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

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**FORM 8-K**

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **September 8, 2015**

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**Meta Financial Group, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-22140**  
(Commission File Number)

**42-1406262**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**5501 South Broadband Lane, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(605) 782-1767**

**Not Applicable**  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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## **Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

### *Closing of the Acquisition*

On September 8, 2015 (the “Closing Date”), Meta Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”), and its wholly-owned subsidiary, MetaBank, closed the transactions (the “Asset Purchase Transactions”) contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement (the “Asset Purchase Agreement”), dated as of July 15, 2015, by and among the Company, MetaBank, Fort Knox Financial Services Corporation, a Kentucky corporation (“Fort Knox”), Tax Product Services LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Fort Knox (“TPS” and together with Fort Knox, the “Sellers”), Alan D. Lodge Family Trust, Michael E. Boone, Michael J. Boone, and Cary Shields (together, the “Shareholders”), and Alan D. Lodge, individually. Pursuant to the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, MetaBank acquired substantially all of the assets, and assumed specified liabilities, of the Sellers relating to their business.

Under the Asset Purchase Agreement, at the closing of the transactions on September 8, 2015, the Company issued, at the direction of the Sellers, an aggregate of 581,260 shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”), in the names of the Shareholders and paid to the Sellers an aggregate of approximately \$26 million in cash, \$5 million of which the Company deposited into an escrow account, pursuant to the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, to secure the indemnification obligations of the Sellers and the Shareholders.

The terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement are more fully described in, and a copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement was filed as an exhibit to, the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on July 16, 2015.

Also on September 8, 2015, the Company closed the previously announced private placement transactions (the “Private Placements”) pursuant to which the Company sold, on September 8, 2015, to accredited investors an aggregate of 606,784 shares of Common Stock, for aggregate consideration of approximately \$26 million. The shares were issued pursuant to ten separate securities purchase agreements (the “Securities Purchase Agreements”) entered into between June 25 and July 16, 2015 by the Company and the following investors: Consector Partners Master Fund, LP; entities affiliated with Philadelphia Financial Management of San Francisco, LLC; Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P. and Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P. (the “Patriot Investors”); Hawk Ridge Master Fund LP; Fort George Investments, LLC; Nantahala Capital Partners SI, LP; Blackwell Partners LLC Series A; Nantahala Capital Partners II Limited Partnership; Silver Creek CS SAV, L.L.C.; and Nantahala Capital Partners Limited Partnership (collectively, the “Buyers”). The purchase price per share was determined based upon the most recent closing price at the time the Company and the Buyers entered into the Securities Purchase Agreements. The proceeds from these stock issuances were used to finance the Asset Purchase Transactions and for general corporate purposes.

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The aggregate shares of Common Stock issued under the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Securities Purchase Agreements represent approximately 17% of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of the foregoing transactions.

At the closing of the Private Placements, the Company and each of the Buyers entered into separate registration rights agreements (each, a “Registration Rights Agreement”), the form of which was attached as Exhibit A to each Securities Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreements, the Company agreed to prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement covering the resale of shares of Common Stock purchased by the Buyers at such closing within 30 days after such closing, subject to limited specified exceptions, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective within 120 days of such closing or the Company would be obligated to pay to the Buyers liquidated damages in certain circumstances.

At the closing of the Private Placements, the Company and the Patriot Investors also entered into an investor rights agreement (the “Investor Rights Agreement”). The Investor Rights Agreement provides the Patriot Investors with the right to periodically meet with certain members of the Company’s management to discuss the operations, strategy and policies of the Company and its subsidiaries and to receive certain monthly financial statements, in each case so long as the Patriot Investors (or their affiliates), continue to hold at least 75% of the shares of Common Stock held by the Patriot Investors immediately following the closing of the Private Placements.

The foregoing descriptions of the Registration Rights Agreements and Investor Rights Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full agreements, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1 through 10.11 and are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the press release announcing the closing of the Asset Purchase Transactions and the Private Placements is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

To the extent required by Item 2.01 of Form 8-K, the information relating to the consummation of the Asset Purchase Transactions contained or incorporated in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.01.

**Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

As discussed above, on September 8, 2015, the Company and MetaBank closed the Asset Purchase Transactions contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Company closed the Private Placements pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreements. Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, the Company issued an aggregate of 581,260 shares of Common Stock to the Shareholders, and pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreements the Company issued an aggregate of 606,784 shares of Common Stock to the investors in the Private Placements. To the extent required by Item 3.02 of Form 8-K, the information disclosed under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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The issuance of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Securities Purchase Agreements described herein was undertaken by the Company without registration, in private placement transactions, in reliance upon Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), and Rule 506 of Regulation D as promulgated by the SEC under the 1933 Act. The Company relied on such exemptions based in part on representations made by the Sellers, the Shareholders and the investors in the Private Placements, including representations with respect to such person’s status as an accredited investor and investment intent with respect to the shares to be sold pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Securities Purchase Agreements, as applicable.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired**

The Company intends to file the consolidated financial statements of Fort Knox and TPS required by Item 9.01(a) as part of an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K not later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

**(b) Pro Forma Financial Information**

The Company intends to furnish the pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01(b) as an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K not later than 71 days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed.

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(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Registration Rights Agreement by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc. and Fort George Investments, LLC, dated as of September 8, 2015
  - 10.2 Registration Rights Agreement by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc. and Nantahala Capital Partners SI, LP, dated as of September 8, 2015
  - 10.3 Registration Rights Agreement by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc. and Blackwell Partners LLC Series A, dated as of September 8, 2015
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  - 10.8 Registration Rights Agreement by and among Meta Financial Group, Inc. and Boathouse Row I, LP, Boathouse Row II, LP, Boathouse Row Offshore, Ltd. and OC 532 Offshore Fund, Ltd., dated as of September 8, 2015
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  - 99.1 Press Release of Meta Financial Group, Inc. dated September 8, 2015.
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## SIGNATURES

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

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Glen W. Herrick

Glen W. Herrick

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Date: September 8, 2015

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “ Agreement ”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “ Company ”), and Fort George Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “ Buyer ”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “ Securities Purchase Agreement ”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“ 120-Day Deadline ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“ Affiliate ” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“ Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Black Out Period ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“ Business Day ” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“ Buyer ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Closing Date ” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“ Common Stock ” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“ Rule 144 ” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“ SEC ” or “ Commission ” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“ Securities Purchase Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“ Selling Expenses ” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“ Shares ” means the 18,160 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“ Trading Markets ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“ Violation ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1      Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “ Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.



2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

**SECTION 3.**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Fort George Investments, LLC  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

FORT GEORGE INVESTMENTS, LLC

By: Corbin Capital Partners Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Anthony Anselmo

Name: Anthony Anselmo

Title: Chief Operating Officer

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Nantahala Capital Partners SI, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the “Buyer”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“120-Day Deadline” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Affiliate” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Black Out Period” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“Buyer” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.



“ Rule 144 ” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“ SEC ” or “ Commission ” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“ Securities Purchase Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“ Selling Expenses ” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“ Shares ” means the 17,573 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“ Trading Markets ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“ Violation ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1      Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “ Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.



(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

**SECTION 3.**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Nantahala Capital Partners SI, LP  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

NANTAHALA CAPITAL PARTNERS SI, LP

By: Nantahala Capital Management, LLC

Its: Investment Manager

By: /s/ Wilmot Harkey

Name: Wilmot Harkey

Title: Manager

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “ Agreement ”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “ Company ”), and Blackwell Partners LLC Series A, a Delaware limited liability company (the “ Buyer ”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “ Securities Purchase Agreement ”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“ 120-Day Deadline ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“ Affiliate ” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“ Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Black Out Period ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“ Business Day ” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“ Buyer ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Closing Date ” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“ Common Stock ” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“ Rule 144 ” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“ SEC ” or “ Commission ” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“ Securities Purchase Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“ Selling Expenses ” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“ Shares ” means the 14,868 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“ Trading Markets ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“ Violation ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1      Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “ Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).



(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

**SECTION 3.**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.



3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Blackwell Partners LLC Series A  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr  
Name: J. Tyler Haahr  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

BLACKWELL PARTNERS LLC SERIES A

By: /s/ Justin B. Nixon  
Name: Justin B. Nixon  
Title: Investment Manager  
DUMAC, Inc.  
Authorized Agent

By: /s/ Jannine M. Lall  
Name: Jannine M. Lall  
Title: Assistant Treasurer  
DUMAC, Inc.  
Authorized Agent

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “ Agreement ”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “ Company ”), and Nantahala Capital Partners II Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (the “ Buyer ”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “ Securities Purchase Agreement ”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“ 120-Day Deadline ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“ Affiliate ” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“ Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Black Out Period ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“ Business Day ” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“ Buyer ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Closing Date ” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

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“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“ Rule 144 ” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“ SEC ” or “ Commission ” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“ Securities Purchase Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“ Selling Expenses ” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“ Shares ” means the 8,611 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“ Trading Markets ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“ Violation ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1      Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “ Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.



2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

### **SECTION 3.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:



If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Nantahala Capital Partners II Limited Partnership  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

NANTAHALA CAPITAL PARTNERS II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Nantahala Capital Management, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Wilmot Harkey

Name: Wilmot Harkey

Title: Manager

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Silver Creek CS SAV, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the “Buyer”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“120-Day Deadline” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Affiliate” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Black Out Period” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“Buyer” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“SEC” or “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Securities Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“Selling Expenses” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“Shares” means the 7,510 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“Trading Markets” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“Violation” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1      Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.



(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

**SECTION 3.**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Silver Creek CS SAV, L.L.C.  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.



3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr  
Name: J. Tyler Haahr  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

SILVER CREEK CS SAV, L.L.C.

By: Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
Its: Investment Manager

By: /s/ Wilmot Harkey  
Name: Wilmot Harkey  
Title: Manager

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “ Agreement ”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “ Company ”), and Nantahala Capital Partners Limited Partnership, a Massachusetts limited partnership (the “ Buyer ”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “ Securities Purchase Agreement ”), dated as of July 7, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“ 120-Day Deadline ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“ Affiliate ” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“ Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Black Out Period ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“ Business Day ” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“ Buyer ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Closing Date ” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“ Common Stock ” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“SEC” or “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Securities Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“Selling Expenses” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“Shares” means the 4,184 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“Trading Markets” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“Violation” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1 Registration Statement.**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.



2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

### **SECTION 3.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Nantahala Capital Partners Limited Partnership  
c/o Nantahala Capital Management, LLC  
19 Old Kings Highway S, Suite 200  
Darien, CT 06820  
Facsimile: (267) 295-6119  
Attention: Wilmot Harkey

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER :**

NANTAHALA CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Nantahala Capital Management, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Wilmot Harkey

Name: Wilmot Harkey

Title: Manager

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Consector Partners Master Fund, LP, a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the “Buyer”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”), dated as of June 25, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.  
GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“120-Day Deadline” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Affiliate” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Black Out Period” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“Buyer” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“ Rule 144 ” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“ SEC ” or “ Commission ” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“ Securities Act ” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“ Securities Purchase Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“ Selling Expenses ” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“ Shares ” means the 186,134 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“ Trading Markets ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“ Violation ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1 Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “ Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.



(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

### **SECTION 3.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Consector Capital, LP  
712 Fifth Avenue – 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10019  
Facsimile: (646) 650 - 5464  
Attention: William J. Black, Jr.

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Consector Capital, LP  
712 Fifth Avenue – 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10019  
Facsimile: (646) 650 – 5464  
Attention: Timothy J. Stewart

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER:**

CONSECTOR PARTNERS MASTER FUND, LP

By: Consector Advisors, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Timothy J. Stewart

Name: Timothy J. Stewart

Title: Authorized Signer

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and among Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Boathouse Row I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, Boathouse Row II, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, Boathouse Row Offshore Ltd., an entity organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and OC 532 Offshore Fund, Ltd., an entity organized and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands (each, a “Buyer” and, collectively, the “Buyers”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”), dated as of June 25, 2015, by and among the Company and the Buyers; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyers’ investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyers as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.  
GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“120-Day Deadline” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Affiliate” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Black Out Period” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“Buyer” and “Buyers” shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the preamble hereof.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

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“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyers and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“SEC” or “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Securities Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“Selling Expenses” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“Shares” means the 139,601 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyers on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“Trading Markets” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“Violation” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1 Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.



(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

### **SECTION 3.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyers (or any Buyer):

Boathouse Row I, LP  
Boathouse Row II, LP  
Boathouse Row Offshore Ltd.  
OC 532 Offshore Fund, Ltd.  
c/o Philadelphia Financial Management of San Francisco  
450 Sansome Street, Suite 1500  
San Francisco, California 94111  
Facsimile: (415) 352-4473  
Attention: Rachael Clarke

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements among the Buyers, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor any Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words “hereof,” “herein” and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word “including” in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYERS:**

BOATHOUSE ROW I, LP

By: Philadelphia Financial Management of  
San Francisco, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Jordan Hymowitz

Name: Jordan Hymowitz

Title: Managing Member

BOATHOUSE ROW II, LP

By: Philadelphia Financial Management of  
San Francisco, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Jordan Hymowitz

Name: Jordan Hymowitz

Title: Managing Member

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BOATHOUSE ROW OFFSHORE LTD.

By: Philadelphia Financial Management of  
San Francisco, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Jordan Hymowitz

Name: Jordan Hymowitz

Title: Managing Member

OC 532 OFFSHORE FUND, LTD.

By: Philadelphia Financial Management of  
San Francisco, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Jordan Hymowitz

Name: Jordan Hymowitz

Title: Managing Member

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and among Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (each, a “Buyer” and, collectively, the “Buyers”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”), dated as of June 25, 2015, by and among the Company and the Buyers; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyers’ investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyers as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.  
GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“120-Day Deadline” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Affiliate” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Black Out Period” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“Buyer” and “Buyers” shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the preamble hereof.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

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“Common Stock” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyers and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“SEC” or “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Securities Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“Selling Expenses” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“Shares” means the 116,334 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyers on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“Trading Markets” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“Violation” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1     Registration Statement .**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder's registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

2.7 Indemnification. In the event any Registrable Securities are included in a registration statement under this Section 2:

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a "Violation"): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder's obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder's untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim; provided that nothing herein shall require either the indemnifying party or the indemnified party to waive any attorney-client privilege or attorney's duty of confidentiality or confidential treatment, and that the obligations set forth in this sentence shall be null and void and of no force and effect in the event that either such party has been advised in writing by counsel that a reasonable likelihood exists of a material conflict of interest between the indemnified party and indemnifying party. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.



(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

**SECTION 3.**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyers (or any Buyer):

Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.  
Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P.  
Circa Center  
2929 Arch Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Facsimile: (215) 399-4670  
Attention: David J. Honold

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Covington & Burling LLP  
One CityCenter  
850 Tenth Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Facsimile: (202) 662-6291  
Attention: Frank M. Conner III  
Michael P. Reed

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements among the Buyers, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor any Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words "hereof," "herein" and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word "including" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYERS:**

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff

Name: W. Kirk Wycoff

Title: Managing Partner

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS PARALLEL II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff

Name: W. Kirk Wycoff

Title: Managing Partner

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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**REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “ Agreement ”), dated as of September 8, 2015, by and between Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “ Company ”), and Hawk Ridge Master Fund LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the “ Buyer ”).

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is being entered into pursuant to the provisions of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “ Securities Purchase Agreement ”), dated as of June 29, 2015, by and between the Company and the Buyer; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Buyer’s investment in the Company pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement in order to grant certain registration rights to the Buyer as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION 1.**  
**GENERAL**

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

“ 120-Day Deadline ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“ Affiliate ” of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such particular Person or entity.

“ Agreement ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Black Out Period ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.11(a) hereof.

“ Business Day ” means any day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks are required or permitted to be closed in the State of New York.

“ Buyer ” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“ Closing Date ” means the date on which the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement occurs.

“ Common Stock ” means shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

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“Company” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble hereof.

“Event” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Event Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(b) hereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Holder” or “Holders” means the Buyer and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 2.8 hereof.

“Mandatory Registration Statement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a) hereof.

“Misstatement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.4 hereof.

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

“Register,” “registered,” and “registration” shall refer to a registration effected by preparing and filing a registration statement in compliance with the Securities Act, and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such registration statement.

“Registrable Securities” means (a) the Shares, and (b) any Common Stock issued as (or issuable upon the conversion or exercise of any warrant, right, preferred stock or other security which is issued as) a dividend or other distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of, the Shares held by the Holders; provided, however, that Registrable Securities shall not include any shares of Common Stock (i) which have been sold or otherwise disposed of either pursuant to a registration statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act; (ii) which have been sold in a private transaction in which the transferor’s rights under this Agreement are not assigned in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) which may be sold by the Holder in question pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements.

“Registration Expenses” means all expenses incurred by the Company in effecting any registration pursuant to this Agreement (including any Mandatory Registration Statement), including, without limitation, all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, blue sky fees and expenses, and expenses of the Company’s independent accountants in connection with any regular or special reviews or audits incident to or required by any such registration, and any other Persons retained by the Company and the compensation of regular employees of the Company, which shall be paid in any event by the Company, but shall not include Selling Expenses.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor rule.

“SEC” or “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or similar federal statute, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time.

“Securities Purchase Agreement” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the recitals hereof.

“Selling Expenses” means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, fees of underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder.

“Shares” means the 93,809 shares of Common Stock issued by the Company to the Buyer on the Closing Date pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement.

“Trading Markets” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.3(g) hereof.

“Violation” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.7(a) hereof.

## **SECTION 2.** **REGISTRATION**

### **2.1 Registration Statement.**

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.3 below, the Company shall file with the SEC within thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective by the SEC as soon as practicable after the date of such filing, and in any event within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date, a registration statement on Form S-1 or Form S-3 with respect to the resale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders thereof. The Company shall also, once such registration statement becomes effective, maintain the effectiveness of the registration effected pursuant to this Section 2.1 and keep such registration statement free of any material misstatements or omissions at all times, subject only to the limitations set forth herein, including pursuant to Section 2.4 hereof. The registration statement contemplated by this Section 2.1 is referred to herein as the “Mandatory Registration Statement.” The Company shall cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to remain effective until such date as is the earlier of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in the registration statement shall have been sold or shall have otherwise ceased to be Registrable Securities and (ii) the date on which all remaining Registrable Securities may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without volume restrictions or public information requirements and any and all restrictive legends with respect to restrictions on transferability under the Securities Act have been removed from the Shares (provided that removal of such legends shall not be a condition to the Company’s right to cause the Mandatory Registration Statement to no longer remain effective if the Holders shall fail to promptly take such reasonable actions as the Company shall reasonably request to facilitate removal of the restrictive legends).

(b) If: (i) the Mandatory Registration Statement is not filed on or prior to thirty (30) calendar days after the Closing Date (subject to the provisions of Section 2.11), or (ii) the Company fails to file with the Commission a request for acceleration in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act, within five (5) Business Days after the date that the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the Commission that the Mandatory Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or not be subject to further review, or (iii) the Mandatory Registration Statement filed or required to be filed hereunder is not declared effective by the Commission within 120 calendar days after the Closing Date (the “120-Day Deadline”), or (iv) in the event that, after the 120-Day Deadline, the Registrable Securities have not been listed on the Trading Markets (as defined below), or (v) after the 120-Day Deadline, the Mandatory Registration Statement ceases for any reason to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities for which it is required to be effective, or the Holders are otherwise not permitted to utilize the prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (except as may be restricted pursuant to Section 2.4 or 2.11) for more than 14 consecutive calendar days or more than an aggregate of 20 calendar days during any 12-month period (which need not be consecutive calendar days) (any such failure or breach being referred to as an “Event”, and for purposes of clause (i), (iii) or (iv) the date on which such Event occurs, or for purposes of clause (ii) the date on which such five (5) Business Day period is exceeded, or for purposes of clause (v) the date on which such 14 or 20 calendar day period, as applicable, is exceeded being referred to as the “Event Date”), then in addition to any other rights a Holder may have hereunder or under applicable law, on each such Event Date and on the expiration of each thirty (30) day period following such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the earlier of the date on which the applicable Event is cured or such Holder no longer owns Registrable Securities, the Company shall pay to such Holder an amount in cash, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty, equal to two and one-half percent (2.50%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder for all Registrable Securities then held by such Holder. If the Company fails to pay any partial liquidated damages pursuant to this Section in full within seven calendar days after the date payable hereunder, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of 18% per annum (or, to the extent such amount exceeds the maximum amount that is permitted to be paid under applicable law, such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the Holder, accruing daily from the date such partial liquidated damages are due hereunder until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall liquidated damages or any interest thereon accrue, nor shall the Company have any payment or other obligations pursuant to this Section 2.1(b), with respect to more than one Event at any time. The partial liquidated damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event.

2.2 Expenses of Registration. All reasonable Registration Expenses incurred in connection with any registration hereunder shall be borne by the Company. All Selling Expenses incurred in connection with any registrations hereunder shall be borne by the Holders of the Registrable Securities so registered pro rata on the basis of the number of shares so registered.

2.3 Additional Obligations of the Company. The Company shall:

(a) At least three (3) Business Days before filing the Mandatory Registration Statement, furnish to counsel selected by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports that have been filed via EDGAR which may be incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference thereto), and the Company shall in good faith consider any reasonable comments of such counsel received at least one (1) Business Day prior to filing.

(b) Promptly notify the Holders when the Mandatory Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission. The Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to the registration statement or any amendments thereto and shall furnish to the Holders, upon request, any comments of the Commission staff regarding the Holders. The Company shall promptly file with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act after the Company concludes that the staff of the Commission has no further comments on the filing.

(c) Furnish to the Holders such number of copies of a prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and such other documents as they may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities owned by them.

(d) Use commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement under such other securities or Blue Sky laws of such U.S. jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders unless an exemption from registration and qualification exists; provided that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to qualify to do business, file a general consent to service of process or subject itself to general taxation in any such states or jurisdictions.

(e) Promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities covered by the Mandatory Registration Statement at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances then existing (provided that in no event shall such notice contain any material, non-public information regarding the Company) and, when such state of facts no longer exists whether due to passage of time or filing of supplemental disclosure by the Company, the Company shall promptly furnish to each such Holder a reasonable number of copies of any supplement or amendment to such prospectus filed by the Company.

(f) Use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of the Mandatory Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction in the United States, and in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement, or any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any equity securities included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain promptly the withdrawal of such order.

(g) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Shares to be listed on each securities exchange on which the same class of securities issued by the Company are then listed (collectively, the “Trading Markets”), including, without limitation, by the filing of any required additional listing applications.

(h) Use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Holders who hold Registrable Securities being offered and, to the extent applicable, facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legend) representing the Registrable Securities sold pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement, and enable such certificates to be in such denominations or amounts, as the case may be, as the Holders may reasonably request and registered in such names as the Holders may request.

(i) Provide and cause to be maintained a registrar and transfer agent for all Registrable Securities covered by any registration statement from and after a date not later than the effective date of the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(j) Not, nor shall any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, identify any Holder as an underwriter in any public disclosure or filing with the SEC or the NASDAQ Stock Market or any other securities exchange or market without the consent of such Holder except as required by law.

2.4 Suspension of Sales. Upon receipt of written notice from the Company that the Mandatory Registration Statement or a prospectus relating thereto contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading (a “Misstatement”), each Holder of Registrable Securities shall forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities until such Holder has received copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus that corrects such Misstatement, or until such Holder is advised in writing by the Company that the use of the prospectus may be resumed, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder shall deliver to the Company all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder’s possession, of the prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. The total number of calendar days that any such suspension may be in effect in any 365 day period shall not exceed 90 days.

2.5 Termination of Registration Rights. A Holder’s registration rights under this Agreement, including any right to payment under Section 2.1(b), shall expire on the date on which such Holder ceases to own Registrable Securities or securities that are expressly convertible into or exercisable for Registrable Securities.

2.6 Furnishing Information. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this Agreement that the selling Holders shall furnish to the Company such information regarding themselves, the Registrable Securities held by them and the intended method of disposition of such securities as shall be required to effect the registration of their Registrable Securities.

(a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Holder and each person, if any, who controls such Holder within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (joint or several) to which they may become subject under the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Exchange Act or other federal or state law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any of the following statements, omissions or violations (collectively, a “Violation”): (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or any other federal or state securities law in connection with the registration of the Registrable Securities; and the Company will pay to each such Holder or controlling person, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(a) shall not apply to any Holder (or any related controlling person) with respect to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), nor shall the Company be liable in any such case for any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action to the extent that it arises out of or is based upon a Violation which occurs (i) solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished expressly for use in connection with such registration statement (including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus) or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto by such Holder or controlling person, (ii) as a result of any failure of such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iii) as a result of a violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder’s obligations under Section 2.4 hereof.

(b) To the extent permitted by law and provided that such Holder is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 2.7(a) above with respect to such matter, each selling Holder (severally and not jointly) shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, officers, persons, if any, who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, any other Holder selling securities in such registration statement and any controlling person of any such other Holder, against any losses, claims, damages, or liabilities to which any of the foregoing persons may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state securities law, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any (i) untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact regarding such Holder and provided in writing by such Holder expressly for use in connection with a registration statement which is contained in such registration statement, including any related preliminary prospectus or final prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, (ii) the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii), to the extent (and only to the extent) that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by such Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration statement, preliminary or final prospectus, amendment or supplement thereto, (iii) any failure by such Holder or controlling person to deliver or cause to be delivered a prospectus made available by the Company in a timely manner, or (iv) violation by such Holder or controlling person of such Holder’s obligations under Section 2.4 hereof; and each such Holder will pay, as incurred, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by any Person intended to be indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.7(b) in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, or action as a result of such Holder’s untrue statement, omission, failure or violation; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.7(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, that, (x) the indemnification obligations in this Section 2.7(b) shall be individual and ratable not joint and several for each Holder and (y) in no event shall the aggregate of all indemnification payments by any Holder under this Section 2.7(b) exceed the net proceeds from the offering received by such Holder.

(c) Promptly after an indemnified party under this Section 2.7 becomes aware of any matter that such indemnified party believes will entitle such party to indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.7, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.7, deliver to the indemnifying party a written notice thereof and the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in, and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly noticed, to assume the defense of the action in question (including any governmental action) with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties which may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by the indemnifying party, if (i) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense of such claim within twenty (20) days after receipt of notice of the claim and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, as the case may be; or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of counsel retained by the indemnifying party, representation of such indemnified party by such counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such proceeding. The indemnified party shall cooperate fully with the indemnifying party in connection with any negotiation or defense of any such action or claim by the indemnifying party and shall furnish to the indemnifying party all information reasonably available to the indemnified party which relates to such action or claim. The indemnifying party shall keep the indemnified party reasonably apprised of the status of the defense or any settlement negotiations with respect thereto. No indemnifying party shall be liable for any settlement of any action, claim or proceeding effected without its prior written consent; provided, however, that the indemnifying party shall not unreasonably withhold, delay or condition its consent. The failure to deliver written notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall not relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnified party under this Section 2.7, except to the extent such failure to give notice actually and materially prejudices the indemnifying party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 2.7 is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to an indemnified party with respect to any loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense referred to therein, then the indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party hereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount that any Holder will be obligated to contribute pursuant to this Section 2.7(d) will be limited to an amount equal to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities sold by such Holder pursuant to the registration statement which gives rise to such obligation to contribute (less the aggregate amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay in respect of such loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense or any substantially similar loss, liability, claim, damage, or expense arising from the sale of such Registrable Securities). No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution hereunder from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) The obligations of the Company and Holders under this Section 2.7 shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration statement under this Section 2, and otherwise.

2.8 Assignment of Registration Rights. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned by a Holder to a transferee or assignee of Registrable Securities if (a) such transferee is an Affiliate, subsidiary or parent company of a party hereto, or (b) such transferee acquires at least 25% of the Registrable Securities then owned by such Holder; provided, that (i) the transferor shall furnish to the Company written notice at or prior to the time of transfer of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned, (ii) such transferee shall agree in writing to be subject to all restrictions set forth in this Agreement in the same capacity and to the same extent as the transferring Holder; and (iii) immediately following such transfer or assignment the further disposition of such securities by the transferee or assignee is restricted under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and such transferee shall acknowledge, immediately following such assignment, that the further disposition of such securities by such assignee is restricted under the Securities Act.

2.9 Rule 144 Reporting. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC which may permit the sale of the Registrable Securities to the public without registration, the Company agrees, so long as shares of Registrable Securities are outstanding, to use its reasonable best efforts to:



(a) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Securities Act Rule 144 or any similar or analogous rule promulgated under the Securities Act, at all times after the effective date of this Agreement;

(b) file with the SEC, in a timely manner, all annual and quarterly reports required of the Company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish to such Holder forthwith upon request a written statement by the Company as to its compliance with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and of the Exchange Act; a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company; and such other reports and documents as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing it to sell any such securities without registration.

#### 2.10 Obligations of the Holders.

(a) Each Holder shall furnish in writing to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it as shall be reasonably required to effect the registration of such Registrable Securities and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request in connection therewith. Upon the execution of this Agreement, each Holder shall complete, execute and deliver to the Company a selling securityholder notice and questionnaire in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of any registration statement, the Company shall notify each Holder of any additional information the Company requires from such Holder if such Holder elects to have any of the Registrable Securities included in such registration statement. A Holder shall provide such information to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement. Each holder agrees that, in connection with any sale of Registrable Securities by it pursuant to a registration statement, it shall comply with the "Plan of Distribution" section of the then current prospectus relating to such registration statement.

(b) Each Holder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement hereunder, unless such Holder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from the Mandatory Registration Statement.

(c) Each Holder covenants and agrees that it shall comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Mandatory Registration Statement (including any related prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto.

#### 2.11 Suspension of Registration Rights.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the Company shall at any time furnish to the Holders a certificate signed by any of its authorized officers (a “Suspension Notice”) stating that the Company is engaged in a material merger, acquisition or sale, or a pending material financing, material corporate reorganization or other material corporate transaction, and the Board of Directors of the Company determines, in good faith and by appropriate resolution after consultation with its outside counsel, that the filing of the Mandatory Registration Statement would require additional disclosure of material information that would be materially detrimental to the Company, then the right of the Holders to require the Company to file the Mandatory Registration Statement shall be suspended for a period (a “Black Out Period”) of not more than sixty (60) days in the aggregate in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive-day period (and no more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days in any three hundred and sixty (360) consecutive day period).

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.11, the Company shall not impose any Black Out Period in a manner that is more restrictive (including, without limitation, as to duration) than the comparable restrictions that the Company may impose on transfers of the Company’s equity securities by its directors and senior executive officers.

(c) If the public announcement of the applicable material transaction or material, nonpublic information is made during a Black Out Period, then the Black Out Period shall terminate without any further action of the parties and the Company shall immediately notify the Holders of such termination.

### **SECTION 3.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

3.1 Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties (including, subject to Section 2.8, transferees of Registrable Securities). Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

3.2 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

3.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument

3.4 Titles and Subtitles. The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are used for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement

3.5 Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) upon receipt, when delivered personally; (ii) upon receipt, when sent by facsimile (provided confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party); or (iii) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses and facsimile numbers for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Meta Financial Group, Inc.  
5501 S. Broadband Lane  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108  
Facsimile: (605) 338-0596  
Attention: J. Tyler Haahr

with a copy (for informational purposes only) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP  
2900 K Street, NW  
North Tower, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20007  
Facsimile: (202) 339-8281  
Attention: Jeffrey M. Werthan, Esq.

If to the Buyer:

Hawk Ridge Master Fund LP  
12400 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 820  
Los Angeles, CA 90025  
Facsimile: (213) 402-7727  
Attention: Eric Wolff  
David Bradley

or to such other address and/or facsimile number and/or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party pursuant to this Section.

3.6 Expenses. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.

3.7 Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the prior written consent of the Company and a majority-in-interest of the Holders.

3.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

3.9 Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other prior oral or written agreements between the Buyer, the Company, their Affiliates and Persons acting on their behalf with respect to the matters discussed herein, and this Agreement and the instruments referenced herein contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and therein and, except as specifically set forth herein or therein, neither the Company nor the Buyer makes any representation, warranty, covenant or undertaking with respect to such matters.

3.10 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate and be of no further legal force and effect when all of the Registrable Securities shall no longer be or constitute Registrable Securities in accordance with the definition thereof set forth in Section 1.1; provided, however, that the provisions of Section 2.2, Section 2.7 and Section 3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.11 Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (a) all references to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits are to Sections, Schedules, Appendices or Exhibits contained in or attached to this Agreement, (b) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, (c) the words "hereof," "herein" and words of similar effect shall reference this Agreement in its entirety, and (d) the use of the word "including" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

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

**COMPANY:**

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**BUYER:**

HAWK RIDGE MASTER FUND LP

By: /s/ Eric Wolff

Name: Eric Wolff

Title: Principal

[ *Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement* ]

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September 8, 2015

Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P.  
Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P.  
Cira Center  
2929 Arch Street, 28th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Attention: W. Kirk Wykoff

Dear Mr. Wykoff:

Reference is made to that certain Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”), dated as of June 25, 2015, by and among Meta Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), Patriot Financial Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Patriot Financial Partners Parallel II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (collectively, the “Buyers”). Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Purchase Agreement.

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, on the date hereof the Buyers are acquiring from the Company the Placement Shares, which, together with the 135,000 shares of Common Stock (the “Existing Shares”) held by the Buyers (or either of them) and their respective Affiliates on the date hereof (representing all of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned (determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the 1934 Act) by the Buyers and their Affiliates on the date hereof), represent approximately 3% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company (after giving effect to the issuance of the Placement Shares under the Purchase Agreement and the transactions contemplated by the Other Private Placements). As an inducement to the Buyers to enter into the Purchase Agreement and to acquire the Placement Shares upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, the Company has agreed to enter into this letter agreement (this “Agreement”), which is referred to in the Purchase Agreement as the Investor Rights Agreement, at the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, “Placement Shares” shall mean the 116,334 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

1. Management Meetings. The Company hereby covenants and agrees that for so long as the Buyers and their Affiliates (collectively, the “Investors”) continue to hold at least the Threshold Amount (as defined below), one or more representatives of the Buyers shall have the right to periodically meet with the President, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company for the purpose of discussing the operations, strategy (including acquisitions and divestitures), and policies of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Meta Companies”) on a basis consistent with the parameters set forth in the Policy Statement on Equity Investments in Banks and Bank Holding Companies issued by the Federal Reserve, 12 C.F.R. §225.144. Such meetings (each, a “Management Meeting”) shall be scheduled upon the request of the Buyers and shall be held at a time and place mutually agreeable to the Company and the Buyers (and in an absence of agreement regarding location, the Management Meeting shall be held at the Company’s Sioux Falls, South Dakota executive offices), or such Management Meeting may be held by telephone conference. The Company shall have no obligation to schedule a Management Meeting more frequently than once during each fiscal quarter, though the parties acknowledge that more frequent calls or meetings may occur as may be mutually agreed to by the Company and the Buyers. The Buyers, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, shall each bear its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such Management Meetings. For purposes of this Agreement, the term “Threshold Amount” shall mean seventy-five percent (75%) of the Aggregate Shares; provided, however, solely for purposes of determining whether the Investors hold the Threshold Amount, any of the Shares sold by the Buyers or their Affiliates pursuant to Section 4(k)(ii) of the Purchase Agreement shall be deemed to be held by the Buyers or such Affiliates. The Buyers covenant and agree to provide written notice to the Company within five (5) Business Days following the date on which the Investors cease to hold at least the Threshold Amount. For purposes of this Agreement, “Aggregate Shares” shall mean the sum of (i) the Placement Shares and (ii) the Existing Shares.

2. Monthly Financials. The Company hereby covenants and agrees that for so long as the Investors continue to hold at least the Threshold Amount, the Company shall provide to the Buyers internally prepared monthly financial statements, in such form and substance reasonably determined by the Company, which financial statements shall be delivered within ten (10) Business Days of the closing of the Company's books for such month. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not deliver the monthly financial statements to the Buyers if the Buyers deliver a prior written notice to the Company that the Buyers do not want to receive such financial statements.

3. Term and Termination. This Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with this Section 3. This Agreement shall automatically terminate without further action on the part of any party hereto or any other Person on the date that the Investors cease to hold at least the Threshold Amount. The Buyers shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the Company, whereupon this Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in the notice of termination delivered by the Buyers to the Company. In the event the board of directors of the Company shall determine, in good faith, that the Buyers (or either of them) are in breach or other violation of (or have breached or otherwise violated) the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement, the Company shall have the right, without any further action by either Buyer or any other Person, to terminate this Agreement, or suspend its obligations pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 hereof, as it may determine in its sole discretion. For purposes of this Agreement, the "Term" means the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the date this Agreement shall have been terminated in accordance with this Section 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no termination of this Agreement shall have the effect of releasing either of the Buyers or any of their Representatives (as defined in the Confidentiality Agreement) from their obligations under Section 4 hereof, and the provisions of Sections 4, 5 and 6 hereof shall remain binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns following any termination of this Agreement.

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4. Proprietary Information. Each of the Buyers hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with the negotiation of the Purchase Agreement and the performance of the transactions contemplated thereby and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including pursuant to, and in connection with, Management Meetings and the provision of the financial statements contemplated by Section 2 hereof), the Buyers and their Representatives have been, and may be in the future, exposed to or provided with data and information concerning the business and affairs of the Meta Companies, their customers and/or third party program managers or other agents, including information relating to their sales and marketing methods, pricing programs, profitability analyses and profit margin information, third party relationships and other confidential matters. Each of the Buyers (on behalf of itself and its Representatives) hereby (i) acknowledges and agrees that all of such data and information is and shall be deemed to be "Proprietary Information," as defined in, and for purposes of, the Confidentiality Agreement (subject only to the limitations expressly set forth in the definition thereof in the Confidentiality Agreement) that is provided in connection with, and subject to, the Confidentiality Agreement, and (ii) acknowledges and reaffirms its obligations set forth in the Confidentiality Agreement with respect to Proprietary Information.

5. Acknowledgement of Securities Laws Obligations. Each of the Buyers hereby acknowledges that it is aware (and the Representatives of the Buyers who receive Proprietary Information will be made aware by the Buyers) of the restrictions under the federal securities laws imposed on a Person in possession of material nonpublic information concerning an issuer, including with respect to purchasing or selling securities of such issuer and the communication of such information to other Persons. Each of the Buyers agrees that neither it nor its Representatives nor any of their respective Affiliates will, and will cause any third party not to, use any data or information in contravention of such securities laws or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder. Upon the request of the Buyers made at least five calendar days in advance of a Management Meeting, the Company will not disclose to the Buyers in such meeting any information that the Company, in its good faith determination, believes to be material non-public information; provided, however, that each of the Buyers acknowledges and reaffirms its obligations set forth in the Confidentiality Agreement and this Agreement, including with respect to its obligation not to purchase or sell securities of the Company in violation of applicable securities laws when it is in possession of material non-public information of the Company; and provided further, that each of the Buyers agrees that the Company shall have no liability arising out of its performance of its obligations under this sentence except to the extent that the Company shall have acted in bad faith.

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6. Miscellaneous.

(a) Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal Laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdictions) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdictions other than the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction or matter contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by Law. **EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE, AND AGREES NOT TO REQUEST, A JURY TRIAL FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

(b) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more identical counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to the other party; provided, that a facsimile or electronic (i.e., "PDF") signature shall be considered due execution and shall be binding upon the signatory thereto with the same force and effect as if the signature were an original.

(c) Notices. All notices to be delivered hereunder shall be delivered in accordance with Section 9(g) of the Purchase Agreement.

(d) Headings. The headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference and shall not form part of, or affect the interpretation of, this Agreement.

(e) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement in that jurisdiction or the validity or enforceability of any provision of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction.

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(f) Complete Agreement. This Agreement embodies the complete agreement and understanding among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and preempts any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, which may have related to the subject matter hereof in any way.

(g) Waivers and Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or the terms of this Agreement waived only by a separate writing signed by the parties expressly so modifying or waiving this Agreement or such terms. It is further understood and agreed that no failure or delay by either party in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement.

(h) Assignment. Neither Buyer may assign this Agreement or any of its rights hereunder, nor delegate any duties under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Company, which consent may be withheld in the Company's sole discretion. Any assignment or delegation or attempted assignment or delegation of this Agreement or any of the rights of either Buyer hereunder without the prior written consent of the Company will be void.

(i) No Warranty. Each of the Buyers understands that neither the Company nor its Representatives make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any of the Proprietary Information. Each of the Buyers agrees that neither the Company nor any of its directors, officers, employees or Representatives shall have any liability to the Buyers or any of their Representatives resulting from the use of the Proprietary Information by either of the Buyers or their Representatives.

(j) Interpretive Matters. Unless the context otherwise requires, (i) words in the singular or plural include the singular and plural and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, and (ii) the use of the word "including" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than limitation.

*[Signature page follows]*

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Very truly yours,

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ J. Tyler Haahr

Name: J. Tyler Haahr

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**Acknowledged and agreed as of the date written above by :**

**BUYERS:**

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff

Name: W. Kirk Wycoff

Title: Managing Partner

PATRIOT FINANCIAL PARTNERS PARALLEL II, L.P.

By: /s/ W. Kirk Wycoff

Name: W. Kirk Wycoff

Title: Managing Partner

[Signature Page to Investor Rights Agreement]

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**MetaBank® completes acquisition of assets of Fort Knox Financial Services Corporation**

Meta Financial Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: CASH) announced today that on September 8, 2015, its bank subsidiary, MetaBank, completed the previously announced acquisition of substantially all of the related assets and liabilities of Fort Knox Financial Services Corporation (Fort Knox) and its subsidiary, Tax Product Services, LLC (TPS). The assets acquired by MetaBank in the acquisition include the Fort Knox operating platform and trade name, Refund Advantage®, and other assets. The Fort Knox management and staff have also been hired by MetaBank, and the operations of the Fort Knox business will continue to be based in Louisville, KY.

The acquisition, which was first announced on July 16, 2015, was consummated following satisfaction of certain closing conditions, including receipt of regulatory approval. The purchase price for the acquisition included the payment of approximately \$26 million in cash as well as the issuance of 581,260 shares of the Company's common stock to the shareholders of Fort Knox. The cash portion of the purchase price was funded from the proceeds of the previously announced private placements of the Company's common stock to certain institutional investors.

MetaBank CEO J. Tyler Haahr stated, "The completion of the Fort Knox acquisition expands our platform in the tax services space, providing additional, relevant financial solutions to our partners and customers. We are also pleased to welcome the Fort Knox team members to Meta."

Refund Advantage will continue to provide professional tax refund-transfer software services used by independent Electronic Refund Originators (ERO's) and their customers. Alan Lodge, CEO of Fort Knox, stated, "We are pleased to be a part of MetaBank and believe the combined synergies of our companies will provide a more robust product suite and solutions for our ERO clients and their customers."

MetaBank was advised by the investment firm Sandler O'Neill + Partners, and the law firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. Fort Knox was advised by the investment firm Ridley Capital Group and the law firm of Fore, Miller & Schwartz.

Fort Knox, through its Refund Advantage brand, provided professional income tax refund-transfer software services used by independent Electronic Return Originators (ERO's) in over 10,000 locations nationwide. In 2015, Fort Knox processed over one million refund-transfers through ACH direct deposit, check, and prepaid card.

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This press release and other important information about the Company are available at [www.metafinancialgroup.com](http://www.metafinancialgroup.com).

Corporate Profile: Meta Financial Group, Inc.® (the “Company”) is the holding company for its wholly-owned subsidiary, MetaBank (the “Bank”). MetaBank is a federally-chartered savings bank which operates 10 banking offices in four market areas in Iowa and South Dakota: Northwest Iowa, Brookings, Central Iowa, and Sioux Empire. In addition, Meta Payment Systems® and AFS/IBEX are our two bank divisions. Our Meta Payment Systems® division offers prepaid cards and other payment industry products and services nationwide. Our AFS/IBEX division provides nationwide commercial insurance premium financing for business and insurance agencies and has two agency offices, one in Dallas, Texas and one in Southern California.

The Company and the Bank may from time to time make written or oral “forward-looking statements,” including statements contained in this press release, the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), in the Company’s reports to stockholders, and in other communications by the Company and the Bank, which are made in good faith by the Company pursuant to the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

You can identify forward-looking statements by words such as “may,” “hope,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” “could,” “future” or the negative of those terms or other words of similar meaning. You should carefully read statements that contain these words because they discuss our future expectations or state other “forward-looking” information. These forward-looking statements include statements with respect to the Company’s beliefs, expectations, estimates, and intentions that are subject to significant risks and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors, some of which are beyond the Company’s control. Such statements address, among others, the following subjects: the potential benefits of the acquisition of Fort Knox and TPS, including but not limited to, its accretive impact on earnings per share, the potential for improved earnings, the anticipated tangible book value and earn-back period and its effects on the Company’s growth, future operating results; customer retention; loan and other product demand; important components of the Company’s statements of financial condition and operations; growth and expansion; new products and services, such as those offered by MetaBank or Meta Payment Systems® (“MPS”), a division of the Bank; credit quality and adequacy of reserves; technology; and the Company’s employees. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement. The following factors, among others, could cause the Company’s financial performance and results of operations to differ materially from the expectations, estimates, and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements: the businesses of the Bank and Fort Knox may not be combined successfully, or such combination may take longer, be more difficult, time-consuming or costly to accomplish than expected; the risk that sales of Fort Knox products by the Bank may not be as high as anticipated; the expected growth opportunities or cost savings from the acquisition may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; customer losses and business disruption following the acquisition, including adverse effects on relationships with former or current employees of Fort Knox, may be greater than expected; the risk that the Company may incur unanticipated or unknown losses or liabilities as a result of the completion of the transaction with Fort Knox; the strength of the United States’ economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which the Company conducts operations; the effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary, and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve”), as well as efforts of the United States Treasury in conjunction with bank regulatory agencies to stimulate the economy and protect the financial system; inflation, interest rate, market, and monetary fluctuations; the timely development of and acceptance of new products and services offered by the Company as well as risks (including reputational and litigation) attendant thereto and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; the risks of dealing with or utilizing third parties; any actions which may be initiated by our regulators; the impact of changes in financial services laws and regulations, including, laws and regulations relating to the tax refund industry, our relationship with our primary regulators, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve; technological changes, including, but not limited to, the protection of electronic files or databases; acquisitions; litigation risk in general, including, but not limited to, those risks involving the MPS division; the growth of the Company’s business, as well as expenses related thereto; continued maintenance by the Bank of its status as a well-capitalized institution, particularly in light of our deposit base, a substantial portion of which has been characterized as “brokered”; changes in consumer spending and saving habits; and the success of the Company at managing and collecting assets of borrowers in default.

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The foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Additional discussions of factors affecting the Company's business and prospects are reflected under the headings "Risk Factors" and in other sections of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2014, March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015, and other filings made with the SEC. The Company expressly disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company or its subsidiaries.

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