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depositary or applicable law shall so require), such Depositary Shares shall be redeemed by the Depositary at a redemption price per Depositary Share equal to one-fortieth (1/40th) of the redemption price per share of the Preferred Stock so redeemed plus all money and other property, if any, represented by such Depositary Shares, including all amounts paid by the Corporation in respect of dividends which on the Redemption Date have been declared on the shares of the Preferred Stock to be so redeemed and have not theretofore been paid (it being understood that, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles Supplementary, any declared but unpaid dividends payable on a Redemption Date that occurs subsequent to the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 for a dividend period shall not be paid to the Holder of a Receipt entitled to receive the redemption price on the Redemption Date, but rather shall be paid to the Holder of such Receipt on such record date).

If fewer than all of the Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt are called for redemption, the Depositary will deliver to the Holder of such Receipt upon its surrender to the Depositary, together with the redemption payment, a new Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares evidenced by such prior Receipt and not called for redemption; provided, however, that the Depositary shall not issue any Receipt evidencing a fractional Depositary Share.

2.9 Receipts Issuable in Global Registered Form.

If the Corporation shall determine in a writing delivered to the Depositary that the Receipts are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Registered Receipts, then the Depositary shall, if instructed and provided with all necessary information, in accordance with the other provisions of this Deposit Agreement, execute and deliver one or more Global Registered Receipts evidencing the Receipts, which (i) shall represent, and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate number of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts to be represented by such Global Registered Receipt or Receipts and (ii) shall be registered in the name of the Global Receipt Depositary therefor or its nominee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Deposit Agreement to the contrary, unless otherwise provided in the Global Registered Receipt, a Global Registered Receipt may only be transferred in whole and only by the applicable Global Receipt Depository for such Global Registered Receipt to a nominee of such Global Receipt Depository, or by a nominee of such Global Receipt Depository to such Global Receipt Depository or another nominee of such Global Receipt Depository, or by such Global Receipt Depository or any such nominee to a successor Global Receipt Depository for such Global Registered Receipt selected or approved by the Corporation or to a nominee of such successor Global Receipt Depository. Except as provided below, owners solely of beneficial interests in a Global Registered Receipt shall not be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Receipts represented by such Global Registered Receipt or to have such Receipts, or the Depository Shares represented by those Receipts, registered in their names. Neither any such beneficial owner nor any direct or indirect participant of a Global Receipt Depository shall have any rights under this Deposit Agreement with respect to any Global Registered Receipt held on their behalf by a Global Receipt Depository and such Global Receipt Depository may be treated by the Corporation, the Depository and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or the Depository as the Holder of such Global Registered Receipt for all purposes whatsoever. Unless and until definitive Receipts are delivered to the owners of the beneficial interests in a Global Registered Receipt, (i) the applicable Global Receipt Depository will make book-entry transfers among its participants and receive and transmit all payments and distributions in respect of the Global Registered Receipts to such participants, in each case, in accordance with its applicable procedures and arrangements, and (ii) whenever any notice, payment or other communication to the holders of Global Registered Receipts is required under this Deposit Agreement, the Corporation and the Depository shall give all such notices, payments and communications specified herein to be given to such holders to the applicable Global Receipt Depository.

If an Exchange Event has occurred with respect to any Global Registered Receipt, then, in any such event, the Depository shall, upon receipt of a written order from the Corporation authorizing and directing the Depository to execute and deliver the individual definitive registered Receipts in exchange for such Global Registered Receipt, execute and deliver, individual definitive registered Receipts, in authorized denominations and of like terms in an aggregate number of Depository Shares equal to the aggregate number of Depository Shares represented by the Global Registered Receipt being delivered in exchange for such Receipts. The Depository shall have no duties, obligations or liability under this paragraph unless and until such written order has been received by the Depository.

Definitive registered Receipts issued in exchange for a Global Registered Receipt pursuant to this Section 2.9 shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Global Receipt Depository for such Global Registered Receipt, pursuant to instructions from its participants, shall instruct the Depository in writing. The Depository shall deliver such Receipts to the Persons in whose names such Receipts are so registered.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Deposit Agreement, should the Corporation determine that the Receipts should be issued as a Global Registered Receipt, the parties hereto shall comply with the terms of each Letter of Representations.

2.10 Receipt of Funds.

All funds received by AST under this Deposit Agreement that are to be distributed or applied by AST in the performance of services hereunder (the “Funds”) shall be held by AST as agent for the Corporation and deposited in one or more bank accounts to be maintained by AST in its name as agent for the Corporation. Until paid pursuant to this Deposit Agreement, AST may hold or invest the Funds through such accounts in: (i) obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America, (ii) commercial paper obligations rated A-1 or P-1 or better by Standard & Poor’s Corporation (“S&P”) or Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”), respectively, (iii) money market funds that comply with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, or (iv) demand deposit accounts, short term certificates of deposit, bank repurchase agreements or bankers’ acceptances, of commercial banks with Tier 1 capital exceeding \$1 billion or with an average rating above investment grade by S&P (LT Local Issuer Credit Rating), Moody’s (Long Term Rating) and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (LT Issuer Default Rating) (each as reported by Bloomberg Finance L.P.). The Corporation shall have no responsibility or liability for any diminution of the Funds that may result from any deposit or investment made by AST in accordance with this paragraph, except for any losses resulting from a default by any bank, financial institution or other third party. AST may from time to time receive interest, dividends or other earnings in connection with such deposits or investments. AST shall not be obligated to pay such interest, dividends or earnings to the Corporation, any holder or any other party.

**ARTICLE III
CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF HOLDERS OF
RECEIPTS AND THE CORPORATION**

3.1 Filing Proofs, Certificates and Other Information.

Any Holder of a Receipt may be required from time to time to file such proof of residence, or other matters or other information, to execute such certificates and to make such representations and warranties as the Depositary or the Corporation may reasonably deem necessary or proper. The Depositary or the Corporation may withhold the delivery, or delay the registration of transfer or redemption, of any Receipt or withhold or delay the withdrawal of shares of the Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares and evidenced by a Receipt or the distribution of any dividend or other distribution or the sale of any rights or of the proceeds thereof until such proof or other information is filed or such certificates are executed or such representations and warranties are made.

3.2 Payment of Taxes or Other Governmental Charges.

Holders of Receipts shall be obligated to make payments to the Depositary of certain taxes, charges and expenses, as provided in Section 5.7. Registration of transfer of any Receipt or any withdrawal of shares of the Preferred Stock and all money or other property, if any, represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt may be refused until any such payment due is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld or any part of or all shares of the Preferred Stock or other property represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the Holder thereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such Holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such charges or expenses, with the Holder of such Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency. The Depositary shall not have any duty or obligation to take any action under any section of this Deposit Agreement that requires the payment of taxes and/or charges unless and until it is satisfied that all such payments have been made.

3.3 Warranty as to the Preferred Stock.

The Corporation hereby represents and warrants that shares of the Preferred Stock, when issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of shares of the Preferred Stock and the issuance of the related Receipts.

3.4 Warranty as to Receipts.

The Corporation hereby represents and warrants that the Receipts, when issued, will represent legal and valid interests in shares of the Preferred Stock. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of shares of the Preferred Stock and the issuance of the related Receipts.

**ARTICLE IV
THE DEPOSITED SECURITIES; NOTICES**

4.1 Cash Distributions.

Whenever AST, as dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent, shall receive any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Preferred Stock, AST shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2 and, if received, in accordance with written instructions from the Corporation, distribute to Record Holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 such amounts of such dividend or distribution as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such Holders; provided, however, that in case the Corporation or AST shall be required to withhold and shall withhold from any cash dividend or other cash distribution in respect of the Preferred Stock an amount on account of taxes, the amount made available for distribution or distributed in respect of Depositary Shares shall be reduced accordingly. AST, as dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent, shall distribute or make available for distribution, as the case may be and, if received, in accordance with the Corporation's written instructions, only such amount, however, as can be distributed without attributing to any Holder of Receipts a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributable shall be held by AST (without liability for interest thereon) and shall be added to and be treated as part of the next sum received by AST for distribution to Record Holders of Receipts then outstanding. Each Holder of a Receipt shall provide the Depositary with its certified tax identification number on a properly completed Form W-8 or W-9 or other appropriate form, as may be applicable. Each Holder of a Receipt acknowledges that, in the event of non-compliance with the preceding sentence, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, may require withholding by the Depositary of a portion of any of the distributions to be made to such Holder hereunder.

4.2 Distributions Other than Cash, Rights, Preferences or Privileges.

Whenever the Depositary shall receive any distribution other than cash, rights, preferences or privileges upon the Preferred Stock, the Depositary shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, distribute to Record Holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipts held by such Holders, in any manner that the Depositary (with the approval of the Corporation) may deem equitable and practicable for accomplishing such distribution. If in the opinion of the Depositary and the Corporation such distribution cannot be made proportionately among such Record Holders, or if for any other reason (including any requirement that the Corporation or the Depositary withhold an amount on account of taxes or charges) the Depositary deems, after consultation with the Corporation, such distribution not to be feasible, the Depositary may, with the approval of the Corporation, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (at public or private sale) of the securities or property thus received, or any part thereof, in a commercially reasonable manner. The net proceeds of any such sale shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, be distributed or made available for distribution, as the case may be, by AST to Record Holders of Receipts as provided by Section 4.1 in the case of a distribution received in cash. The Corporation shall not make any distribution of such securities or property to the Depositary and the Depositary shall not make any distribution of such securities or property to the Holders of Receipts unless the Corporation shall have provided to the Depositary an opinion of counsel stating that such securities or property have been registered under the Securities Act or do not need to be registered in connection with such distributions.

4.3 Subscription Rights, Preferences or Privileges.

If the Corporation shall at any time offer or cause to be offered to the Persons in whose names shares of the Preferred Stock is recorded on the books of the Corporation any rights, preferences or privileges to subscribe for or to purchase any securities or any rights, preferences or privileges of any other nature, such rights, preferences or privileges shall in each such instance be communicated to the Depositary and made available by the Depositary to the Record Holders of Receipts in such manner as the Corporation shall direct and the Depositary shall agree, either by the issue to such Record Holders of warrants representing such rights, preferences or privileges or by such other method as may be approved by the Corporation in its discretion with the acknowledgement of the Depositary; *provided, however*, that (i) if at the time of issue or offer of any such rights, preferences or privileges the Corporation determines that it is not lawful or (after consultation with the Depositary) not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available to Holders of Receipts by the issue of warrants or otherwise, or (ii) if and to the extent so instructed by Holders of Receipts who do not desire to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges, then the Corporation, in its discretion (with acknowledgement of the Depositary, in any case where the Corporation has determined that it is not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available), may, if applicable laws or the terms of such rights, preferences or privileges permit such transfer, sell such rights, preferences or privileges at public or private sale, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall be delivered to AST and, if received, in accordance with the written instructions of the Corporation and, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, be distributed by AST to the Record Holders of Receipts entitled thereto as provided by Section 4.1 in the case of a distribution received in cash.

The Corporation shall notify the Depositary whether registration under the Securities Act of the securities to which any rights, preferences or privileges relate is required in order for Holders of Receipts to be offered or sold the securities to which such rights, preferences or privileges relate, and the Corporation agrees with the Depositary that it will file promptly a registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act with respect to such rights, preferences or privileges and securities and use its best efforts and take all steps available to it to cause such registration statement to become effective sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such Holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges. In no event shall the Depositary make available to the Holders of Receipts any right, preference or privilege to subscribe for or to purchase any securities unless and until such registration statement shall have become effective, or the Corporation shall have provided to the Depositary an opinion of counsel to the effect that (i) the offering and sale of such securities to the Holders are exempt from registration under the provisions of the Securities Act, and (ii) such securities are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The Corporation shall notify the Depositary whether any other action under the laws of any jurisdiction or any governmental or administrative authorization, consent or permit is required in order for such rights, preferences or privileges to be made available to Holders of Receipts, and the Corporation agrees with the Depositary that the Corporation will use its reasonable best efforts to take such action or obtain such authorization, consent or permit sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such Holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges.

4.4 Notice of Dividends, etc.; Fixing Record Date for Holders of Receipts.

Whenever any cash dividend or other cash distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to the Preferred Stock, or whenever the Depositary shall receive notice of any meeting at which holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to notice, or whenever the Depositary and the Corporation shall decide it is appropriate, the Depositary shall in each such instance fix a record date (which shall be the same date as the record date fixed by the Corporation with respect to or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Preferred Stock) for the determination of the Holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting, or who shall be entitled to notice of such meeting or for any other appropriate reasons.

4.5 Voting Rights.

Subject to the provisions of the Articles Supplementary, upon receipt of notice from the Corporation of any meeting at which the holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, the Depositary shall, if requested in writing and provided with all necessary information and documents, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail or transmit by such other method approved by the Depositary, in its reasonable discretion, to the Record Holders of Receipts, as determined on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4, a notice prepared by the Corporation which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting, (ii) a statement that the Holders of Receipts at the close of business on a specified record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 may, subject to any applicable restrictions, instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the shares of the Preferred Stock represented by their respective Depositary Shares (including an express indication that instructions may be given to the Depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a Person designated by the Corporation), and (iii) a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of the Holders of Receipts on the relevant record date, the Depositary shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum number of whole shares of the Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by all Receipts as to which any particular voting instructions are received. The Corporation hereby agrees to take all reasonable action which may be deemed necessary by the Depositary in order to enable the Depositary to vote such shares of the Preferred Stock or cause such shares to be voted. In the absence of specific instructions from Holders of Receipts, the Depositary will not vote (but, at its discretion, may appear at any meeting with respect to the Preferred Stock unless directed to the contrary by the Holders of all the Receipts) to the extent of the shares of the Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipts. The Depositary shall not be required to exercise discretion in voting any Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipt.

4.6 Changes Affecting Deposited Securities and Reclassifications, Recapitalizations, etc.

Upon any change in liquidation preference, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Preferred Stock, subject to the provisions of the Articles Supplementary, or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation affecting the Corporation or to which it is a party, the Depositary shall, upon the written instructions of the Corporation setting forth any adjustment, (i) make such adjustments as are certified by the Corporation in (a) the fraction of an interest represented by one Depositary Share in one share of the Preferred Stock and (b) the ratio of the redemption price per Depositary Share to the redemption price per share of the Preferred Stock, in each case as stated in such instructions and (ii) treat any securities or property (including cash) which shall be received by the Depositary in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of the Preferred Stock as new deposited securities or property so received in exchange for or upon conversion or in respect of such Preferred Stock. In any such case, the Depositary shall, upon receipt of written instructions of the Corporation, execute and deliver additional Receipts or may call for the surrender of all outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities or property. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, Holders of Receipts shall have the right from and after the effective date of any such change in liquidation preference, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Preferred Stock or any such recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation to surrender such Receipts to the Depositary with instructions to convert, exchange or surrender the shares of the Preferred Stock represented thereby only into or for, as the case may be, the kind and amount of shares and other securities and property and cash into which the shares of the Preferred Stock represented by such Receipts might have been converted or for which such shares might have been exchanged or surrendered immediately prior to the effective date of such transaction; provided, that the Depositary shall not have any obligations under this sentence unless and until it has received written instructions from the Corporation.

4.7 Delivery of Reports.

The Depositary shall, at the direction and expense of the Corporation, furnish to Holders of Receipts any reports and communications received from the Corporation which are received by the Depositary and which the Corporation is required to furnish to the holders of the Preferred Stock, as provided in Section 5.5.

4.8 Lists of Receipt Holders.

Promptly upon request from time to time by the Corporation, the Registrar shall furnish to it a list, as of the most recent practicable date, of the names, addresses and holdings of Depositary Shares of all registered Holders of Receipts.

ARTICLE V THE DEPOSITARY, THE DEPOSITARY'S AGENTS, THE REGISTRAR AND THE CORPORATION

5.1 Appointment; Maintenance of Offices, Agencies and Transfer Books by the Depositary; Registrar.

The Corporation hereby appoints AST to act as Depositary in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof, and AST accepts this appointment upon the express terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement.

Upon execution of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall maintain at the Depositary's Office, facilities for the execution and delivery, registration and registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, and at the offices of the Depositary's Agents, if any, facilities for the delivery, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, all in accordance with the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

The Depositary shall keep books at the Depositary's Office for the registration and registration of transfer of Receipts. Upon direction by the Corporation and with reasonable notice to the Depositary, the Registrar shall, at reasonable times during regular business hours, open its books for inspection by the Record Holders of Receipts as directed by the Corporation; *provided* that any record Holder shall be granted such right by the Corporation only after certifying that such inspection shall be for a proper purpose reasonably related to such Person's interest as an owner of Depositary Shares evidenced by the Receipts.

The Depositary or Registrar may close such books, at any time or from time to time, when deemed necessary or advisable by the Depositary, the Registrar, any Depositary's Agent or the Corporation because of any requirement of law or of any government, governmental body or commission, stock exchange or any applicable self-regulatory body.

If the Receipts or the Depositary Shares evidenced thereby or the shares of the Preferred Stock represented by such Depositary Shares shall be listed on one or more national securities exchanges, the Depositary may, with the written approval of the Corporation, appoint a Registrar (reasonably acceptable to the Corporation) for registration of the Receipts or Depositary Shares in accordance with any requirements of such exchange. Such Registrar (which may be the Depositary if so permitted by the requirements of any such exchange) may be removed and a substitute Registrar appointed by the Depositary upon the written request or with the written approval of the Corporation. If the Receipts, such Depositary Shares or the Preferred Stock are listed on one or more other securities exchanges, the Depositary will, at the written request and expense of the Corporation, arrange such facilities for the delivery, registration, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of such Receipts, such Depositary Shares or the Preferred Stock as may be required by law or applicable securities exchange regulation.

5.2 Prevention of or Delay in Performance by the Depository, the Depository's Agents, the Registrar or the Corporation.

Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation, as the case may be, shall incur any liability to any Holder of Receipts or any beneficial owner, if by reason of any provision of any present or future law, or regulation thereunder, of the United States of America or of any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depository, the Depository's Agent or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, as the case may be, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Corporation's Articles Supplementary, as it may be amended from time to time, (including the Articles Supplementary) or by reason of any act of God, terrorist acts, pandemics, epidemics, war, civil unrest or other circumstance beyond the control of the relevant party, the Depository, the Depository's Agent, the Registrar, the Transfer Agent or the Corporation, as the case may be, shall be prevented or forbidden from, or subjected to any penalty on account of, doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement provide shall be done or performed; nor shall the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent or the Corporation, as the case may be, incur liability to any Holder of a Receipt or any beneficial owner (i) by reason of any nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in the performance of any act or thing which the terms of this Deposit Agreement shall provide shall or may be done or performed, or (ii) by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in this Deposit Agreement except as otherwise explicitly set forth in this Deposit Agreement.

5.3 Obligations of the Depository, the Depository's Agents, the Registrar, Transfer Agent and the Corporation.

The Corporation does not assume any obligation and shall not be subject to any liability under this Deposit Agreement or any Receipt to holders of Receipts other than for its gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor any Registrar or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under this Deposit Agreement or the Receipts to Holders of Receipts, the Corporation or to any other Person other than for its gross negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). Notwithstanding anything in this Deposit Agreement to the contrary, neither the Depository, nor the Depository's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation, as the case may be, shall be liable in any event for special, punitive, incidental, indirect or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if they have been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. Any liability of the Depository, any Depository's Agent or the Registrar or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, under this Deposit Agreement will be limited in the aggregate to an amount equal to the fees paid by the Corporation to the Depository pursuant to this Deposit Agreement during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the event for which recovery from the Depository, but not including reimbursable expenses; provided, however, that in the event that such liability arises as a result of bad faith, willful misconduct or fraud by the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents (except for such Depository's Agents which are not employees of the Depository), any Registrar or any Transfer Agent, as the case may be, through fraud or willful misconduct on the part of such Depository, agent, Registrar or Transfer Agent, as the case may be (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction), such limit shall not apply and such liability hereunder shall be instead limited to the amount of such misappropriated funds or the liability resulting from such bad faith, willful misconduct or fraud.

Neither the Depository nor any Depository's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation, as the case may be, shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Preferred Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts which in its opinion may involve it in expense or liability unless indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished as often as may be required.

Neither the Depositary nor any Depositary's Agent nor any Registrar nor any Transfer Agent nor the Corporation, as the case may be, shall be liable for any action or any failure to act by it in reliance upon the written advice of legal counsel or accountants, or information from any Person presenting the shares of the Preferred Stock for deposit, any Holder of a Receipt or any other Person believed by it in the absence of bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction) to be competent to give such information. The Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent and the Corporation, as the case may be, may each rely and shall each be protected in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it upon any written notice, request, direction or other document believed by it in the absence of bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction), to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

The Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, shall not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instruction to vote any of the shares of the Preferred Stock or for the manner or effect of any such vote made, as long as any such action or non-action is not taken in bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). The Depositary undertakes, and any Depositary's Agent, Registrar and any Transfer Agent, as the case may be, shall be required to undertake, to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Deposit Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Deposit Agreement against the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, Registrar or any Transfer Agent.

The Depositary, its parent, Affiliates, or subsidiaries, any Depositary's Agents, and any Transfer Agent and any Registrar, as the case may be, may own and deal in any class of securities of the Corporation and its Affiliates and in Receipts or Depositary Shares or become pecuniarily interested in any transaction in which the Corporation or its Affiliates may be interested or contract with or lend money to or otherwise act as fully or as freely as if it were not the Depositary, the parent, Affiliate or subsidiary of the Depositary or the Depositary's Agent or Transfer Agent or Registrar hereunder. The Depositary may also act as transfer agent, trustee or registrar of any of the securities of the Corporation and its Affiliates or act in any other capacity for the Corporation or its Affiliates.

The Depositary shall not be under any liability for interest on any monies at any time received by it pursuant to any of the provisions of this Deposit Agreement or of the Receipts, the Depositary Shares or the Preferred Stock nor shall it be obligated to segregate such monies from other monies held by it, except as required by law. The Depositary shall not be responsible for advancing funds on behalf of the Corporation and shall have no duty or obligation to make any payments if it has not timely received sufficient funds to make timely payments.

In the event the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, believes any ambiguity or uncertainty exists hereunder or in any notice, instruction, direction, request or other communication, paper or document received by the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar hereunder, or in the administration of any of the provisions of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, omitting or suffering to take any action hereunder, the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar may, in its sole discretion upon providing written notice to the Corporation, refrain from taking any action and the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar shall be fully protected and shall not be liable in any way to the Corporation, any Holders of Receipts or any other Person for refraining from taking such action, unless the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar receives written instructions or a certificate of the Corporation which eliminates such ambiguity or uncertainty to the satisfaction of the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar or which proves or establishes the applicable matter to the satisfaction of the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar. Such written instructions shall be full and complete authorization to the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, and the Depositary, the Depositary's Agents, any Transfer Agent or Registrar shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it under the provisions of this Deposit Agreement in reliance upon such written instructions.

In the event the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent, the Registrar or the Transfer Agent, as the case may be, shall receive conflicting claims, requests or instructions from any Holders of Receipts, on the one hand, and the Corporation, on the other hand, the Depositary, the Depositary's Agent, the Registrar or the Transfer Agent, as the case may be, shall be entitled to act on such claims, requests or instructions received from the Corporation, and shall incur no liability and shall be entitled to the full indemnification set forth in Section 5.6 hereof in connection with any action so taken.

It is intended that the Depositary shall not be deemed to be an “issuer” of the securities under the federal securities laws or applicable state securities laws, it being expressly understood and agreed that the Depositary is acting only in a ministerial capacity as Depositary for the deposited Preferred Stock. The Depositary will not be under any duty or responsibility to ensure compliance with any applicable federal or state securities laws in connection with the issuance, transfer or exchange of the Receipts, the shares of Preferred Stock or Depositary Shares.

The Depositary assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the description that appears in the Receipts. Notwithstanding any other provision herein or in the Receipts, the Depositary makes no warranties or representations as to the validity or genuineness of the Preferred Stock at any time deposited with the Depositary hereunder or of the Depositary Shares, as to the validity or sufficiency of this Deposit Agreement (except as to due authorization and due execution by the Depositary), as to the value of the Depositary Shares or as to any right, title or interest of the record holders of Receipts in and to the Depositary Shares; nor shall the Depositary be liable or responsible for any failure of the Corporation to comply with any of its obligations relating to any registration statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation obligations under applicable regulation or law. The Depositary shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Corporation of the Depositary Shares or the Receipts or the proceeds thereof.

Neither the Depositary (or its officers, directors, employees or agents), any Depositary’s Agent nor any Registrar or any Transfer Agent makes any representation or has any responsibility as to the validity of any registration statement pursuant to which the Depositary Shares may be registered under the Securities Act, the deposited Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares, the Receipts (except its countersignature thereon) or any instruments referred to therein or herein, or as to the correctness of any statement made in any such registration statement or herein; *provided* that the Depositary is responsible for any and all of its representations in this Deposit Agreement.

The Depositary may rely on and be fully authorized and protected in acting or failing to act upon (a) any guaranty of signature by an “eligible guarantor institution” that is a member or participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program or other comparable “signature guarantee program” or insurance program in addition to, or in substitution for, the foregoing; or (b) any law, act, regulation or any interpretation of the same even though such law, act, or regulation may thereafter have been altered, changed, amended or repealed.

The Depositary may execute and exercise any of the rights or powers hereby vested in it or perform any duty hereunder either itself or by or through its attorneys or agents, and the Depositary shall not be answerable or accountable for any act, omission, default, neglect or misconduct of any such attorneys or agents or for any loss to the Corporation, to the holders of the Receipts or any other Person resulting from any such act, omission, default, neglect or misconduct, absent gross negligence or bad faith in the selection and continued employment thereof (which gross negligence or bad faith must be determined by a final, non appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

The Depositary, any Depositary’s Agent, any Transfer Agent, any Registrar, any dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent hereunder:

(i) shall have no duties or obligations other than those specifically set forth herein (and no implied duties or obligations), or as may subsequently be agreed to in writing by the parties;

(ii) shall have no obligation to make payment hereunder unless the Corporation shall have provided the necessary federal or other immediately available funds or securities or property, as the case may be, to pay in full amounts due and payable with respect thereto;

(iii) shall not be obligated to take any legal or other action hereunder; if, however, the it determines to take any legal or other action hereunder, and, where the taking of such action might in its judgment subject or expose it to any expense or liability, it shall not be required to act unless it shall have been furnished with an indemnity satisfactory to it;

(iv) may rely on and shall be authorized and protected in acting or failing to act upon any certificate, instrument, opinion, notice, letter, facsimile transmission or other document or security delivered to it and believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed by the proper party or parties, and shall have no responsibility for determining the accuracy thereof;

(v) may rely on and shall be authorized and protected in acting or omitting to act upon the written, telephonic, electronic and oral instructions given in accordance with this Deposit Agreement, with respect to any matter relating to its actions covered by this Deposit Agreement (or supplementing or qualifying any such actions), of officers of the Corporation;

(vi) shall not be called upon at any time to advise any Person with respect to the Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares or Receipts;

(vii) shall not be liable in any respect on account of the identity, authority or rights of the parties (other than with respect to the Depositary) executing or delivering or purporting to execute or deliver this Deposit Agreement or any documents or papers deposited or called for under this Deposit Agreement;

(viii) shall not be liable or responsible for any recital or statement contained in any documents relating hereto or to the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares or Receipts (except its countersignature hereof and thereof);

(ix) shall not be liable for any delays of failure in performance resulting from acts beyond its control including shortage of supply, breakdowns or malfunctions, interruptions or malfunctions of computer facilities, or loss of data due to power failures or mechanical difficulties with information storage or retrieval systems, or labor difficulties; and

(x) shall not be required to take notice or be deemed to have notice of any event or condition hereunder, including any event or condition that may require action by any such Person, unless such Person shall be specifically notified in writing of such event or condition by the Corporation, and all notices or other instruments required by this Deposit Agreement to be delivered to the such Persons must, in order to be effective, shall be given in accordance with Section 7.4 hereof, and in the absence of such notice so delivered, such Persons may conclusively assume no such event or condition exists.

The terms of this Section 5.3 shall survive the replacement, removal or resignation of any Depositary, Registrar, Transfer Agent or Depositary's Agent or termination of this Deposit Agreement.

5.4 Resignation and Removal of the Depositary; Appointment of Successor Depositary.

The Depositary may at any time resign as Depositary hereunder by delivering notice of its election to do so to the Corporation upon at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

The Depositary may at any time be removed by the Corporation by at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of such removal delivered to the Depositary, such removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depositary hereunder and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

In case at any time the Depositary acting hereunder shall resign or be removed, the Corporation shall, within thirty (30) days after the delivery of the notice of resignation or removal, as the case may be, appoint a successor Depositary, which shall be (i) a Person having its principal office in the United States of America and having a combined capital and surplus, along with its Affiliates, of at least \$50,000,000 or (ii) an Affiliate of any such Person. In the event of such removal or resignation, the Corporation will appoint a successor depositary and inform the Depositary of the name and address of any successor depositary so appointed. Upon payment of all outstanding fees and expenses hereunder, the Depositary shall promptly forward to the successor depositary or its designee any shares of stock held by it and any certificates, letters, notices and other document that the Depositary may receive after its appointment has so terminated.

If no successor Depositary shall have been so appointed and have accepted appointment within thirty (30) days after delivery of such notice, the resigning or removed Depositary may, at the Corporation's expense, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Depositary. Every successor Depositary shall execute and deliver to its predecessor and to the Corporation an instrument in writing accepting its appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Depositary, without any further act or deed, shall become fully vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor and for all purposes shall be the Depositary under this Deposit Agreement, and such predecessor, upon payment of all sums due it and on the written request of the Corporation, shall promptly execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor all rights and powers of such predecessor hereunder, shall duly assign, transfer and deliver all right, title and interest in the shares of the Preferred Stock and any moneys or property held hereunder to such successor, and shall deliver to such successor a list of the Record Holders of all outstanding Receipts and such records, books and other information in its possession relating thereto. Any successor Depositary shall promptly mail or transmit by such other method approved by such successor Depositary, in its reasonable discretion, notice of its appointment to the Record Holders of Receipts.

Any Person into or with which the Depositary may be merged, consolidated or converted, or any Person to which all or a substantial part of the assets of the Depositary may be transferred or which succeeds to the shareholder services business of the Depositary shall be the successor of the Depositary without the execution or filing of any document or any further act, and notice thereof shall not be required hereunder. Such successor Depositary may authenticate the Receipts in the name of the predecessor Depositary or its own name as successor Depositary.

The removal or resignation of the Depositary shall automatically be deemed to be a removal of the Registrar and Transfer Agent, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent (to the extent AST is acting in such capacities) herein without any further act or deed.

5.5 Corporate Notices and Reports.

The Corporation agrees that it will deliver to the Depositary, and the Depositary will, upon the Corporation's written instruction, promptly after receipt of all necessary information and documents, transmit to the Record Holders of Receipts, in each case at the addresses recorded in the Depositary's or Registrar's books, copies of all notices and reports (including without limitation financial statements) required by law, by the rules of any national securities exchange upon which the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts are listed or by the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, as it may be amended from time to time, (including the Articles Supplementary), to be furnished to the Record Holders of Receipts. Such transmission will be at the Corporation's expense and the Corporation will provide the Depositary with such number of copies of such documents as the Depositary may reasonably request. In addition, the Depositary will transmit to the Record Holders of Receipts at the Corporation's expense such other documents as may be requested in writing by the Corporation.

5.6 Indemnification by the Corporation.

Notwithstanding Section 5.3 to the contrary, the Corporation shall indemnify the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar, any Transfer Agent, and any dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent (including each of their officers, directors, agents and employees) against, and hold each of them harmless from and against, any fee, loss, damage, cost, penalty, fine, judgment, liability or expense (including the reasonable costs and expenses of its legal counsel) which may arise out of actions taken, suffered or omitted to be taken in connection with its acting as Depositary, Depositary's Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent, respectively, under this Deposit Agreement (including, without limitation, the enforcement by the Depositary, Depositary's Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend disbursing agent or redemption agent, as the case may be, of this Deposit Agreement) and the Receipts by the Depositary, any Transfer Agent, any Registrar, dividend distribution agent, redemption agent, or any of their respective agents (including any Depositary's Agent) and any transactions or documents contemplated hereby, except for any liability arising out of gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction) on the respective parts of any such Person or Persons. The obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the Depositary, Depositary's Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend distribution agent and redemption agent, set forth in this Section 5.6 shall survive the termination of this Deposit Agreement and any resignation, replacement, removal, or succession of any Depositary, Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend distribution agent, redemption agent or Depositary's Agent.

5.7 Fees, Charges and Expenses.

The Corporation agrees promptly to pay the Depositary the compensation, as separately agreed upon with the Corporation, in accordance with such agreed upon terms, for all services rendered by the Depositary, Depositary's Agent, Transfer Agent, Registrar, dividend distribution agent and redemption agent hereunder and to reimburse the Depositary for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Depositary, Depositary's Agent, Transfer Agent, Registrar, dividend distribution agent and redemption agent without gross negligence, willful misconduct, bad faith (each as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction) on its part in connection with the services rendered by it (or any agent of the Depositary) hereunder. The Corporation shall pay all charges of the Depositary in connection with the initial deposit of shares of the Preferred Stock and the initial issuance of the Depositary Shares, all withdrawals of shares of the Preferred Stock by owners of Depositary Shares, and any redemption or exchange of shares of the Preferred Stock at the option of the Corporation. The Corporation shall pay all transfer and other taxes and charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. All other transfer and other taxes and charges shall be at the expense of Holders of Depositary Shares evidenced by Receipts. If, at the request of a Holder of Receipts, the Depositary incurs charges or expenses for which the Corporation is not otherwise liable hereunder, such Holder will be liable for such charges and expenses; *provided, however*, that the Depositary may, at its sole option, require a Holder of a Receipt to prepay the Depositary any charge or expense the Depositary has been asked to incur at the request of such Holder of Receipts. The Depositary shall present its statement for charges and expenses to the Corporation at such intervals as the Corporation and the Depositary may agree.

5.8 Tax Compliance.

The Depositary will comply in all material respects with all applicable certification, information reporting, and withholding (including "backup withholding") requirements imposed upon the Depositary by applicable tax laws, regulations, or administrative practice with respect to (i) any payments made with respect to the Depositary Shares or (ii) the issuance, delivery, holding, transfer, redemption, or exercise of rights under the Receipts or the Depositary Shares. Such compliance shall include, without limitation, the preparation and timely filing of required returns and the timely payment of all amounts required to be withheld to the appropriate taxing authority or its designated agent. The Depositary shall comply with any written direction received from the Corporation with respect to the application of such requirements to particular payments or holders or in other particular circumstances and may, for purposes of this Deposit Agreement, rely on any such direction in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3 hereof. The Depositary shall, in accordance with its record retention policies or procedures, maintain all appropriate records documenting compliance with such requirements, and shall make such records available on request to the Corporation or to its authorized representatives during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

6.1 Amendment.

The form of the Receipts and any provisions of this Deposit Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Corporation and the Depositary in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; *provided, however*, that no such amendment (other than any change in the fees of any Depositary, Registrar or Transfer Agent) which shall materially and adversely alter the rights of the Holders of Receipts shall be effective against the Holders of Receipts unless such amendment shall have been approved by the Holders of Receipts representing in the aggregate at least two-thirds of the Depositary Shares then outstanding. Every Holder of an outstanding Receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by the Deposit Agreement as amended thereby. In no event shall any amendment impair the right, subject to the provisions of Sections 2.5 and 2.6 and Article III, of any owner of Depositary Shares to surrender any Receipt evidencing such Depositary Shares to the Depositary with instructions to deliver to the Holder the shares of the Preferred Stock and all money and other property, if any, represented thereby, except in order to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law or the rules and regulations of any governmental body, agency or commission, or applicable securities exchange. As a condition precedent to the Depositary's execution of any amendment, the Corporation shall deliver to the Depositary a certificate executed by a duly authorized officer of the Corporation that states that the proposed amendment is in compliance with the terms of this Section 6.1. No amendment to this Depositary Agreement shall be effective unless duly executed by the Depositary.

6.2 Termination.

This Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation at any time upon not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Depositary, in which case, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed in such notice for such termination, the Depositary will mail or otherwise transmit notice of such termination to the record Holders of all Receipts then outstanding. If any Receipts shall remain outstanding after the date of termination of this Deposit Agreement, the Depositary thereafter shall discontinue the transfer of Receipts, shall suspend the distribution of dividends to the Holders of the Receipts thereof and shall not give any further notices (other than notice of such termination) or perform any further acts under this Deposit Agreement, except that the Depositary shall continue to collect dividends and other distributions pertaining to the Preferred Stock, and shall continue to deliver the Preferred Stock and any money and other property, if any, represented by Receipts upon surrender thereof by the Holders of Receipts thereof. At any time after the expiration of two years from the date of termination, as may be instructed by the Corporation in writing, the Depositary shall (i) sell the shares of the Preferred Stock then held hereunder at public or private sale, at such places and upon such terms as it deems proper and may thereafter hold the net proceeds of any such sale, together with any money and other property held by it hereunder, without liability for interest, for the benefit, *pro rata* in accordance with their holdings, of the Holders of Receipts that have not theretofore been surrendered, or (ii) return such shares of Preferred Stock to the Corporation. After making such sale, the Depositary shall be discharged from all obligations under this Deposit Agreement except to account for such net proceeds and money and other property. The Depositary shall continue to receive its fees and expenses and shall continue to be entitled to its protections set forth herein after termination of this Deposit Agreement so long as the Depositary continues to provide services in connection with this Deposit Agreement. Nothing contained in this Section 6.2 shall impede the Depositary's right to resign under this Deposit Agreement.

Subject to the first paragraph of this Section 6.2, this Deposit Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation or the Depositary only if (i) all outstanding Depositary Shares have been redeemed pursuant to Section 2.8; (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Preferred Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation and such distribution shall have been distributed to the Holders of Receipts representing Depositary Shares pursuant to Section 4.1 or 4.2, as applicable; or (iii) upon the consent of Holders of Receipts representing in the aggregate not less than two-thirds of the Depositary Shares outstanding.

Upon the termination of this Deposit Agreement, the Corporation shall be discharged from all obligations under this Deposit Agreement except for its obligations to the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Transfer Agent, any Registrar, any dividend distribution agent or redemption agent under Sections 5.3, 5.6 and 5.7 (including as to any services of the Depositary, any Depositary's Agent, any Registrar, any dividend distribution agent or redemption agent that are necessary following and in connection with the termination of this Deposit Agreement); *provided further* that Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.6 and 5.7 shall survive the termination of this Deposit Agreement.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Counterparts.

This Deposit Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by each of the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Deposit Agreement by facsimile, pdf or electronic mail (including any signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signature and Records Act or other applicable law, *e.g.*, www.docuSign.com) shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Deposit Agreement.

7.2 Exclusive Benefit of Parties.

This Deposit Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors hereunder, and shall not be deemed to give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim to any other Person whatsoever.

7.3 Invalidity of Provisions.

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Deposit Agreement or in the Receipts should be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein or therein shall in no way be affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby; provided, however, that if any such provision adversely affects the rights, duties, liabilities or obligations of the Depository, the Depository shall be entitled to resign immediately upon written notice to the Corporation.

7.4 Notices.

Any and all notices to be given to the Corporation hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or recognized next day courier service or by electronic mail, confirmed by letter, addressed to the Corporation at:

Silvergate Capital Corporation
4250 Executive Square
Suite 300
La Jolla, CA 92037
Attention: Antonio Martino
Email: amartino@silvergate.com

with a copy to:

Holland & Knight LLP
800 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
Attention:
Kevin Houlihan
William Levay
Email:
kevin.houlihan@hklaw.com
william.levay@hklaw.com

or at any other addresses of which the Corporation shall have notified the Depository in writing.

Any and all notices to be given to the Depository hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or recognized next day courier service or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, confirmed by letter, addressed to the Depository at the Depository's Office at:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC
6201 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219
Attention: Relationship Management

With a copy to:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC
48 Wall Street, 22nd Floor
New York, New York 10005
Attention: Legal Department
Email: legalteamAST@astfinancial.com

or at any other address of which the Depository shall have notified the Corporation in writing.

Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all notices to be given to any Record Holder of a Receipt hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail, recognized next day courier services, facsimile transmission or electronic mail, confirmed by letter, addressed to such Record Holder at the address of such Record Holder as it appears on the books of the Depository; or if such Holder shall have timely filed with the Depository a written request that notices intended for such Holder be mailed to some other address, at the address designated in such request; or in the case of any Global Receipt Depository, in accordance with its applicable procedures and arrangements for notices.

Delivery of a notice sent by mail or as provided in this Section 7.4 shall be deemed to be effected at the time when a duly addressed letter containing the same (or a confirmation thereof in the case of a facsimile transmission or electronic mail) is deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office letter box; *provided*, that notice to a Global Receipt Depository shall be deemed to be effected at the time such notice is delivered or made as provided in this Section 7.4; *provided, further*, that the Depository or the Corporation may, however, act upon any facsimile transmission or electronic mail received by it from the other or from any Holder of a Receipt, notwithstanding that such facsimile transmission or electronic mail shall not subsequently be confirmed by letter or as aforesaid.

7.5 Depository's Agents.

The Depository may from time to time appoint Depository's Agents to act in any respect for the Depository for the purposes of this Deposit Agreement and may at any time appoint additional Depository's Agents and vary or terminate the appointment of such Depository's Agents. The Depository will promptly notify the Corporation of any such action.

7.6 Appointment of Registrar, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Redemption Agent in Respect of the Preferred Stock.

The Corporation hereby appoints AST, as Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent in respect of the Receipts and shares of the Preferred Stock deposited with the Depository hereunder, and AST hereby accepts its appointments, subject to the express terms and conditions of this Deposit Agreement (and no implied terms or conditions) and, as such, will reflect changes in the number of shares of deposited Preferred Stock held by it by notation, book-entry or other appropriate method. With respect to the appointments of AST as Registrar, Transfer Agent, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent in respect of the Receipts and shares of the Preferred Stock deposited with the Depository hereunder, AST shall be entitled to the same rights, indemnities, immunities and benefits as the Depository hereunder as if explicitly named in each such provision.

7.7 Holder of Receipts are Parties.

The Holders of Receipts from time to time shall be parties to this Deposit Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the Receipts by acceptance of delivery thereof.

7.8 Governing Law.

This Deposit Agreement and the Receipts and all rights hereunder and thereunder and provisions hereof and thereof shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to applicable conflicts of law principles.

7.9 Inspection of Deposit Agreement.

Copies of this Deposit Agreement shall be filed with the Depository and the Depository's Agents and shall be made available for inspection during business hours upon reasonable notice to the Depository by any Holder of a Receipt.

7.10 Headings.

The headings of articles and sections in this Deposit Agreement and in the form of the Receipt set forth in Exhibit A hereto have been inserted for convenience only and are not to be regarded as a part of this Deposit Agreement or the Receipts or to have any bearing upon the meaning or interpretation of any provision contained herein or in the Receipts.

7.11 Confidentiality.

The Depository and the Corporation agree that all books, records, information and data pertaining to the business of the other party, including, *inter alia*, personal, non-public Holder information, and the fees for services to be performed hereunder, which are exchanged or received pursuant to the negotiation or the carrying out of this Deposit Agreement, shall remain confidential, and shall not be voluntarily disclosed to any other Person, except as may be required by law or legal process. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, each party may disclose relevant aspects of the other party's confidential information to its officers, affiliates, agents, subcontractors and employees to the extent reasonably necessary to perform its duties and obligations under this Deposit Agreement and such disclosure is not prohibited by applicable law. To avoid doubt, the parties hereto shall not (otherwise as set forth in this Section 7.11) be required to keep the terms of this Deposit Agreement confidential.

7.12 Further Assurances.

The Corporation shall perform, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be performed, acknowledged and delivered all such further and other acts, documents, instruments and assurances as may be reasonably required by the Depository for the carrying out or performing by the Depository of the provisions of this Deposit Agreement.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation and the Depositary have duly executed this Deposit Agreement as of the day and year first above set forth, and all Holders of Receipts shall become parties hereto by and upon acceptance by them of delivery of Receipts issued in accordance with the terms hereof.

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By /s/ Antonio Martino

Name: Antonio Martino

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC, as
Depositary and as Transfer Agent and Registrar**

By /s/ Michael Legregin

Name: Michael Legregin

Title: Senior Vice-President

[Signature page to Deposit Agreement]

EXHIBIT A:

FORM OF RECEIPT

[FORM OF FACE OF RECEIPT]

Unless this receipt is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation (“DTC”), to Silvergate Capital Corporation or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

DEPOSITARY SHARES

DEPOSITARY RECEIPT FOR DEPOSITARY SHARES,
EACH REPRESENTING A 1/40TH INTEREST IN ONE SHARE OF
FIXED RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PERPETUAL
PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A

OF

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

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SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as Depository (the “Depository”), hereby certifies that Cede & Co. is the registered owner of DEPOSITARY SHARES (“Depository Shares”), each Depository Share representing a 1/40th interest in one share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (the “Preferred Stock”), of Silvergate Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), on deposit with the Depository, subject to the terms and entitled to the benefits of the Deposit Agreement dated August 4, 2021 (the “Deposit Agreement”), among the Corporation, the Depository and the holders from time to time of the Depository Receipts. By accepting this Depository Receipt, the holder hereof becomes a party to and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Deposit Agreement. This Depository Receipt shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any benefits under the Deposit Agreement unless it shall have been executed by the Depository by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer and, if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Depository) shall have been appointed, countersigned by such Registrar in respect of the Depository Receipts by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer thereof.

**AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC, as
Depository**

Dated: August 4, 2021

By: /s/ Michael Legregin

Name: Michael Legregin

Title: Senior Vice-President

[FORM OF REVERSE OF RECEIPT]

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION

SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION WILL FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH RECEIPTHOLDER WHO SO REQUESTS A COPY OF THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT AND A COPY OR SUMMARY OF THE ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY OF FIXED RATE NON-CUMULATIVE PERPETUAL PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES A, OF SILVERGATE CAPITAL CORPORATION. ANY SUCH REQUEST IS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPOSITARY NAMED ON THE FACE OF THIS RECEIPT.

The Corporation will furnish without charge to each receiptholder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof of the Corporation, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Such request may be made to the Corporation or to the Transfer Agent.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations when used in the form of ownership on the face of this certificate shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations. Abbreviations in addition to those appearing below may be used.

Abbreviation	Equivalent Phrase	Abbreviation	Equivalent Phrase
JT TEN	As joint tenants, with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common	TEN BY ENT	As tenants by the entireties

TEN IN COM	As tenants in common	UNIF GIFT MIN ACT	Uniform Gifts to Minors Act
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Abbreviation	Equivalent Word	Abbreviation	Equivalent Word	Abbreviation	Equivalent Word
ADM	Administrator(s), Administratrix	EX	Executor(s), Executrix	PAR	Paragraph
AGMT	Agreement	FBO	For the benefit of	PL	Public law
ART	Article	FDN	Foundation	TR	(As) trustee(s), for, of
CH	Chapter	GDN	Guardian	U	Under
CUST	Custodian for	GDNSHP	Guardianship	UA	Under agreement
DEC	Declaration	MIN	Minor	UW	Under will of, Of will of, Under last will & testament
EST	Estate, of Estate of				

Assignment

For value received, _____ hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfers(s) unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING POSTAL CODE, OF ASSIGNEE

Depository Shares represented by the within Receipt, and do(es) hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____
Attorney to transfer the said Depository Shares on the books of the within named Depository with
full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated : _____

NOTICE: The signature to the assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Receipt in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED

NOTICE: The signature(s) should be guaranteed by a participant in a signature guarantee program approved by the Securities Transfer Association at a guarantee level acceptable to the Transfer Agent.

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August 4, 2021

Board of Directors
Silvergate Capital Corporation
4250 Executive Square
Suite 300
La Jolla, California 92037

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Silvergate Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the filing by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) on January 20, 2021 of a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-252258), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 filed with the Commission on July 28, 2021 (such registration statement as so amended, the “**Registration Statement**”).

Pursuant to the Registration Statement, the Company has issued and sold to the Underwriters (as defined below) an aggregate of 8,000,000 depository shares (the “**Depository Shares**”), each representing a 1/40th ownership interest in a share of the Company’s Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the “**Preferred Stock**,” and together with the Depository Shares, the “**Securities**”), \$0.01 par value per share, with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (equivalent to \$25 per Depository Share), pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, dated July 28, 2021 (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), among the Company and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and UBS Securities LLC (the “**Underwriters**”), and the Deposit Agreement, dated as of August 4, 2021 (the “**Deposit Agreement**”), among the Company, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, acting as depository, and the holders from time to time of the depository receipts issued pursuant to the Deposit Agreement (the “**Depository Receipts**”). The Depository Shares are evidenced by the Depository Receipts.

In connection with the issuance of this opinion letter, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of: (i) the Underwriting Agreement; (ii) the Registration Statement together with the exhibits thereto and the documents incorporated by reference therein; (iii) the base prospectus, dated July 28, 2021, which forms a part of the Registration Statement, in the form filed with the Registration Statement (the “**Prospectus**”); (iv) the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated July 28, 2021, in the form filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act relating to the offering of the Securities; (v) the final prospectus supplement, dated July 28, 2021, in the form filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act relating to the offering of the Securities (together with the Prospectus, the “**Prospectus Supplement**”), (vi) the Articles Supplementary as filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland on August 3, 2021, and (vii) the Deposit Agreement and form of Depository Receipt evidencing Depository Shares. In addition, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other instruments, documents, certificates and records which we have deemed relevant and necessary for the basis of our opinion hereinafter expressed.

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In such examination, we have assumed (a) the authenticity of original documents and the genuineness of all signatures; (b) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; (c) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates we have reviewed; (d) that the Underwriting Agreement has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the parties thereto (other than the Company); (e) that the Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement; and (f) the legal capacity of all natural persons. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

This opinion letter is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

The opinion letter which we render herein is limited to the laws of the State of New York and the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland, including all Maryland statutes and all Maryland court decisions that affect the interpretation of such General Corporation Law, as of the date hereof. Our opinions expressed herein are as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement the opinions rendered herein should the above-referenced laws be changed by legislative or regulatory action, judicial decision or otherwise.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

(1) The Preferred Stock represented by the Depositary Shares, when issued and delivered as provided in the Underwriting Agreement and upon receipt by the Company of the consideration for the related Depositary Shares as contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(2) The Depositary Shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Deposit Agreement and delivered against payment therefor as set forth in the Underwriting Agreement, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement.

Board of Directors of Silvergate Capital Corporation

August 4, 2021

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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K for incorporation by reference into the Registration Statement and to the references to us under the heading “Legal Matters” in the Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, and in any amendment or supplement thereto. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Holland & Knight LLP

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
