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

Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

45-4440364
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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

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

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

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act of 1934 (check one).

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1)(2)	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee(3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share				
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share				
Warrants				
Debt Securities				
Total	—	—	\$150,000,000	\$18,675

(1) Pursuant to Rule 457(i) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), the securities registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock as may be issued upon conversion or exchange of any preferred stock, warrants or debt securities registered hereunder that provide for conversion or exchange or upon exercise of warrants. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, the securities registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of securities as may be issued with respect to the securities being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this registration statement exceed \$150,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies, foreign currency units or composite currencies. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price of such debt securities shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$150,000,000, less the aggregate dollar amount of all securities previously issued hereunder.

(2) The proposed maximum per unit and aggregate offering prices per class of securities will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered under this registration statement and is not specified as to each class of security pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.

(3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment that

specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

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

Subject to completion, dated January 26, 2018

Prospectus

\$150,000,000



**COMMON STOCK
PREFERRED STOCK
WARRANTS
DEBT SECURITIES**

We may issue from time to time in one or more series or classes up to \$150,000,000 in aggregate total amount of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants and/or debt securities. This prospectus describes the general terms of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants and debt securities and the general manner in which such securities will be offered. We will describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered in supplements to this prospectus, which may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement, any free writing prospectus and any term sheet or other offering materials carefully before you invest in our securities.

We may offer our securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. The securities may be sold directly to you, through agents, or through underwriters and dealers. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the shares, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "MLNT." On January 22, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$15.00 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See "[Risk Factors](#)" beginning on page 4 of this prospectus and any other risk factors included in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to purchase our securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2018

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (the “SEC”), using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf process, we may from time to time offer to sell up to \$150,000,000 in aggregate total amount of our shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants to purchase any such securities and debt securities in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of such securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement, or information incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement that is of a more recent date, may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent that any statement that we make in a prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in this prospectus, the statements made in this prospectus will be deemed modified or superseded by those made in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the heading “*Where You Can Find More Information.*” This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of our securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus filed by us with the SEC. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy our securities other than our securities described in this prospectus and any such accompanying prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy our securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference and any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

Melinta, Melinta Therapeutics and the Melinta logo are trademarks of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. or one of its affiliates in the United States and in other selected countries. All other brand names or trademarks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this prospectus to “Melinta,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries.

In this prospectus, we refer to the common stock, preferred stock, warrants and debt securities being offered, collectively, as “securities.”

All dollar amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated herein by reference includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). For this purpose, any statements contained herein, other than statements of historical fact, including: future financial and operating results, including targeted product milestones and potential revenues; the progress and timing of product development programs and related trials; and the potential efficacy of products and product candidates, may be forward-looking statements under the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In this prospectus and the information incorporated herein by reference, words such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “plans,” “projects,” “seeks,” “should,” “will,” and variations of such words or similar expressions are used to identify these forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including risks relating to: our substantial indebtedness; clinical trials, including difficulties or delays in the completion of patient enrollment, data collection or data analysis; uncertainties in obtaining successful pre-clinical and clinical results for product candidates and unexpected costs that may result therefrom; ability to obtain required regulatory approvals for product candidates; costs, timing and regulatory review of the combined company’s studies and clinical trials, including its ability to address the issues identified by the FDA in the CRL relating to Melinta’s NDAs for solithromycin for CABP; failure to realize any value of certain product candidates developed and being developed, in light of inherent risks and difficulties involved in successfully bringing product candidates to market; the ability to develop new product candidates and support existing products; the ability to commercialize and launch any product candidate that receives regulatory approval, including Baxdela and recently approved and launched Vabomere (vaborbactam/meropenem), and established commercial products Orbactiv (oritavancin) and Minocin IV (minocycline) (Vabomere, Orbactiv and Minocin IV collectively the “Products”); the risk that the market for Melinta’s products, including Baxdela or the Products, may not be as large as expected; the ability to attain market acceptance among physicians, patients, patient advocacy groups, health care payors and the medical community for Baxdela and any future products of Melinta; the ability to continue marketing Baxdela, the Products, or any approved drug successfully or at all once it is on the market in light of challenges relating to regulatory compliance, pricing, market acceptance and competition; the ability to obtain the substantial additional funding required to conduct development and commercialization activities; and the ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for currently marketed products and product candidates. These and other risks are described in greater detail in the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” of this prospectus. Many of these factors that will determine actual results are beyond Melinta’s ability to control or predict. If one or more of these factors materialize, or if any underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In addition, any forward-looking statements in this prospectus represent Melinta’s views only as of the date of this prospectus and should not be relied upon as representing Melinta’s views as of any subsequent date. Melinta anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while Melinta may elect to update these forward-looking statements publicly at some point in the future, Melinta specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, except as may be required by law, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Melinta’s forward-looking statements generally do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments it may make.

Please refer to the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” of this prospectus, and any other risk factors set forth in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in any information incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement to better understand the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business and underlying any forward-looking statements, as well as any other risk factors and cautionary statements described in the documents we file from time to time with the SEC, specifically our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Definitive Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A (filed in October and December 2017) and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. See “*Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*.”

ABOUT MELINTA

Overview

We are a commercial-stage pharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing differentiated anti-infectives for the acute care and community settings to meet critical medical needs in the treatment of bacterial infectious diseases. Melinta's four marketed products include Baxdela® (delafloxacin), Vabomere™ (meropenem and vaborbactam), Orbactiv® (oritavancin), and Minocin® (minocycline) for Injection. Melinta also has an extensive pipeline of preclinical and clinical-stage products representing many important classes of antibiotics, each targeted at a different segment of the anti-infective market. Together, this portfolio provides Melinta with the unique ability to provide providers and patients with a range of solutions that can meet the tremendous need for novel antibiotics treating serious infections.

Corporate Information

Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware under the Delaware General Corporation Law on November 18, 2005. Our registered office is located at 3500 South Dupont Highway, in the City of Dover, Kent County, Delaware 19901 and our principal executive offices are located at 300 George Street, Suite 301, New Haven, Connecticut 06511. Our website address is www.melinta.com. Our website and the information contained on, or that can be accessed through, the website will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in, and are not considered part of, this prospectus. You should not rely on any such information in making your decision whether to purchase our securities.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves significant risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated into this prospectus by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and risk factors and other information contained in any applicable prospectus supplement. For a description of these reports and documents, and information about where you can find them, see the section entitled “*Where You Can Find More Information*” and “*Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*.” In addition to such other risks, set forth below are risks related to the Acquisition. The occurrence of any of the events described in the risk factors referred to above or set forth below might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the Common Stock. Please also refer to the section above entitled “*Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements*.”

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in any applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of any securities offered under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including funding of our development programs, commercial planning and sales and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, acquisition or licensing of additional products, product candidates or businesses and working capital. Pending these uses, we may invest the net proceeds in short-term, interest bearing investment grade securities, certificates of deposit or direct or guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government. We have not determined the amount of net proceeds to be used specifically for such purposes. As a result, management will retain broad discretion over the allocation of net proceeds.

DILUTION

If there is a material dilution of the purchasers' equity interest from the sale of our securities offered under this prospectus, we will set forth in any prospectus supplement the following information regarding any such material dilution of the equity interests of purchasers purchasing our securities in an offering under this prospectus:

- the net tangible book value per share of our securities before and after the offering;
- the amount of the increase in such net tangible book value per share attributable to the cash payments made by the purchasers in the offering; and
- the amount of the immediate dilution from the public offering price which will be absorbed by such purchasers.

SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

The descriptions of the securities contained in this prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplements, summarize all the material terms and provisions of the various types of securities that we may offer under this prospectus. The terms of the offering of securities, the initial offering price and the net proceeds to us will be contained in the prospectus supplement, and other offering material, relating to such offer. We will also include in the prospectus supplement information, where applicable, about material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities and the securities exchange, if any, on which the securities will be listed.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following summary describes our common stock and preferred stock and the material provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws and certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Because the following is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a complete description, you should refer to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, copies of which are on file with the SEC. See “*Where You Can Find More Information.*”

Authorized Capital Stock

Melinta’s authorized capital stock consists of 80,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share.

Common Stock

At January 22, 2018, 31,345,654 shares of Melinta common stock were outstanding.

The holders of Melinta common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders, including the election of directors. Melinta’s certificate of incorporation and bylaws do not provide for cumulative voting rights. Because of this, the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they should so choose. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, the holders of Melinta’s outstanding shares of common stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by Melinta’s board of directors out of legally available funds. In the event of Melinta’s liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all of Melinta’s debts and other liabilities, subject to the satisfaction of any liquidation preference granted to the holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

The holders of Melinta common stock have no preemptive, conversion or subscription rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to Melinta common stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of Melinta’s preferred stock that Melinta may designate and issue in the future.

Listing

Melinta common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “MLNT.” On January 22, 2018, the last reported sale price for Melinta common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$15.00 per share. As of January 22, 2018, Melinta had 64 stockholders of record.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for Melinta common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. The transfer agent and registrar’s address is 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021.

Preferred Stock

At January 22, 2018, no shares of preferred stock were outstanding. Pursuant to Melinta’s certificate of incorporation, Melinta’s directors have the authority, without further action by Melinta stockholders, to issue from time to time up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Melinta’s board may fix the rights, preferences and privileges of the shares of each wholly unissued series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereon, and increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

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Melinta's board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of the common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in Melinta's control that may otherwise benefit holders of Melinta common stock and may adversely affect the market price of the common stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. Melinta has no current plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Stock Options

At January 22, 2018, there were outstanding options to purchase an aggregate of 2,069,781 shares of Melinta common stock.

Provisions of Melinta's Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws and Delaware Anti-Takeover Law

Delaware Anti-Takeover Law. Melinta is subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. Section 203 generally prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding specified shares; or
- at or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines a "business combination" to include:

- any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation to or with the interested stockholder;
- subject to exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;
- subject to exceptions, any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an "interested stockholder" as any person that is:

- the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation;
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation at any time within three years immediately prior to the relevant date; or
- the affiliates and associates of the above.

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Under specific circumstances, Section 203 makes it more difficult for an “interested stockholder” to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period, although the stockholders may, by adopting an amendment to the corporation’s certificate of incorporation or bylaws, elect not to be governed by this section, effective 12 months after adoption.

Melinta’s current certificate of incorporation and bylaws do not exclude Melinta from the restrictions of Section 203.

Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. Provisions of Melinta’s certificate of incorporation and bylaws may delay or discourage transactions involving an actual or potential change of control or change in Melinta’s management, including transactions in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares, or transactions that Melinta stockholders might otherwise deem to be in their best interests. Therefore, these provisions could adversely affect the price of Melinta common stock. Among other things, Melinta’s certificate of incorporation and bylaws:

- permit Melinta’s board of directors to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with any rights, preferences and privileges as they may designate (including the right to approve an acquisition or other change of control);
- provide that the authorized number of directors may be changed only by resolution of the board of directors;
- provide that all vacancies, including newly created directorships, may, except as otherwise required by law, be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of directors then in office, even if less than a quorum;
- divide Melinta’s board of directors into three classes;
- require that any action to be taken by Melinta stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and not be taken by written consent;
- provide that stockholders seeking to present proposals before a meeting of stockholders or to nominate candidates for election as directors at a meeting of stockholders must provide advance notice in writing, and also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder’s notice;
- do not provide for cumulative voting rights (therefore allowing the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors to elect all of the directors standing for election, if they should so choose); and
- provide that special meetings of Melinta stockholders may be called only by the board of directors or by such person or persons duly designated by the board of directors to call such meetings.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any warrants offered under an applicable prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below as set forth therein. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement, which includes this prospectus.

General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock and/or preferred stock in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock and/or preferred stock, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate warrant agreement. We will enter into the warrant agreement with a warrant agent. We will indicate the name and address of the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

- the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreement and the warrants;
- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;
- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- the periods during which, and places at which, the warrants are exercisable;
- the manner of exercise;
- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;
- the manner in which the warrant agreement and warrants may be modified;
- federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The debt securities will be direct obligations of the Company and will be either senior or subordinated debt securities and may be either secured or unsecured. We will issue the debt securities under an indenture that we will enter into with a trustee named in the indenture. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. Unless the context requires otherwise, whenever we refer to the indenture, we also are referring to any supplemental indentures that specify the terms of a particular series of debt securities. For purposes of this description of debt securities, references to “the Company”, “we,” “our” and “us” refer only to Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. and not its subsidiaries.

General

We may issue debt securities in one or more series. A supplemental indenture will set forth specific terms of each series of debt securities. There will be prospectus supplements relating to particular series of debt securities. Each prospectus supplement will describe:

- the title of the debt securities;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of a series of debt securities which we may issue;
- the date or dates on which principal of the debt securities will be payable and the amount of principal which will be payable;
- the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) at which the debt securities will bear interest, if any, or contingent interest, if any, as well as the dates from which interest will accrue, the dates on which interest will be payable, the persons to whom interest will be payable, if other than the registered holders on the record date, and the record date for the interest payable on any payment date;
- the currency or currencies in which principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be paid;
- the place or places where principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the debt securities will be payable and where debt securities which are in registered form can be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- any provisions regarding our right to prepay, repurchase or redeem debt securities or of holders to require us to prepay, repurchase or redeem debt securities;
- the right, if any, of holders of the debt securities to convert them into common stock or other securities, including any contingent conversion provisions and any provisions intended to prevent dilution of those conversion rights;
- any provisions requiring or permitting us to make payments to a sinking fund which will be used to redeem debt securities or a purchase fund which will be used to purchase debt securities;
- any index or formula used to determine the required payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any;
- the percentage of the principal amount of the debt securities which is payable if maturity of the debt securities is accelerated because of a default;
- the terms, if any, on which the debt securities of that series will be subordinate in right and priority of payment to our other debt;
- any special or modified events of default or covenants with respect to the debt securities;

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- any provisions relating to any security provided for the debt securities, including any provisions regarding the circumstances under which collateral may be released or substituted; and
- any other material terms of the debt securities.

The indenture will not contain any restrictions on the payment of dividends or the repurchase of our securities or any financial covenants. However, supplemental indentures relating to particular series of debt securities, or other indentures, may contain provisions of that type.

We may issue debt securities at a discount from, or at a premium to, their stated principal amount. A prospectus supplement may describe federal income tax considerations and other special considerations applicable to a debt security issued with original issue discount or a premium.

If the principal of, premium, if any, or interest, if any, with regard to any series of debt securities is payable in a foreign currency, then in the prospectus supplement relating to those debt securities, we will describe any restrictions on currency conversions, tax considerations or other material restrictions with respect to that issue of debt securities.

Form of Debt Securities

We may issue debt securities in certificated or uncertificated form, in registered form with or without coupons or in bearer form with coupons, if applicable.

We may issue debt securities of a series in the form of one or more global certificates evidencing all or a portion of the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series. We may deposit the global certificates with depositaries, and the global certificates may be subject to restrictions upon transfer or upon exchange for debt securities in individually certificated form.

Events of Default and Remedies

An event of default with respect to each series of debt securities will include:

- our default in payment of the principal of or premium, if any, on any debt securities of any series beyond any applicable grace period;
- our default for 30 days or a different period specified in a supplemental indenture, which may be no period, in payment of any installment of interest due with regard to debt securities of any series;
- our default for 90 days after notice or a different period specified in a supplemental indenture, which may be no period, in the observance or performance of any other covenants in the indenture; and
- certain events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.

Supplemental indentures relating to particular series of debt securities may include other events of default.

Each current indenture will provide that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities of any default (except a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any) if the trustee considers it in the interest of the holders of the series to do so.

The indenture will provide that, if any event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities then outstanding may declare the principal of and accrued interest, if any, on all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. However, if we cure all defaults (except the failure to pay principal, premium or interest which became due solely because of the acceleration) and certain other conditions are met, that declaration may be rescinded and past defaults may be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities then outstanding.

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The holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of a series of debt securities will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee, subject to certain limitations to be specified in the indenture.

A prospectus supplement will describe any additional or different events of default which apply to any series of debt securities.

Modification of the Indenture or Other Indentures

We and the trustee under the indenture may:

- without the consent of holders of debt securities, modify the indenture to cure errors or clarify ambiguities or amend, modify or supplement the indenture, or any supplemental indenture, to make any change that does not materially adversely affect the rights of any holder of debt securities; provided that any amendment, modification or supplement that conforms the indenture or any supplemental indenture, as applied to any series of debt securities, to the terms described in the prospectus (including any prospectus supplement) pursuant to which such debt securities were initially sold shall be deemed not to adversely affect the rights of holders;
- with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the debt securities which are outstanding under such indenture, modify the indenture or the rights of the holders of the debt securities generally; and
- with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in outstanding principal amount of any series of debt securities, modify any supplemental indenture relating solely to that series of debt securities or the rights of the holders of that series of debt securities.

However, we may not:

- extend the fixed maturity of any debt securities, reduce the rate or extend the time for payment of interest, if any, on any debt securities, reduce the principal amount of any debt securities or the premium, if any, on any debt securities, impair or affect the right of a holder to institute suit for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, with regard to any debt securities, change the currency in which any debt securities are payable or impair the right, if any, to convert any debt securities into common stock or any other of our securities, without the consent of each holder of debt securities who will be affected; or
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities required to consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver, without the consent of the holders of all the then outstanding debt securities or outstanding debt securities of the series which will be affected.

Mergers and Other Transactions

The indenture will provide that we may not consolidate with or merge into any other entity, or transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to another person, unless (1) the entity formed by the consolidation or into which we are merged, or which acquires or leases our properties and assets substantially as an entirety, assumes by a supplemental indenture all our obligations with regard to outstanding debt securities and our other covenants under the indenture, and (2) with regard to each series of debt securities, immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default with respect to that series of debt securities, and no event which would become an event of default, will have occurred and be continuing.

Concerning the Trustee

We will identify the trustee with respect to any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities. You should note that if the trustee becomes a creditor of ours, the indenture and the

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Trust Indenture Act of 1939 limit the rights of the trustee to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of certain claims, as security or otherwise. The trustee and its affiliates may engage in, and will be permitted to continue to engage in, other transactions with us and our affiliates. If, however, the trustee acquires any “conflicting interest” within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, it must eliminate the conflict or resign.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee with regard to that series, or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with regard to the securities of that series. If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee, in the exercise of its rights and powers, must use the degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of the debt securities, unless they have offered to the trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to the trustee.

Governing Law

Each of the indentures, each supplemental indenture, and the debt securities issued under them will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell our securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. We may sell our securities separately or together:

- to or through one or more underwriters, brokers or dealers;
- through agents; and/or
- directly to one or more purchasers.

We may distribute our securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

We may sell our securities directly to one or more purchasers, or to or through underwriters, dealers or agents or through a combination of those methods. The related prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of each offering, including:

- the name or names of any agents, dealers, underwriters or investors who purchase the securities;
- the purchase price of the securities being offered and the proceeds we will receive from the sale;
- the amount of any compensation, discounts, commissions or fees to be received by the underwriters, dealers or agents;
- any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers;
- any securities exchanges on which such securities may be listed;
- the terms of any indemnification provisions, including indemnification from liabilities under the federal securities laws; and
- the nature of any transaction by an underwriter, a dealer or an agent during the offering that is intended to stabilize or maintain the market prices of the securities.

Direct Sales and Sales Through Agents

We may solicit directly offers to purchase securities being offered by this prospectus. We may also designate agents to solicit offers to purchase our securities from time to time. We may sell our securities offered by this prospectus by any method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an “at the market” offering as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act, including without limitation sales made directly on the NASDAQ Global Market, on any other existing trading market for our securities or to or through a market maker. We will name in a prospectus supplement any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities.

Sales Through Underwriters or Dealers

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

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If we utilize an underwriter in the sale of our securities being offered by this prospectus, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter at the time of sale and we will provide the name of any underwriter in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of our securities to the public. In connection with the sale of our securities, we or the purchasers of our securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell our securities to or through dealers, and the underwriter may compensate those dealers in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

We will provide in the applicable prospectus supplement any compensation we will pay to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of our securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers. In compliance with guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of securities pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of our securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of our securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. In the event that an offering made pursuant to this prospectus is subject to FINRA Rule 5121, the prospectus supplement will comply with the prominent disclosure provisions of that rule.

To facilitate the offering of our securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of our securities, which involves the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than we sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of our securities by bidding for or purchasing our securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if the securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of our securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase our securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions we pay for solicitation of these contracts.

Derivative Transactions

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell our securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with any derivative transaction, the third parties may sell our securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use our securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close-out any related open borrowings of securities, and may use our securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close-out any related open borrowings of securities. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement or a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge our securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell our securities short using this

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prospectus. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

General Information

Any securities offered other than common stock will be a new issue and, other than the common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market, will have no established trading market. We may elect to list any series of securities on an exchange, and in the case of the common stock, on any additional exchange, but, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and/or other offering material, we shall not be obligated to do so. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business. We may provide the underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms with indemnification against civil liabilities related to this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that they may make with respect to these liabilities.

LEGAL MATTERS

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, New York, New York will pass upon the validity of any securities we offer by this prospectus. If the validity of any securities is also passed upon by counsel for the underwriters of an offering of those securities, that counsel will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering.

EXPERTS

Deloitte & Touche LLP

The financial statements of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated December 5, 2017 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes an explanatory paragraph referring to a going concern uncertainty). Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) of the Company (formerly known as Cempra, Inc.) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Ernst & Young LLP

The combined financial statements of The Infectious Disease Businesses of The Medicines Company as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the years then ended, appearing in Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.'s Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated December 15, 2017 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their report thereon (which contains an explanatory paragraph describing conditions that raise substantial doubt about The Infectious Disease Businesses of The Medicines Company's ability to continue as a going concern as described in Note 2 to the combined financial statements), included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports and proxy statements with the SEC. These filings include our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and proxy statements on Schedule 14A, as well as any amendments to those reports and proxy statements, and are available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we file them with, or furnish them to, the SEC. Once at www.melinta.com, go to Investors & SEC Filings to locate copies of such reports and proxy statements. Our website and the information contained on, or that can be accessed through, the website will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in, and are not considered part of, this prospectus. You should not rely on any such information in making your decision whether to purchase our securities. You may also read and copy materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding us and other issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to the securities being offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which constitutes a part of that registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules which are part of the registration statement. For further information about us and the securities offered, see the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto. Statements contained in this prospectus regarding the contents of any contract or any other document to which reference is made are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance where a copy of a contract or other document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, reference is made to the copy so filed, each of those statements being qualified in all respects by the reference.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" much of the information we file with them under Commission File No. 001-37691, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. All of the information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and any of our subsequent filings with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This prospectus incorporates by reference all documents we file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, except for information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of our Current Report on Form 8-K, or exhibits related thereto, after the date of this prospectus until the filing of a post-effective amendment to this prospectus which indicates that all Covered Shares registered have been sold or which deregisters all Covered Shares then remaining unsold. We incorporate by reference the following previously filed documents:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed on February 28, 2017;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017, filed on April 28, 2017, August 9, 2017 and November 2, 2017, respectively;
- our Definitive Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A, filed on October 5, 2017 and December 15, 2017; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on February 24, 2017, March 13, 2017, March 28, 2017, April 28, 2017 (second of two filings), June 28, 2017, August 10, 2017, September 7, 2017, September 28, 2017, October 31, 2017, November 1, 2017, November 3, 2017, November 9, 2017, November 29, 2017, December 1, 2017, December 4, 2017, December 27, 2017, January 3, 2018 and January 9, 2018 and our Current Reports on Form 8-K/A filed on December 5, 2017, December 6, 2017 and January 10, 2018.

We will provide, upon written or oral request, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference, including exhibits to

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these documents, at no cost to the requestor. You should direct any requests for documents to: Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., 300 Tri-State International, Suite 272, Lincolnshire, IL, 60069, Attn: Investor Relations.

A statement contained in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated in this prospectus modifies or replaces such statement. Any statements so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.



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PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other expenses of issuance and distribution.

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount to be Paid</u>
SEC registration fee	\$ 18,675
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 50,000*
Accountants' fees and expenses	\$ 30,000*
Printing expenses	\$ 20,000*
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000*
Total	<u>\$128,675*</u>

* Estimated

Item 15. Indemnification of directors and officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") provides, in effect, that any person made a party to any action by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company may and, in certain cases, must be indemnified by the Company against, in the case of a non-derivative action, judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by him as a result of such action, and in the case of a derivative action, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), if in either type of action he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company. This indemnification does not apply, in a derivative action, to matters as to which it is adjudged that the director, officer, employee or agent is liable to the Company, unless upon court order it is determined that, despite such adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, he is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses, and, in a non-derivative action, to any criminal proceeding in which such person had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 145 also gives a corporation power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. Section 145 further provides that, to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any such action, suit or proceeding, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

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

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corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him under Section 145.

The Company's certificate of incorporation provides that no director of the Company shall be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The Company's certificate of incorporation also provides that the Company has the power to indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law any and all of its current and former directors, officers, employees or agents, or any person who may have served at the Company's request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust or other enterprise.

All of the Company's directors and officers are covered by insurance policies maintained by the Company against certain liabilities for actions taken in their capacities as such, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The foregoing summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the terms and provisions of such arrangements.

Item 16. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

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

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- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof; provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
 - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
 - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
 - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby further undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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

(e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (f/k/a Cempra, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2017)
3.2	Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (f/k/a Cempra, Inc.) (Reverse Stock Split) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 3, 2017)
3.3	Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (f/k/a Cempra, Inc.) (Name Change) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 3, 2017)
3.4	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 3, 2017)
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23.4	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors
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25*+	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the Trustee under the indenture

* To be filed by amendment or pursuant to a report to be filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated herein by reference.

+ To be filed separately pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

MELINTA THERAPETUICS, INC.

and

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, as Trustee

INDENTURE

DATED AS OF

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<u>TIA Section</u>	<u>Indenture Section</u>
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(c)	9.02; 9.04
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(a)(2)	6.10
(b)	2.06
318(a)	1.02; 12.01

N.A. means Not Applicable.

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INDENTURE, dated as of [] between Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation having its principal office at 300 George Street, Suite 301, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 and [] (the "Trustee"). Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of each other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Company's debentures, notes or other evidences of unsecured indebtedness to be issued in one or more series ("Securities"):

ARTICLE ONE

DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

SECTION 1.01. Definitions.

"Bankruptcy Law" has the meaning provided in Section 6.01.

"Board Resolution" means a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Company certified by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary as being duly adopted and in full force and effect.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is authorized or required by law or executive order to close or be closed.

"Capital Stock" means, for any entity, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) stock issued by that entity.

"Company" means the Person named as such in this Indenture until a successor replaces it and after that means the successor.

"Company Order" means a written order of the Company, signed by (a) the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President or any Executive Vice President and (b) any such other Officer designated in clause (a) of this definition or the Company's Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer or Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business is principally administered (which at the date of this Indenture is at the location set forth in the first paragraph of this Indenture), Attention: [], or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to Holders and the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company).

"Corporation" includes corporations, associations, companies and business trusts.

"Custodian" has the meaning provided in Section 6.01.

"Default" means any event that, upon the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

"\$" means the lawful currency of the United States.

"Event of Default" has the meaning provided in Section 6.01.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a Person in whose name a Security is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as amended or supplemented from time to time and will include the form and terms of the Securities of each series established as contemplated by Section 2.01.

"Interest Payment Date" means the date on which an installment of interest on the Securities is due and payable.

"Maturity Date" means the date the principal of Securities is due and payable.

"Officer" means, with respect to the Company, the President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Secretary or any Executive Vice President.

“Officers’ Certificate” when used with respect to the Company means a certificate signed by an Officer, and delivered to the Trustee. Each such certificate will comply with Section 314 of the TIA and include the statements described in Section 12.05.

“Opinion of Counsel” means an opinion in writing signed by legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company, that is delivered to the Trustee, which opinion may contain customary exceptions and qualifications as to the matters set forth therein. Each such opinion will include the statements described in Section 12.05 if and to the extent required by that Section.

“Paying Agent” has the meaning provided in Section 2.05.

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

“Registrar” has the meaning provided in Section 2.05.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Securities” has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Indenture.

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

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

“State” means any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

“Subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock or other interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers, general partners or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (i) such Person; (ii) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person; or (iii) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

“Supplemental Indenture” means an indenture between the Company and the Trustee which supplements this Indenture.

“TIA” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, as in effect on the date of this Indenture, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act or any amendment thereto expressly provides for application of the Trust Indenture Act as in effect on another date.

“Trustee” means the Person named as such in this Indenture and, subject to the provisions of Article 7, any successor to that person.

“Trust Officer” means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer assigned to the corporate trust department of the Trustee, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, and for the purposes of Section 7.01(c)(2) and Section 7.05 shall also include any other officer of the Trustee to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

“United States” means the United States of America.

“U.S. Government Obligations” means:

(1) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged; or

(2) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States.

SECTION 1.02. Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. In addition, the provisions of Sections 310 to and including 317 of the TIA that impose duties on any person are incorporated by reference in, and form a part of, this Indenture. The following TIA terms mean the following when used in this Indenture:

“Commission” means the SEC;

“indenture securities” means the Securities;

“indenture securityholder” means a Holder or Securityholder;

“indenture to be qualified” means this Indenture;

“indenture trustee” or “institutional trustee” means the Trustee; and

“obligor” on the indenture securities means the Company.

All other TIA terms used in this Indenture that are defined in the TIA, defined in the TIA by reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule have the meanings assigned to them.

SECTION 1.03. Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States;
- (3) “or” is not exclusive;
- (4) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision;
- (5) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (6) references to “writing” include printing, typing, lithography and other means of reproducing words in a visible form;
- (7) the words “including,” “includes” and “include” shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”; and
- (8) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular.

ARTICLE TWO

THE SECURITIES

SECTION 2.01. Form and Dating. (a) The Securities of each series will be substantially in the form established by a Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities of that series. The Securities may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rules or usage. The Company will approve the form of the Securities and any notation, legend or endorsement on them. Each Security will be dated the date of its authentication.

(b) The Trustee’s certificate of authentication will be substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

SECTION 2.02. Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series. The aggregate principal amount of the Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more series. Prior to the issuance of Securities of a series, the Company and the Trustee will execute a Supplemental Indenture that will set forth as to the Securities of that series, to the extent applicable:

- (1) the title of the Securities;
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be issued;
- (3) the date or dates on which the Securities will mature and the amounts to be paid upon maturity of the Securities;
- (4) the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) at which the Securities will bear interest, if any, or contingent interest, if any, the dates from which interest will accrue, the dates on which interest will be payable and the record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;
- (5) the currency or currencies in which principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be payable;
- (6) the place or places where principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities will be payable;

- (7) any provisions regarding the right of the Company to redeem or repurchase Securities or of holders to require the Company to redeem or repurchase Securities;
- (8) whether the Securities are senior or subordinated debt securities, and if subordinated debt securities, the terms of such subordination;
- (9) the right, if any, of holders of the Securities to convert them into common stock or other securities of the Company, including any contingent conversion provisions and any provisions intended to prevent dilution of those conversion rights;
- (10) any provisions by which the Company will be required or permitted to make payments to a sinking fund which will be used to redeem Securities or a purchase fund which will be used to purchase Securities;
- (11) any index or formula used to determine the required payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any;
- (12) the percentage of the principal amount of the Securities that is payable if maturity of the Securities is accelerated because of a default;
- (13) any special or modified events of default or covenants with respect to the Securities;
- (14) any other terms of the Securities, which may be different from the terms set forth in this Indenture.

SECTION 2.03. Denominations. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities, the Securities of each series will be issuable in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000.

SECTION 2.04. Execution and Authentication. The Securities of each series shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Company by the manual or facsimile signature of its Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary or any of its Executive Vice Presidents.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and the Trustee in accordance with such Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. A Security will not be valid until an authorized signatory of the Trustee manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Security. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

In case any Officer of the Company who shall have signed any of the Securities shall cease to be such Officer before the Securities so signed shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, or disposed of by the Company, such Securities nevertheless may be authenticated and delivered or disposed of as though the Person who signed such Securities had not ceased to be such Officer of the Company; and any Security may be signed on behalf of the Company by such persons as, at the actual date of the execution of such Security, shall be the Officers of the Company, although at the date of the execution of this Indenture any such Person was not such an Officer.

SECTION 2.05. Registrar and Paying Agent. The Company will maintain an office or agency where Securities of each series may be presented for conversion, registration of transfer or for exchange (the "Registrar") and an office or agency where Securities of each series may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar will keep a register of the Securities of each series and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may have one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent.

The Company will enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Registrar, Paying Agent or co-registrar not a party to this Indenture that will incorporate the terms of the TIA. The agreement will implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to that agent. The Company will notify the Trustee of the name and address of any such agent. If the Company fails to maintain a Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee will act as such. The Company or any Subsidiary may act as Paying Agent, Registrar, co-registrar or transfer agent.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as Registrar and Paying Agent in connection with the Securities of each series, except in instances in which the Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities appoints a different Registrar or Paying Agent.

SECTION 2.06. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust. Prior to each due date of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Security, the Company will deposit with the Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay that principal, premium or interest when due. The Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of a series, and if the Paying Agent is not the Trustee, in trust for the benefit of the Trustee, all sums held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium or interest on the Securities of that series and, in the case of a Paying Agent other than the Trustee, the Paying Agent will give the Trustee notice of

any default by the Company in making any such payment. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it will segregate the money held by it as Paying Agent and hold it as a separate trust fund. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed by the Paying Agent. Upon complying with this Section, the Paying Agent will have no further liability for the money.

SECTION 2.07. Securityholder Lists. The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities of each series. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, in accordance with Section 312(a) of the TIA, the Company will furnish to the Trustee in writing at least five Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request all information in the possession or control of the Company or its Paying Agent as to the names and addresses of Holders of the Securities of a series.

SECTION 2.08. Transfer and Exchange. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to Securities of a series, Securities which are issued in registered form will be transferred only upon the surrender of the Securities for registration of transfer. When a Security is presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer, the Registrar will register the transfer as requested if the requirements of Article 8 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code are met. When Securities are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same series of other denominations, the Registrar will make the exchange as requested if the same requirements are met. To permit registration of transfers and exchanges, the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate Securities at the Registrar's or co-registrar's request. The Company will not charge a fee for transfers or exchanges, but the Company may require payment from the applicable Securityholder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge and any other expenses (including fees and expenses of the Trustee) that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of the Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.11, 3.09, 9.05 not involving any transfer.

The Company will not be required to make, and the Registrar need not register, transfers or exchanges of (i) Securities selected for redemption (except, in the case of Securities to be redeemed in part, transfers or exchanges of the portion of the Securities not to be redeemed) or (ii) any Securities of a series for a period of 15 days before the first mailing of a notice of the Securities of that series which are to be redeemed.

Prior to the due presentation for registration or transfer of any Security which was issued in registered form, the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, any authenticating agent, the Registrar or any co-registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name the Security is registered as the absolute owner of the Security for all purposes, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar or any co-registrar will be affected by notice to the contrary.

SECTION 2.09. Replacement Securities. If a mutilated Security which had been issued in registered form is surrendered to the Registrar or if the Holder presents evidence to the satisfaction of the Company and the Trustee that a Security which had been issued in registered form has been lost or destroyed, the Company will issue and the Trustee or an authenticating agent appointed by the Trustee will authenticate a replacement Security of the same series if the requirements of Section 8-405 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code are met and the Holder satisfies any other reasonable requirements of the Trustee. If required by the Trustee or the Company, the replacement Security will not be issued until the Holder furnishes an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Trustee to protect the Company, the Trustee, and if applicable, the authenticating agent, the Paying Agent and the Registrar or any co-registrar from any loss which any of them may suffer if the Security is replaced. The Company may charge the Holder for its expenses in replacing a Security.

Every replacement Security will be an obligation of the Company, even if the replaced Security is subsequently found.

SECTION 2.10. Outstanding Securities. The Securities outstanding at any time will be all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee, except those cancelled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation and those described in this Section as not outstanding. A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or its affiliate holds the Security.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.09, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to them that the replaced Security is held by a protected purchaser (in which case the replaced Security will be treated as outstanding to the extent permitted by Section 8-210 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code).

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) segregates and holds in trust, in accordance with this Indenture, on a redemption date or Maturity Date money sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, payable on that date with respect to the Securities to be redeemed or maturing, as the case may be, then on that date those Securities will cease to be outstanding and interest on them will cease to accrue.

SECTION 2.11. Temporary Securities. Until definitive Securities of a series are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee or an authenticating agent appointed by the Trustee will authenticate temporary Securities of that series. Temporary Securities will be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company will prepare and the Trustee or an authenticating agent appointed by the Trustee will authenticate definitive Securities and deliver them in exchange for temporary Securities.

SECTION 2.12. Cancellation. The Company at any time may deliver Securities of a series to the Trustee for cancellation and the Trustee will reduce accordingly the aggregate amount of the Securities of that series which are outstanding. The Registrar and the Paying Agent will forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, or conversion. The Trustee and no one else will cancel and dispose of all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, conversion or cancellation in accordance with its procedures for the disposition of cancelled securities and deliver certificates of such disposition to the Company unless the Company directs the Trustee to deliver the cancelled Securities to the Company. Subject to Section 2.09, the Company may not issue new Securities of a series to replace Securities of the series it has redeemed, paid, converted or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 2.13. Defaulted Interest. If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities of a series, it will pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) to the persons who are Holders of the Securities of that series on a subsequent special record date, which date will be at least five Business Days prior to the payment date. The Company will fix the special record date and payment date, and, at least 15 days before the special record date, the Company will mail to each Holder of Securities of that series a notice that states the special record date, the payment date and the amount of defaulted interest and any interest on that defaulted interest which is to be paid. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

SECTION 2.14. CUSIP Numbers. The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP," "ISIN" or other similar numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP," "ISIN" or other similar numbers, as the case may be, in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee in writing of any change in the "CUSIP," "ISIN" or other similar numbers.

ARTICLE THREE

REDEMPTION

SECTION 3.01. Company's Option to Redeem. The Company will have the option to redeem Securities of a series only to the extent, if any, and only on the terms, set forth in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities of that series. If the Company has the option to redeem Securities of a series, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the series, the terms of the redemption will include those set forth in Sections 3.02 through 3.06 and 3.08.

SECTION 3.02. Notices to Trustee. If the Company elects to redeem Securities of a series, it will notify the Trustee of the redemption date and the principal amount and series of Securities to be redeemed. The Company will give each notice provided for in this Section not less than 35 days before the redemption date (or such shorter period of time as may be acceptable to the Trustee). If fewer than all the Securities of a series are to be redeemed, the record date for determining which Securities of the series are to be redeemed will be selected by the Company, which will give notice of the record date to the Trustee at least 15 days before the record date.

SECTION 3.03. Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed. If fewer than all the Securities of a series are to be redeemed at the Company's option, the Trustee will select the Securities of that series to be redeemed by lot or, in its sole discretion, pro-rata. The Trustee will make the selection from outstanding Securities of that series not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal of Securities that have denominations larger than the minimum denomination in which Securities of the applicable series may be issued. Securities and portions of Securities the Trustee selects will be in amounts equal to the minimum denomination in which Securities of the applicable series may be issued and multiples of that amount. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities called for redemption. The Trustee will notify the Company promptly of the Securities or portions of Securities to be redeemed.

SECTION 3.04. Notice of Redemption at the Company's Option. At least 30 days and not more than 60 days before a date set for redemption at the Company's option, the Company will mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed in whole or in part. The notice will identify the principal amount and series of each Security to be redeemed and will state:

- (1) the redemption date;
- (2) the redemption price plus accrued interest, if any;
- (3) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (4) that Securities called for redemption in whole or in part must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price plus accrued interest, if any;
- (5) that, unless the Company defaults in making the redemption payment, interest on Securities (or portions of Securities) called for redemption will cease to accrue on the redemption date and, if applicable, that those Securities (or the portions of then called for redemption) will cease on the redemption date (or such other date as is provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities) to be convertible into, or exchangeable for, other securities or assets;
- (6) if applicable, the current conversion or exchange price; and
- (7) the CUSIP, ISIN or other similar numbers, if any, assigned to such Securities.

At the Company's request delivered at least five (5) days prior to the date such notice of redemption is to be given (unless a shorter period shall be acceptable to the Trustee), the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at the Company's expense. In such event, the Company will provide the Trustee with the information required by clauses (1) through (3), (6) and (7).

SECTION 3.05. Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is mailed, Securities, or portions of Securities called for redemption will become due and payable on the redemption date and at the redemption price. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, those Securities will be paid at the redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. On and after the date fixed for redemption (unless the Company defaults in the payment of the redemption price, together with interest accrued to the redemption date) interest on the Securities, or portions of them, which are redeemed will cease to accrue and any right to convert those Securities into, or exchange them for, other securities or assets will terminate and those Securities will cease to be convertible or exchangeable. Failure to give notice or any defect in the notice to any Holder will not affect the validity of the notice to any other Holder.

SECTION 3.06. Deposit of Redemption Price. No later than the Business Day prior to the redemption date specified in a notice of redemption, the Company will deposit with the Paying Agent (or, if the Company or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust) money sufficient to redeem on the redemption date all the Securities called for redemption on that redemption date at the appropriate redemption price, together with accrued interest to the redemption date, other than Securities or portions of Securities called for redemption which have been delivered by the Company to the Trustee for cancellation or Securities which have been surrendered for conversion or exchange. If any Securities called for redemption are converted or exchanged, any money deposited with the Paying Agent for redemption of those Securities will be paid to the Company upon its request, or, if the money is held in trust by the Company or a Subsidiary as Paying Agent, the money will be discharged from the trust.

SECTION 3.07. Holder's Right to Require Redemption. Holders of Securities of a series will have the right to require the Company to redeem those Securities only to the extent, and only on the terms, set forth in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities of that series. If Holders of Securities of a series have the right to require the Company to redeem those Securities, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities of that series, the terms of the redemption will include those set forth in Section 3.08.

SECTION 3.08. Procedure for Requiring Redemption. If a Holder has the right to require the Company to redeem Securities, to exercise that right, the Holder must deliver the Securities to the Paying Agent, endorsed for transfer and with the form on the reverse side entitled "Option to Require Redemption" completed. Delivery of Securities to the Paying Agent as provided in this Section will constitute an irrevocable election to cause the specified principal amount of Securities to be redeemed. When Securities are delivered to the Paying Agent as provided in this Section, unless the Company fails to make the payments due as a result of the redemption within 20 days after the Securities are delivered to the Paying Agent as provided in this Section interest on the Securities will cease to accrue and, if the Securities are convertible or exchangeable, the Holder's right to convert or exchange the Securities will terminate.

The Company's determination of all questions regarding the validity, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of any Security for redemption will be final and binding.

SECTION 3.09. Securities Redeemed in Part. Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the Holder (at the Company's expense) a new Security equal of the same series in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Security which was surrendered.

ARTICLE FOUR

COVENANTS

SECTION 4.01. Payment of Securities. The Company will promptly pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on each of the Securities of a series at the places and time and in the manner provided in the Securities and in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the series. An installment of principal, premium or interest will be considered paid on the date it is due if the Trustee or Paying Agent holds on that date in accordance with this Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture money designated for and sufficient to pay the installment then due.

The Company will pay or cause to be paid interest on overdue principal at the rate specified in the Securities; it will also pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the same rate (or such other rate as is provided in the applicable Supplemental Indenture), to the extent lawful.

SECTION 4.02. Reporting. The Company will file with the Trustee within 15 days after filing with the SEC, copies of its annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Any such document or report that the Company files with the Commission via the Commission's EDGAR system shall be deemed to be filed with the Trustee for purposes of this Section 4.02 at the time such documents are filed via the EDGAR system.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate).

SECTION 4.03. Corporate Existence. Subject to Article 5, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence.

SECTION 4.04. Compliance Certificate. The Company will deliver to the Trustee within 120 days after the end of each year an Officer's Certificate stating that in the course of the performance by the signers of their duties as Officers of the Company they would normally have knowledge of any default by the Company and whether or not the signers know of any default that occurred during such year. If they do, the certificate will describe the default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Company also will comply with TIA Section 314(a)(4).

SECTION 4.05. Further Instruments and Acts. Upon request of the Trustee, the Company will execute and deliver such further instruments and do such further acts as may be reasonably necessary or proper to carry out more effectively the purpose of this Indenture.

ARTICLE FIVE

SUCCESSOR CORPORATION

SECTION 5.01. Company May Consolidate, etc., Only on Certain Terms. The Company will not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to another Person, unless:

- (1) the corporation formed by the consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety will be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, a State of the United States of America or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes, by one or more supplemental indentures, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all the Securities of each series and the performance of every covenant of this Indenture and of all Supplemental Indentures to be performed or observed by the Company;
- (2) with regard to each series of Securities, immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Event of Default with respect to that series of Securities, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to that series of Securities, will have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate, each stating that the consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and the supplemental indenture (or the supplemental indentures together) comply with this Article and that all the conditions precedent relating to the transaction set forth in this Section have been fulfilled.

SECTION 5.02. Successor Corporation Substituted. Upon any event described in Section 5.01, the successor corporation will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture and all the Supplemental Indentures relating to outstanding series of Securities, and the predecessor corporation will be relieved of all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and each of those Supplemental Indentures.

ARTICLE SIX

DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default. An "Event of Default" occurs if:

- (1) The Company defaults in the payment of interest on any Security of any series when it becomes due and payable and the default continues for a period of 30 days (or such other period, which may be no period) as is specified in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the series;
- (2) The Company defaults in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, on any Security of any series as and when it becomes due and payable at its stated maturity or upon redemption, acceleration or otherwise and, if provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a series, the default continues for a period specified in the Supplemental Indenture;
- (3) The Company fails to comply with any of its other covenants or agreements with regard to Securities of a series or this Indenture (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in whose performance or whose breach is dealt with specifically elsewhere in this Section) and that failure continues for a period of 90 days after the date of the notice specified below;
- (4) the Company, pursuant to any Bankruptcy Law applicable to the Company:
 - (A) commences a voluntary case;
 - (B) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;
 - (C) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property; or
 - (D) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (5) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any applicable Bankruptcy Law:
 - (A) for relief in an involuntary case;

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- (B) appointing a Custodian of the Company or for any substantial part of its property; or
 - (C) ordering its winding up or liquidation; and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days.

Each of the occurrences described in clauses (1) through (5) will constitute an Event of Default whatever the reason for the occurrence and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body.

The term “Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11 of the United States Code or any similar United States Federal or State law for the relief of debtors. The term “Custodian” means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, custodian or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

A Default under clause (3) of this Section is not an Event of Default until the Trustee notifies the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series with regard to which the Company has failed to comply with a covenant or agreement notify the Company and the Trustee, of the Default and the Company does not cure the Default within 90 days after the giving of the notice. The notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that the notice is a “Notice of Default.”

A Default under clause (1), (2) or (3) with regard to Securities of a series will not constitute a Default with regard to Securities of any other series except to the extent, if any, provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the other series.

SECTION 6.02. Acceleration. If an Event of Default as to the Securities of a series occurs and is continuing, unless the principal of all of the Securities of the series has already become due and payable, the Trustee by notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series then outstanding by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the principal of and accrued interest, if any, on all the Securities of the series to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, that principal and interest will be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(4) or (5) occurs, the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued interest, if any, on all the Securities will automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Securityholders. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of a series then outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of the series, by notice to the Trustee may rescind an acceleration and its consequences if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, that has become due solely because of acceleration, and if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree. No such rescission will affect any subsequent default or impair any consequent right.

SECTION 6.03. Other Remedies. If an Event of Default as to a series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities of the series or to enforce the performance of any provision under this Indenture or any applicable Supplemental Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Securityholder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default will not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. No remedy is exclusive of any other remedy. All available remedies are cumulative.

SECTION 6.04. Waiver of Existing Defaults. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a series then outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of that series, by notice to the Trustee may consent to the waiver of any past Default with regard to Securities of the series and its consequences except (i) a default in the payment of interest or premium, if any, on, or the principal of, Securities of the series, or (ii) a default in respect of a covenant or a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holders of all Securities of the series then outstanding. The defaults described in clauses (i) and (ii) in the previous sentence may be waived with the consent of the Holders of all Securities of the series then outstanding. When a Default or Event of Default is waived, it is deemed cured and not continuing, but no waiver will extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any consequent right.

SECTION 6.05. Control by Majority. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of a series then outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee with regard to the Securities of that series or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with regard to the Securities of that series. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or, subject to Section 7.01, that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Securityholders or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability provided, however, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action as a result of a direction given under this Section, the Trustee will be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking that action.

SECTION 6.06. Payments of Securities on Default; Suit Therefor. The Company covenants that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default described in Section 6.01(1) or (2), then, upon demand of the Trustee, the Company will pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the Securities in all series, the whole amount that will then have become due and payable on all such Securities for principal, premium, if any, and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) on the overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Securities in all series; and, in addition, such further amount as will be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including a reasonable compensation to the Trustee, its agents, attorneys and counsel, and any expenses or liabilities incurred by the Trustee hereunder other than through its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Until such demand by the Trustee, the Company may pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Securities of all series to the registered Holders, whether or not the Securities in that series are overdue.

SECTION 6.07. Limitation on Suits. A Securityholder may not pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture, unless:

- (1) the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice stating that an Event of Default as to a series is continuing;
- (2) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Securities of the series then outstanding make a written request to the Trustee to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name as Trustee hereunder;
- (3) such Holder or Holders offer to the Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (4) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity, and the Event of Default has not been waived; and
- (5) the Trustee has received no contrary direction from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of the series then outstanding during such 60-day period.

A Securityholder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of the same series of Securities or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of the same series of Securities.

SECTION 6.08. Rights of Holders to Receive Payment and to Demand Conversion. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Security of any series to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Security (and interest on overdue principal and interest on overdue installments of interest, if any, as provided in Section 4.01), on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Security or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date, or in the case of conversion or exchange, to receive the security issuable upon conversion or exchange or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, conversion or exchange on or after the applicable due date, redemption date or conversion or exchange date, as the case may be, against the Company, will not be impaired or affected without the consent of the Holder.

SECTION 6.09. Collection Suit by Trustee. If an Event of Default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, specified in clause (1) or (2) of Section 6.01 occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid (together with interest on that unpaid interest to the extent lawful) and the amounts provided for in Section 7.07.

SECTION 6.10. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. The Trustee may file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of any or all series allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company, its creditors or its property and, unless prohibited by law or applicable regulations, may vote on behalf of the Holders in any election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other person performing similar functions, and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make payments to the Trustee and, if the Trustee consents to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and its counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07.

SECTION 6.11. Restoration of Positions. If a judicial proceeding by the Trustee or a Securityholder to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture is dismissed or decided favorably to the Company, except as otherwise provided in the judicial proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the Securityholders will be restored to the positions they would have been in if the judicial proceeding had not been instituted.

SECTION 6.12. Priorities. If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article 6 with respect to Securities of a series, subject to Article 11, or, after an Event of Default set forth in Section 6.01(4) or (5), any money or other property distributable in respect of the Company's obligations under this Indenture, it will pay out the money or property in the following order:

- FIRST: to the Trustee (including any predecessor trustee) for amounts due under Section 7.07;
- SECOND: to Securityholders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities of the series for principal and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Securities of the series for principal and interest, respectively; and
- THIRD: to the Company.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Securities of a series pursuant to this Section. At least 15 days before the record date, the Company will mail to each Holder of Securities of the series and the Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

SECTION 6.13. Undertaking for Costs. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses (whether incurred before trial, at trial or on appeal or in any bankruptcy, arbitration or other administrative proceeding), against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.13 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of in aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Securities of a series then outstanding, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Security held by that Holder on or after the due date provided in the Security or to any suit for the enforcement of the right to convert or exchange any Security in accordance with the provisions of a Supplemental Indenture applicable to that Security.

SECTION 6.14. Stay, Extension or Usury Laws. The Company agrees (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim, and will resist any and all efforts to be compelled to take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any usury or other law, wherever enacted, now or at any subsequent time in force, which would prohibit or forgive the Company from paying all or any portion of the principal of, premium, if any, and/or interest on any of the Securities as contemplated in this Indenture or a Supplemental Indenture, or which may affect the covenants or performance of this Indenture, and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and agrees that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power granted to the Trustee in this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, but (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) will suffer and permit the execution of any such power as though no such law had been enacted.

SECTION 6.15. Liability of Stockholders, Officers, Directors and Incorporators. No stockholder, officer, director or incorporator, as such, past, present or future, of the Company, or any of its successor corporations, will have any personal liability in respect of the Company's obligations under this Indenture or any Securities by reason of his or its status as such stockholder, officer, director or incorporator; provided, however, that nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities will prevent recourse to and enforcement of the liability of any stockholder or subscriber to Capital Stock which have not been fully paid up.

ARTICLE SEVEN

TRUSTEE

SECTION 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee, prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiver of all Events of Default that may have occurred, undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture. In the event an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs; provided that if an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own grossly negligent action, its own grossly negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that.

(b) prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and after the curing or waiving of all Events of Default that may have occurred:

(i) the duties and obligations of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture, and the Trustee shall not be liable except for the performance of such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Trustee, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon any certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but, in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(c) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Trust Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(d) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the series of Securities then outstanding relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture;

(e) Every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee is subject to the provisions of this Section 7.01 and to the provisions of the TIA;

(f) the Trustee shall not be liable in respect of any payment (as to the correctness of amount, entitlement to receive or any other matters relating to payment) or notice effected by the Company or any Paying Agent or any records maintained by any Registrar with respect to the Securities;

(g) if any party fails to deliver a notice relating to an event the fact of which, pursuant to this Indenture, requires notice to be sent to the Trustee, the Trustee may conclusively rely on its failure to receive such notice as reason to act as if no such event occurred, unless a Trust Officer had actual knowledge of such event;

(h) in the absence of written investment direction from the Company, all cash received by the Trustee shall be placed in a non-interest bearing trust account, and in no event shall the Trustee be liable for the selection of investments or for investment losses incurred thereon or for losses incurred as a result of the liquidation of any such investment prior to its maturity date or the failure of the party directing such investments prior to its maturity date or the failure of the party directing such investment to provide timely written investment direction, and the Trustee shall have no obligation to invest or reinvest any amounts held hereunder in the absence of such written investment direction from the Company; and

(i) in the event that the Trustee is also acting as Custodian, Registrar, Paying Agent, or transfer agent hereunder, the rights and protections afforded to the Trustee pursuant to this Article 7 shall also be afforded to such Custodian, Note Registrar, Paying Agent, or transfer agent.

None of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers.

SECTION 7.02. Rights of Trustee. Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.01:

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, bond, note, coupon or other paper or document believed by it in good faith to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate which conforms to Section 12.05. The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such an Officer's Certificate.

(c) The Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

(d) The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes, suffers or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers, except conduct which constitutes willful misconduct or gross negligence.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and any advice of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion of counsel.

(f) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the expense of the Company for any reasonable expenses incurred and shall incur no liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(g) Any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution.

(h) Whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, conclusively rely upon an Officer's Certificate.

(i) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(j) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(k) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default except any Default or Event of Default occurring pursuant to clause (1) or (2) of Section 6.01 if, at the time of the occurrence of such Default or Event of Default, the Trustee is the Paying Agent, unless a Trust Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default shall have been given to a Trust Officer of the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

(l) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent and other Person employed to act hereunder.

(m) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver a certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officer's Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

SECTION 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or any of its affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Trustee must comply with Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

SECTION 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer. The Trustee (i) is not responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity, sufficiency or adequacy of this Indenture or any Securities, (ii) will not be responsible for and will not make any representation as to the validity, sufficiency or adequacy of any Supplemental Indenture, (iii) will not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities of any series, and (iv) will not be responsible for any recital or statement of the Company in this Indenture any Supplemental Indenture or any Securities, other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication, or in any prospectus used in the sale of any of the Securities, other than statements, if any, provided in writing or approved by the Trustee for use in such a prospectus. The Trustee shall not be responsible to make any calculation with respect to any matter under this Indenture.

SECTION 7.05. Notice of Defaults. The Trustee will give to the Holders of the Securities of a series notice of any Default with regard to the Securities of that series known to the Trustee, within 90 days after it occurs; provided, that, except in the case of a Default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any Security, the Trustee will be protected in withholding notice of the Default if and so long as a committee of its Trust Officers in good faith determines that the withholding of the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Securities of the series.

SECTION 7.06. Reports by Trustee. Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, the Trustee will mail to each Securityholder, at the name and address which appears on the registration books of the Company, and to each Securityholder who has, within the two years preceding the mailing, filed that person's name and address with the Trustee for that purpose and each Securityholder whose name and address have been furnished to the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.07, a brief report dated as of that May 15 which complies with TIA Section 313(a). The Trustee also will comply with TIA Section 313(b).

A copy of each report will at the time of its mailing to Securityholders be filed with each stock exchange on which Securities are listed and also with the SEC. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee when the Securities of any series are listed on any stock exchange and of any delisting of Securities of any series.

SECTION 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity. The Company will pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its services as the Company and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing. The Trustee's compensation will not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company will reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Those expenses will include the reasonable compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts. The Company will indemnify the Trustee and its agents against any and all loss, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the administration of the trust created by this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and the performance of its duties under this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, or any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, or in connection with enforcing the provisions of this Section. The Trustee will notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company will not relieve the Company of its obligations under this Section. The Company will defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company will pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent. The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, expense or liability incurred by the Trustee to the extent it is due to the Trustee's own willful misconduct or gross negligence.

To secure the Company's obligation to make payments to the Trustee under this Section 7.07, the Trustee will have a lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, other than money or property held in trust to pay principal or interest on particular Securities. Those obligations of the Company will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in clause (4) or (5) of Section 6.01 occurs, the expenses (including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel) and the compensation for the services of the Trustee are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

For purposes of this Section 7.07, "Trustee" will include any predecessor Trustee, but the willful misconduct, negligence or bad faith of any Trustee will not affect the rights of any other Trustee under this Section 7.07.

SECTION 7.08. Replacement of Trustee. The Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Company. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of all series then outstanding may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company and may appoint a successor Trustee. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (3) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company will promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities of all series then outstanding may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

No removal or appointment of a Trustee will be valid if that removal or appointment would conflict with any law applicable to the Company.

A successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Immediately after that, the retiring Trustee will, provided all sums owing to the retiring Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.07, transfer all property held by it as a Trustee to the successor Trustee, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture and all Supplemental Indentures. A successor Trustee will mail notice of its succession to each Securityholder.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, at the Company's expense, the Company or the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities of all series then outstanding may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

SECTION 7.09. Successor Trustee by Merger, etc. Any corporation or other entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or other entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation or other entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee (including the administration of this Indenture), shall be the successor to the Trustee hereunder without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto; *provided* that in the case of any corporation or other entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee such corporation or other entity shall be eligible under the provisions of Section 7.10.

If at the time a successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to the Trustee succeeds to the trusts created by this Indenture any of the Securities have been authenticated but not delivered, the successor to the Trustee may adopt the certificate of authentication of the predecessor Trustee, and deliver the Securities which were authenticated by the predecessor Trustee; and if at that time any of the Securities have not been authenticated, the successor to the Trustee may authenticate those Securities either in the name of the predecessor or in its own name as the successor to the Trustee; and in either case the certificates of authentication will have the full force provided in this Indenture for certificates of authentication.

SECTION 7.10. Eligibility; Disqualification. The Trustee will at all times satisfy the requirements of TIA Section 310(a). The Trustee will at all times have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recently published annual report of condition, which will be deemed for this paragraph to be its combined capital and surplus. The Trustee will comply with TIA Section 310(b), including the optional provision permitted by the second sentence of TIA Section 310(b)(9); provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of TIA §310(b)(1) any indenture or indentures under which other securities or certificates of interest or participation in other securities of the Company are outstanding if the requirements for such exclusion set forth in TIA §310(b)(1) are met, other than the fact that such indentures are not described herein.

SECTION 7.11. Preferential Collection of Claims. The Trustee will comply with TIA Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed will be subject to TIA Section 311(a) to the extent indicated.

ARTICLE EIGHT

DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE

SECTION 8.01. Termination of the Company's Obligations. When (i) the Company delivers to the Trustee all outstanding Securities of all series (other than Securities replaced pursuant to Section 2.09) for cancellation or (ii) all outstanding Securities of all series have become due and payable, or are due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year, under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for giving the notice of redemption, and the Company irrevocably deposits in trust with the Trustee (subject to Article Eleven) money or U.S. Government Obligations without reinvestment sufficient to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities of all series to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and if, in the case of either (i) or (ii) above the Company also pays or causes to be paid all other sums payable by the Company under this Indenture, then this Indenture will cease to be of further effect.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company's obligations to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities and the Company's obligations in Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.07, 2.08, 2.09, 7.07, 7.08 and in Article Ten will survive until all the Securities of all series are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, the Company's obligations in Section 7.07 will survive.

Before or after a deposit the Company may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of Securities of a series at a future date to the extent the Securities are redeemable in accordance with Article Three and the applicable Supplemental Indenture.

After a deposit pursuant to this Section 8.01 or after all outstanding Securities of all series have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, the Trustee upon request from the Company, accompanied by an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel which complies with Section 12.05, and at the cost of the Company, will acknowledge in writing the satisfaction and discharge of the Company's obligations under the Securities of all series and this Indenture except for those surviving obligations specified above.

In order to have money available on payment dates to pay principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the Securities of a series, the U.S. Government Obligations will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, or interest on or before those payment dates in amounts sufficient to provide the necessary money. U.S. Government Obligations used for this purpose may not be callable at the issuer's option.

SECTION 8.02. Application of Trust Money. Subject to Article Eleven and Section 8.03, the Trustee will hold in trust money or U.S. Government Obligations deposited with it pursuant to Section 8.01. It will apply the deposited money and the money from the U.S. Government Obligations through the Paying Agent and in accordance with this Indenture and any applicable Supplemental Indentures to the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Securities with regard to which the money or U.S. Government Obligations were deposited.

SECTION 8.03. Repayment to the Company. The Trustee and the Paying Agent will promptly pay to the Company upon request any excess money or securities held by them at any time. The Trustee and the Paying Agent will pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal, premium or interest that remains unclaimed for two years. After such payment, all liability of the Trustee and the Paying Agent with respect to that money will cease.

SECTION 8.04. Deposited Money and U.S. Government Obligations to Be Held in Trust. The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 8.01 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of outstanding Securities.

ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS AND WAIVERS

SECTION 9.01. Without Consent of Holders. The Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities without notice to or consent of any Securityholder:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect, error or inconsistency;
- (2) to comply with Article 5;
- (3) to establish the form and terms of the Securities of any series as contemplated in Article Two of this Indenture;
- (4) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities; or
- (5) to amend, modify or supplement any of the provisions contained herein or in any supplemental indenture, provided that no such amendment or supplement shall materially adversely affect the rights of any Securityholder, and provided further that any amendment, modification or supplement that conforms this Indenture or any supplemental indenture, as applied to a series of Securities, to the terms described in the prospectus (including any prospectus supplement) pursuant to which such Securities were initially sold shall be deemed not to adversely affect the rights of Securityholders.

After an amendment under this Section becomes effective, the Company will mail to the Securityholders a notice briefly describing the amendment. The failure to give such notice to all Securityholders, or any defect in a notice, will not impair or affect the validity of an amendment under this Section.

SECTION 9.02. With Consent of Holders. The Company and the Trustee may (i) amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities without notice to any Securityholder but with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of all series then outstanding or (ii) supplement this Indenture with regard to a series of Securities, amend or supplement a Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities, or amend the Securities of a series, without notice to any Securityholder but with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series then outstanding. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of all series then outstanding may waive compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities without notice to any Securityholder. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of any series then outstanding may waive compliance with any provision of this Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or the Securities of that series with regard to the Securities of that series without notice to any Securityholder. However, without the consent of the Holder so affected, no amendment, supplement or waiver, including a waiver pursuant to Section 6.04, may:

- (1) extend the fixed maturity of any Security, reduce the rate or extend the time for payment of interest on any Security, reduce the principal amount of any Security or premium, if any, on any Security;
- (2) impair or affect the right of a Holder to institute suit for the payment of interest, if any, principal or premium, if any, on the Securities;
- (3) change the currency in which the Securities are payable from that specified in the Securities or in a Supplemental Indenture applicable to the Securities;
- (4) impair the right, if any, to convert the Securities into, or exchange the Securities for, other securities or assets;
- (5) reduce the percentage of Securities required to consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (6) reduce the amount payable upon the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may or will be redeemed;
- (7) modify the provisions of any Supplemental Indenture with respect to subordination of the Securities of a series in a manner adverse to the Securityholders; or
- (8) make any change in Section 6.04 or 6.08 or the fifth sentence of this Section.

It will not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it will be sufficient if the consent approves the substance of the amendment, supplement or waiver.

The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Persons entitled to consent to any indenture supplemental hereto. If a record date is fixed, the Holders on such record date, or their duly designated proxies, and only such Persons, shall be entitled to consent to such supplemental indenture, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided, that unless such consent shall have become effective by virtue of the requisite percentage having been obtained prior to the date which is 90 days after such record date, any such consent previously given shall automatically and without further action by any Holder be cancelled and of no further effect.

After an amendment under this Section becomes effective, the Company will mail to the Securityholders a notice briefly describing the amendment. The failure to give such notice to all Securityholders, or any defect in a notice, will not impair or affect the validity of an amendment under this Section.

SECTION 9.03. Compliance with Trust Indenture Act. Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or the Securities will comply with the TIA as then in effect.

SECTION 9.04. Revocation and Effect of Consents. A consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver by a Holder of a Security will bind the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to the Holder's Security or portion of a Security. For a revocation to be effective, the Trustee must receive notice of the revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. After an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms, it will bind every Holder of every Security of every series to which it applies.

SECTION 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Securities. If an amendment changes the terms of a series of Securities, the Trustee may require the Holder of a Security of the series to deliver the Holder's Security to the Trustee, who will place an appropriate notation about the amendment, supplement or waiver on the Security and will return it to the Holder. Alternatively, the Company may, in exchange for the Security, issue, and the Trustee (or an authenticating agent duly appointed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.15) will authenticate, a new Security that reflects the amendment, supplement or waiver.

SECTION 9.06. Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc. In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by Article Two or this Article Nine or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel and an Officer's Certificate stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee will sign any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to Article Two or this Article Nine if the amendment, supplement or waiver does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. If it does adversely affect those rights, duties, liabilities or immunities, the Trustee may but need not sign it. The Company may not sign an amendment or supplement until the amendment or supplement is approved by an appropriate Board Resolution.

ARTICLE TEN

CONVERSION OR EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

SECTION 10.01. Provisions Relating to Conversion or Exchange of Securities. Any rights which Holders of Securities of a series will have to convert those Securities into other securities of the Company or to exchange those Securities for securities of other Persons or other assets, including but not limited to the terms of the conversion or exchange and the circumstances, if any, under which those terms will be adjusted to prevent dilution or otherwise, will be set forth in a Supplemental Indenture relating to the series of Securities. In the absence of provisions in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities setting forth rights to convert or exchange the Securities of that series into or for other securities or assets, Holders of the Securities of that series will not have any such rights.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

SINKING OR PURCHASE FUNDS

SECTION 11.01. Provisions Relating to Sinking or Purchase Funds. Any requirements that the Company make, or rights of the Company to make at its option, payments prior to maturity of the Securities of a series which will be used as a fund with which to redeem or to purchase Securities of that series, including but not limited to provisions regarding the amount of the payments, when the Company will be required, or will have the option, to make the payments and when the payments will be applied, will be set forth in a Supplemental Indenture relating to the series of Securities. In the absence of provisions in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities setting forth requirements that the Company make, or rights of the Company to make at its option, payments to be used as a fund with which to redeem or purchase Securities of the series, the Company will not be subject to any such requirements and will not have any such rights. However, unless otherwise specifically provided in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities, the Company will at all times have the right to purchase Securities from Holders in market transactions or otherwise.

ARTICLE TWELVE

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 12.01. Trust Indenture Act Controls. If any provision of this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 310 through 317 of the TIA, the imposed duties will control.

SECTION 12.02. Supplemental Indentures Contract. If any provision of a Supplemental Indenture relating to a series of Securities is inconsistent with any provision of this Indenture, the provision of the Supplemental Indenture will control with regard to the Securities of the series to which it relates.

SECTION 12.03. Notices. Any notice or communication under or relating to this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture will be sufficiently given if made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with the applicable party, in writing and delivered by facsimile transmission, in person or mailed by first-class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

if to the Company: Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.
300 George Street
Suite 301
New Haven, Connecticut 06511
Attention: Paul Estrem
Facsimile:

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice and shall not be required to be delivered in satisfaction of any requirement hereof) to: Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
Attention: Gordon Caplan
Sean M. Ewen
Facsimile: (212) 728-8000

if to the Trustee: []

Either the Company or the Trustee by a notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication mailed to a Securityholder will be mailed to the Securityholder at the Securityholder's address as it appears on the registration books of the Registrar and will be sufficiently given to the Securityholder if so mailed within the time prescribed.

Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder or any defect in it will not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders. If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If by reason of the suspension of regular mail service, or by reason of any other cause, it is impossible to mail any notice as required by this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, then any method of notification which is approved by the Trustee will constitute a sufficient mailing of the notice.

The Company may set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of Securityholders entitled to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent authorized or permitted by Sections 6.04 and 6.05. The record date will be the later of 30 days prior to the first solicitation of consents or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished to the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.07 prior to the solicitation.

The Trustee shall have the right, but shall not be required, to rely upon and comply with notices, instructions, directions or other communications sent by e-mail, facsimile and other similar unsecured electronic methods by persons believed by the Trustee to be authorized to give instructions and directions on behalf of the Company. The Trustee shall have no duty or obligation to verify or confirm that the person who sent such instructions or directions is, in fact, a person authorized to give instructions or directions on behalf of the Company; and the Trustee shall have no liability for any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses incurred or sustained by the Company as a result of such reliance upon or compliance with such notices, instructions, directions or other communications. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit notices, instructions, directions or other communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties. The Company shall use all reasonable endeavors to ensure that any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications transmitted to the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture are complete and correct. Any such notices, instructions, directions or other communications shall be conclusively deemed to be valid instructions from the Company to the Trustee for the purposes of this Indenture.

SECTION 12.04. Communication by Holders with Other Holders. Securityholders may communicate pursuant to TIA Section 312(b) with other Securityholders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. Each of the Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else will have the protection of TIA Section 312(c).

SECTION 12.05. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent. Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, the Company will furnish to the Trustee:

- (1) an Officers' Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signer, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with;
- (2) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all those conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
- (3) such other opinions and certificates as may be required by applicable provisions of this Indenture or the Supplemental Indenture.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture or a Supplemental Indenture will include:

- (i) a statement that each person signing the certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in the certificate or opinion are based;
- (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of the person giving the certificate or opinion, that person has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable that person to express an informed opinion as to whether or not the covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of that person, the condition or covenant has been complied with.

Nothing in this Section 12.05 will be construed as requiring that the Company furnish to the Trustee any evidence of compliance with the conditions and covenants provided for in this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture other than the evidence specified in this Section 12.05 except as may be required by any other provision of this Indenture.

SECTION 12.06. When Treasury Securities Disregarded. In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Securities owned by the Company, or anyone under direct or indirect control or under direct or indirect common control with the Company will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee will be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Securities which a Trust Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned will be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith will not be disregarded if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to the Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or a person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under common control with, the Company. Nothing in this Section 12.06 will be construed as requiring that the Company furnish to the Trustee any evidence of compliance with the conditions and covenants provided for in the Indenture other than the evidence specified in this Section 12.06.

SECTION 12.07. Rules by Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Securityholders. The Paying Agent or Registrar may make reasonable rules for its functions.

SECTION 12.08. Legal Holidays. If a payment date or Maturity Date is not a Business Day, then any action to be taken on such date need not be taken on such date, but may be taken on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if taken on such date, and no interest shall accrue in respect of any payment that would otherwise need to be made on such date on account of the delay.

SECTION 12.09. Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction. The laws of the State of New York will govern this Indenture, each Supplemental Indenture and the Securities, and any dispute, case or controversy arising thereunder or relating thereto. The Company submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, and of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, in any action or proceeding to enforce any of its obligations under this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or with regard to the Securities, and agrees not to seek a transfer of any such action or proceeding on the basis of inconvenience of the forum or otherwise (but the Company will not be prevented from removing any such action or proceeding from a state court to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York). The Company agrees that process in any such action or proceeding may be served upon it by registered mail or in any other manner permitted by the rules of the court in which the action or proceeding is brought.

SECTION 12.10. Actions by the Company. Any action or proceeding brought by the Company to enforce any right, assert any claim or obtain any relief in connection with this Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture or the Securities will be brought by the Company exclusively in the courts of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

SECTION 12.11. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements. Neither this Indenture nor any Supplemental Indenture may be used to interpret another indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or any Subsidiary. No such indenture, loan or debt agreement may be used to interpret this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 12.12. Successors. All agreements of the Company in this Indenture, any Supplemental Indentures and the Securities will bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture and any Supplemental Indentures will bind its successors.

SECTION 12.13. Duplicate Originals. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together will represent the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, “pdf” or “tif”) transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (*i.e.*, “pdf” or “tif”) shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

SECTION 12.14. Table of Contents, Headings, etc. The table of contents, cross-reference sheet and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only. They are not to be considered a part of this Indenture, and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture.

SECTION 12.15. Authenticating Agent. The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent that shall be authorized to act on its behalf and subject to its direction in the authentication and delivery of Notes in connection with the original issuance thereof and transfers and exchanges of Notes hereunder, including under Section 2.04, Section 2.05, Section 2.09, Section 2.11 and Section 9.05 as fully to all intents and purposes as though the authenticating agent had been expressly authorized by this Indenture and those Sections to authenticate and deliver Notes. For all purposes of this Indenture, the authentication and delivery of Notes by the authenticating agent shall be deemed to be authentication and delivery of such Notes “by the Trustee” and a certificate of authentication executed on behalf of the Trustee by an authenticating agent shall be deemed to satisfy any requirement hereunder or in the Notes for the Trustee’s certificate of authentication. Such authenticating agent shall at all times be a Person eligible to serve as trustee hereunder pursuant to Section 7.10.

Any corporation or other entity into which any authenticating agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or other entity resulting from any merger, consolidation or conversion to which any authenticating agent shall be a party, or any corporation or other entity succeeding to the corporate trust business of any authenticating agent, shall be the successor of the authenticating agent hereunder, if such successor corporation or other entity is otherwise eligible under this Section 12.15, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto or the authenticating agent or such successor corporation or other entity.

Any authenticating agent may at any time resign by giving written notice of resignation to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of any authenticating agent by giving written notice of termination to such authenticating agent and to the Company. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time any authenticating agent shall cease to be eligible under this Section, the Trustee may appoint a successor authenticating agent (which may be the Trustee), shall give written notice of such appointment to the Company and shall mail or transmit notice of such appointment to all Holders as the names and addresses of such Holders appear on the Note Register.

The Company agrees to pay to the authenticating agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services although the Company may terminate the authenticating agent, if it determines such agent’s fees to be unreasonable.

The provisions of Section 2.08, Section 7.02, Section 7.03 and Section 7.04 and this Section 12.15 shall be applicable to any authenticating agent.

If an authenticating agent is appointed pursuant to this Section 12.15, the Notes may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:

_____, as Authenticating Agent, certifies that this is one of the Notes described in the within-named Indenture.

By: _____
Authorized Officer

SECTION 12.16. Execution in Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

SECTION 12.17. Severability. In the event any provision of this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then (to the extent permitted by law) the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired.

SECTION 12.18. Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

SECTION 12.19. Force Majeure. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable best efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Indenture have caused it to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[_____],
as Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

EXHIBIT A

(Form of Face of Security)

[THIS SECURITY IS ISSUED IN GLOBAL FORM AND REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”) OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS THIS SECURITY IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC, TO THE COMPANY (AS DEFINED BELOW) OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY SECURITY ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO., OR 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.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR SECURITIES IN DEFINITIVE REGISTERED FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND OF THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED BELOW), THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY DTC TO A NOMINEE OF DTC OR BY A NOMINEE OF DTC TO DTC OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF DTC OR BY DTC OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITORY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITORY.]*

* Insert in Global Security only.

MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

% [SENIOR/SUBORDINATED] NOTE DUE

CUSIP:
ISIN:
Common Code:

Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, promises to pay to [Cede & Co.]* [], or registered assigns, the principal sum of Dollars on

Interest Payment Dates: and

Record Dates: and

Additional provisions of this Security are set forth on the reverse hereof.

* Insert in Global Security only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Security to be signed manually or by facsimile by its duly authorized officer.

MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated herein, referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

[_____],
as Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

**(Form of Reverse of Security)
MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

%[SENIOR/SUBORDINATED] NOTE DUE

1. Interest. Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (such corporation, and its successors and assigns under the Indenture referred to below, being herein called the “Company”), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Security at the interest rate per annum shown above. The Company will pay interest semiannually on and of each year. Interest on the Securities of this series will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for or, if no interest has been paid or duly provided for, from . Interest will be computed [on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months] [as set forth in the Officers’ Certificate or supplemental indenture delivered pursuant to the Indenture].

2. Method of Payment. The Company will pay interest on the Securities of this series (except defaulted interest) to the persons who are registered Holders of Securities of this series at the close of business on the record date next preceding the interest payment date even though such Securities are canceled after the record date and on or before the interest payment date. Holders must surrender Securities to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. The Company will pay principal and interest in money of the United States that at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. However, the Company may pay principal and interest by check payable in such money. It may mail an interest check to a Holder’s registered address.

3. Paying Agent, Registrar. Initially, [] (the “Trustee”), will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar without notice. The Company may act as Paying Agent, Registrar or co-registrar.

4. Indenture. The Company issued the Securities of this series under an Indenture dated as of [] (the “Indenture”) between the Company and the Trustee. The Securities are unsecured general obligations of the Company issued and to be issued in one or more series under the Indenture and may be issued in an unlimited principal amount. The terms of the Securities include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code Sections 77aaa-77bbb) (the “TIA”). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein are used as defined in the Indenture. The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Securityholders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of such terms.

5. Redemption. [Set forth redemption provision, if any.]

6. Denominations; Transfer; Exchange. The Securities of this series are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof [or as otherwise set forth in the Security]. The transfer of Securities may be registered and Securities may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company shall not be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Securities of a series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of any such Securities selected for redemption under Section 3.03 of the Indenture and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

7. Defeasance. Subject to certain conditions and unless otherwise provided in the terms of the Securities of this series, the Company at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Securities and the Indenture if the Company deposits with the Trustee money for the payment of principal and interest on the Securities to maturity.

8. Persons Deemed Owners. The registered Holder of a Security may be treated as its owner for all purposes, except that interest (other than defaulted interest) will be paid to the person that was the registered Holder on the relevant record date for such payment of interest.

9. Amendments and Waivers. Subject to certain exceptions, (i) the Indenture or the Securities may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of each series affected; and (ii) any existing default with respect to the Securities of this series may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series. Without the consent of any Securityholder, the Indenture or the Securities may be amended or supplemented to, among other things, cure any ambiguity, omission, defect, error or inconsistency, to provide for assumption of Company obligations by a successor to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities, to provide for guarantees with respect to, or security for, the Securities, or to comply with the TIA or to add additional covenants or surrender Company rights.

10. Remedies. If an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series may declare all the Securities of this series to be due and payable immediately. Securityholders may not enforce the Indenture or the Securities of this series except as provided in the Indenture. The Trustee may require an indemnity before it enforces the Indenture or the Securities. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of a series may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power with respect to such series. The Trustee may withhold from Securityholders notice of any continuing default (except a Default in payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interests. The Company must furnish an annual compliance certificate to the Trustee.

11. Subordination. [Set forth subordination provision, if any.]

12. Trustee Dealings with Company. Subject to the provisions of the TIA, the Trustee under the Indenture, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its affiliates, as if it were not Trustee. The Trustee will initially be [].

13. No Recourse Against Others. A director, officer, incorporator, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Securityholder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

14. Authentication. This Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

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

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers (or as to the accuracy of ISIN numbers, Common Code numbers or similar numbers) as printed on the Securities and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

THE COMPANY WILL FURNISH TO ANY SECURITYHOLDER UPON WRITTEN REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE A COPY OF THE INDENTURE, WHICH HAS IN IT THE TEXT OF THIS SECURITY, IN TWELVE-POINT TYPE. REQUESTS MAY BE MADE TO: [] TELEPHONE: [].

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Security, fill in the form below:

I or we assign and transfer this Security to

(Insert assignee's soc. sec or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

and irrevocably appoint agent to transfer this Security on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears
on the other side of this Security)

Signature Guarantee:

Signatures must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("*STAMP*") or such other "*signature guarantee program*" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, *STAMP*, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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January 26, 2018

Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.
300 George Street
Suite 301
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of a registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") on January 26, 2018, relating to the issuance and sale by the Company from time to time at an aggregate initial offering price of up to \$150,000,000 of (i) shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company ("Common Stock"), (ii) shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company ("Preferred Stock"), (iii) warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock and warrants to purchase shares of Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Warrants") and (iv) debt securities of the Company (the "Debt Securities" and, together with the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock and the Warrants, the "Securities"). The Debt Securities would be issued pursuant to an indenture (the "Base Indenture") and one or more supplemental indentures to be entered into between the Company and the trustee named therein.

We have examined copies of (i) the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, (ii) the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, (iii) the form of Base Indenture, (iv) the Registration Statement, (v) all relevant resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors and (vi) other records and documents that we have deemed necessary for the purpose of this opinion. We have also examined the form of the Debt Securities and the specimen Common Stock and are familiar with originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other documents, corporate records, papers, statutes and authorities as we have deemed necessary to form a basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed.

As to questions of fact material to the opinions expressed below, we have relied without independent check or verification upon certificates and comparable documents of public officials and officers and representatives of the Company and statements of fact contained in the documents we have examined. In our examination and in rendering our opinions contained herein, we have assumed (i) the genuineness of all signatures of all parties; (ii) the authenticity of all corporate records, documents, agreements, instruments and certificates submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents and agreements of all documents and agreements submitted to us as conformed, certified or photostatic copies and (iii) the capacity of natural persons.

NEW YORK WASHINGTON HOUSTON PARIS LONDON MILAN ROME FRANKFURT BRUSSELS
in alliance with Dickson Minto W.S., London and Edinburgh

In connection with the opinions expressed below, we have assumed that, at or prior to the time of the delivery of any Security, (i) the Company shall be validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) the Company shall have duly established the terms of such Security and duly authorized the issuance and sale of such Security and such authorization shall not have been modified or rescinded; (iii) each party to any document entered into in connection with the issuance or delivery of any such Security other than the Company shall have the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations in accordance with the documents to be executed by such parties, and we have also assumed that upon the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents that such documents shall constitute valid and binding obligations of such parties; (iv) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto shall be effective under the Act and comply with all applicable laws and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded; (v) the appropriate prospectus supplement, free writing prospectus or term sheet relating to the Securities offered thereby shall be prepared and filed with the Commission in compliance with the Act and shall comply with applicable laws at the time the Securities are offered or issued; (vi) such Security shall be issued and sold in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act and in compliance with the “blue sky” laws of certain states and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and any amendments and supplements thereto; (vii) there shall not have occurred any change in law affecting the validity or enforceability of such Security; (viii) at the time of an issuance of shares of Common Stock (including upon conversion, exercise or exchange of any other Security that provides for such conversion, exercise or exchange), as the case may be, there will be sufficient shares of Common Stock authorized under the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as restated and/or amended, and not otherwise issued or reserved for issuance; (ix) at the time of an issuance of shares of Preferred Stock (including upon conversion, exercise or exchange of any other Security that provides for such conversion, exercise or exchange), as the case may be, there will be sufficient shares of Preferred Stock authorized under the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as restated and/or amended, and not otherwise issued or reserved for issuance; (x) any Securities issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange of any Securities being offered or issued will be duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exercise or exchange and (xi) the Company shall have timely filed all necessary reports pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are incorporated into the Registration Statement by reference.

We have also assumed that none of the terms of any Security to be established subsequent to the date hereof, nor the issuance and delivery of such Security, nor the compliance by the Company with the terms of such Security nor the documents governing such Securities will violate any applicable law or will result in a violation of, or constitute a default or breach under, any provision of any instrument or agreement then binding upon the Company, any restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or any consent, approval, license, authorization or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, any governmental authority.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- (i) When an issuance of shares of Common Stock has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Act and, when such shares of Common Stock are issued, delivered and paid for as contemplated by the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with the applicable underwriting or other agreement, at not less than par value per share, such shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (ii) Upon (i) designation of the relative rights, preferences and limitations of any series of Preferred Stock and approval of the terms of the offering thereof and related matters on the part of the Company in accordance with the Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as restated and/or amended and (ii) the proper filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware of a Certificate of Designations relating to such series of Preferred Stock, and when the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Act, and when such shares of Preferred Stock are issued, delivered and paid for as contemplated by the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with the applicable underwriting or other agreement, at not less than par value per share, such shares of Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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- (iii) When (i) the Base Indenture and any supplemental indenture to be entered into in connection with the issuance of any Debt Security have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the relevant trustee and the Company and such Base Indenture, as supplemented, has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, (ii) the specific terms of a particular Debt Security have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and established in accordance with the Base Indenture and supplemental indenture, (iii) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Act and (iv) such Debt Security has been duly executed, authenticated, issued, delivered and paid for as contemplated by the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with the Base Indenture and supplemental indenture and the applicable underwriting or other agreement, such Debt Security will constitute a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- (iv) When (i) the creation of and the issuance and terms of the Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly approved by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, (ii) the warrant agreement or agreements relating to the Warrants have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the warrant agent appointed by the Company, (iii) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Act, and (iv) the Warrants or certificates representing the Warrants have been duly executed, authenticated, issued, delivered and paid for as contemplated by the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with the applicable underwriting or other agreement, the Warrants will be validly issued and will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms.

This opinion is limited to the laws of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal securities laws of the United States of America and to the specific legal matters expressly addressed herein, and no opinion is expressed or implied with respect to the laws of any other jurisdiction or any legal matter not expressly addressed herein.

The opinions set forth in paragraphs (iii) and (iv) above are qualified in that the legality or enforceability of the documents referred to therein may be (a) subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (b) limited insofar as the remedies of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and the discretion of the court before which any enforcement thereof may be sought and (c) subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity) including principles of commercial reasonableness or conscionability and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Insofar as provisions of any of the documents referenced in this opinion letter provide for indemnification or contribution, the enforcement thereof may be limited by public policy considerations.

The opinions expressed herein are given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update or supplement such opinions after the date hereof.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit 5 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to us under the heading "Legal Matters" in the prospectus included as part of the Registration Statement. 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 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated May 10, 2017 (December 5, 2017 as to the basic and diluted net loss per share information included in the statement of operations and described in Note 19, and as to the industry segment and geographic information included in Note 2 to the audited consolidated financial statements), relating to the financial statements of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes an explanatory paragraph referring to a going concern uncertainty) appearing in the Current Report on Form 8-K/A of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. dated December 5, 2017 for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, and to the reference to us under the heading “Experts” in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, IL

January 26, 2018

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. of our report dated February 28, 2017 relating to the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Cempra, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
January 26, 2018

Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption “Experts” in this Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. for the registration of common stock, preferred stock, warrants, and debt securities and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated November 3, 2017, with respect to the combined financial statements of The Infectious Disease Businesses of The Medicines Company included in Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.’s Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated December 15, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Iselin, New Jersey
January 26, 2018