# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )\*

# The Mills Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

# Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

### 601148109

(CUSIP Number)

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# February 16, 2007

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 601148109

- Names of Reporting Persons.
   I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
   Simon Property Group, Inc.
   04-6268599
- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
  - (a) c
  - (b) x \*\*

3.	SEC Use Or	nly		
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A			
5.	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o			
6.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware			
	7.	Sole Voting Power -0-		
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power -0-		
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-		
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power -2,830,061 -		
11.	Aggregate <i>A</i> -2,830,061 -	Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		
12.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) x			
13.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 4.9%			
14.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO			
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The reporting person may be deemed to be part of a group with Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C. and certain funds it manages. However, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities owned by these parties.

Names of Reporting Persons.
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
 Simon Property Group, L.P.
 34-1755769

2.	Cneck the	Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
	(a)	0		
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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware		or Place of Organization		
	7.	Sole Voting Power -0-		
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power -0-		
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-		
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power -2,830,061 -		
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14.	Type of Re	porting Person (See Instructions)		

# Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement on Schedule 13D (the "Statement") relates to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of The Mills Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). The principal executive offices of the Company are located at 5425 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

# Item 2. Identity and Background

This Statement is being filed by Simon Property Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Simon Property"), and Simon Property Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and a majority owned partnership subsidiary of Simon Property ("Simon Operating Partnership").

Simon Property operates as a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust. Simon Operating Partnership owns all of Simon Property's real estate properties.

Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership and their subsidiaries are engaged primarily in the ownership, development, and management of retail real estate, primarily regional malls, Premium Outlet® centers and community/lifestyle centers. They own or hold an interest in 285 income-producing properties in the United States in 38 states and Puerto Rico. They also have ownership interests in 53 European shopping centers (in France, Italy and Poland), five Premium Outlet centers in Japan, and one Premium Outlet center in Mexico.

The business address of each of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership is 225 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

The name, business address and present principal occupation of each executive officer and director of Simon Property is set forth in Annex A hereto. Simon Operating Partnership is a limited partnership and Simon Property is its sole general partner. Simon Operating Partnership does not have any directors or executive officers.

During the last five years, none of Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership, nor, to the best of Simon Property's or Simon Operating Partnership's knowledge, any person named in Annex A hereto (i) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

By virtue of the transactions and agreements reported in this Schedule 13D, Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership may be deemed to have become members of a group with Farallon Capital Partners, L.P., Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P., Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P., and

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Tinicum Partners, L.P. (collectively, the "Farallon Funds") with respect to the Shares currently beneficially owned by them. This Schedule 13D constitutes a separate filing by Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Farallon Funds are responsible solely for the information contained in their separate filing on Schedule 13D.

# Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

No funds were required in connection with the execution of the Stark Option Agreement (as defined in Item 4). (Should Simon Property or Simon Operating decide to exercise the Stark Option (as defined in Item 4), up to approximately \$71.47 million would be required. Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership currently anticipate that they would obtain any funds necessary for an exercise of the Stark Option from working capital or from borrowings under their existing credit agreement, which has been filed as an exhibit to Simon Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 20, 2005.)

In connection with the execution of the Merger Agreement (as defined in Item 4) by the Company on February 16, 2007, Simon Operating Partnership loaned approximately \$1.188 billion to the Company under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement (as defined in Item 4). All amounts loaned (or to be loaned) to the Company pursuant to the Credit and Guaranty Agreement have been (or will be) obtained from working capital or borrowings under Simon Operating Partnership's existing credit agreement. Under the terms of the Credit and Guaranty Agreement, Simon Operating Partnership may syndicate all or a portion of its loans under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement and this syndication would reduce the amount of funds loaned (or to be loaned) by Simon Operating Partnership under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement.

No funds were required in connection with the execution of the Merger Agreement. Approximately \$1.64 billion would be required to acquire all outstanding Shares and common units of The Mills Limited Partnership for \$25.25 in cash per Share or unit pursuant to the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. These amounts and any other funds necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement would be obtained from (i) equity financing to be provided (a) at least \$650 million collectively by the Farallon Funds and (b) at least \$650 million from Simon Operating Partnership and (ii) debt financing from, or caused to be provided by, Simon Operating Partnership with respect to any remaining amounts necessary to consummate the transactions.

## Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

On February 4, 2007, Simon Property entered into a stock option agreement (the "Stark Option Agreement") with Stark Master Fund Ltd. ("Stark") pursuant to which Stark granted Simon Property an option (the "Stark Option") to purchase 2,830,061 Shares at the price to be paid for Shares upon consummation of the Merger. The ability of Simon Property to exercise the Stark Option was conditioned upon (i) the execution of a merger agreement with the Company by an entity affiliated with Simon Property and (ii) the waiver by the Company of the

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ownership limitations set forth in its certificate of incorporation. As a result of the Company's execution of the Merger Agreement and the waiver of the ownership limitations in the Company's certificate of incorporation in connection therewith on February 16, 2007, Simon Property may be deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership of the Shares subject to the Stark Option as of February 16, 2007. The Stock Option Agreement imposes restrictions on the disposition of the Shares subject to the Stark Option (other than pursuant to the Offer or certain tender offer or merger transactions at a price in excess of the price to be paid pursuant to the Stark Option Agreement). There are no agreements or understandings with respect to the voting of the Shares subject to the Stark Option. The purpose of the Stark Option Agreement is to facilitate and increase the likelihood that the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will be consummated.

Also on February 4, 2007, the Simon Operating Partnership and the Farallon Funds entered into a letter agreement (the "Joint Venture Letter Agreement") pursuant to which Simon Operating Partnership and the Farallon Funds agreed to submit an acquisition proposal to the Company, to provide the equity and debt financing for the acquisition contemplated by the proposal (as described in Item 3), to form a joint venture entity to effect the acquisition, and on certain other matters. The acquisition proposal contemplated by the Joint Venture Letter Agreement was submitted to the Company on February 4, 2007.

In the evening of February 15, 2007, Simon Property and the Farallon Funds modified the acquisition proposal submitted to the Company on February 4, 2007 to, among other things, increase the cash price to be paid to the holders of Shares and common units of The Mills Limited Partnership from \$24 per Share or unit to \$25.25 per Share or unit.

On February 16, 2007, the Company terminated the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 17, 2007, by and among the Company, The Mills Limited Partnership, and Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. ("Brookfield") and accepted the modified acquisition proposal of Simon Property and the Farallon Funds.

In that regard, on February 16, 2007, the Company and The Mills Limited Partnership entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with (i) SPG-FCM Ventures, LLC ("Parent"), a Delaware limited liability company formed by the Farallon Funds and Simon, (ii) SPG-FCM Acquisition, Inc. ("Purchaser Sub"), a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, and (iii) SPG-FCM Acquisition, L.P. ("Purchaser LP"), a Delaware limited partnership managed by Purchaser Sub. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, (i) Parent will commence a tender offer (the "Tender Offer") for all of the outstanding Shares at a per Share purchase price of \$25.25 in cash, without interest, the closing of which is subject to certain conditions, including the valid tender of a sufficient number of Shares which, together with the Shares held by the Farallon Funds, Simon Property, Parent and any of its controlled subsidiaries (but excluding (x) Shares subject to the Stark Option unless those Shares are validly tendered into the Tender Offer and not withdrawn or those Shares are purchased upon exercise of the Stark Option and (y) Shares subject to the Short Form Merger

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Option Agreement (as hereinafter defined)), constitute a majority of the outstanding Shares on a fully diluted basis, the absence of injunctions or illegality, receipt of a tax opinion, the absence of a material adverse effect on the Company, and the accuracy of the representations of the Company and The Mills Partnership in the Merger Agreement, followed by (ii) a merger of Purchaser Sub with and into the Company (the "Merger"), with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (except to the extent provided in the Merger Agreement), in which all Shares not acquired in the Tender Offer (other than those as to which appraisal rights are properly exercised under Delaware law) will be converted into the right to receive \$25.25 in cash, without interest. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, under certain circumstances, the merger of Purchaser Sub and the Company may be effected in a one step transaction, without a tender offer, through the merger of the Company with and into Purchaser Sub. The purpose of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement is the acquisition of all outstanding Shares and LP Units (as defined below).

Concurrently with the Merger, Purchaser LP will merge with and into The Mills Limited Partnership, and, in connection therewith, all of the common limited partnership units (the "LP Units"), except for those LP Units owned by the Company, the Parent or any of their respective direct or indirect subsidiaries, will be converted into the right (i) to receive \$25.25 per unit in cash, without interest, or (ii) in the case of holders of LP Units meeting certain qualifications, at the option of the holder, to receive 0.211 common units of limited partnership interest in Simon Operating Partnership for each LP Unit (the "Rollover"). If offering this election would reasonably be expected to delay the closing of the merger, then these qualified holders will instead receive a preferred limited partnership unit in The Mills Limited Partnership, which will carry only the right to elect to receive the \$25.25 per LP Unit cash price or the Rollover when offering this election is practicable. In connection with the transactions described in this paragraph, the registration of the LP Units under Section 12 of the Exchange Act will be terminated.

Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, upon the closing of the Tender Offer, Parent will be entitled to designate for appointment to the board of directors of the Company a pro rata number of directors based upon the percentage that the Shares owned by Parent and its affiliates bears to the total

number of Shares then outstanding (including Shares accepted for payment in the Tender Offer, but excluding any Shares held by the Company or any of its subsidiaries) subject to the requirement that a minimum of two "disinterested" members of the current board of directors of the Company remain in office. The Farallon Funds and Simon Property have agreed that they would each designate such number of directors based upon their respective percentage interests in Parent (which is currently expected to be one-half each).

The Merger Agreement provides that the Company will negotiate in good faith with Parent and enter into a management agreement to be effective upon the date Shares are first purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer. The management agreement will provide that an affiliate of Simon Operating Partnership will manage the properties of the Company and its controlled affiliates and, among other things, will provide for a phase-in of management fees up

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to a level of 4% of all minimum and percentage rents upon full transition of management services, which would be expected to occur no later than July 1, 2007

If Shares are acquired in the Tender Offer, then consummation of the Merger may be subject to receipt of stockholder approval if required under applicable law (the receipt of stockholder approval will be assured because, as a result of the purchase of Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, Parent and its affiliates will own a majority of the Shares) and will be subject to the absence of any injunctions or similar legal impediment. If a stockholder vote is required and the Company remains subject to the requirements of the Exchange Act, consummation of the Merger would be delayed until after the Company has filed the financial statements required under Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act unless a waiver were to be obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

After the Merger is consummated (or under certain circumstances after the closing of the Tender Offer), the Shares will no longer be traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the registration of the Shares under Section 12 of the Exchange Act will be terminated. In addition, it is also expected that as promptly as practicable following the Merger, Parent will liquidate and terminate the existence of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Delaware law, with the payments required in connection with such liquidation being made with respect to the classes of the outstanding shares of preferred stock issued by the Company, and in connection therewith the registration of such shares under Section 12 of the Exchange Act will be terminated (to the extent registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act as of the time of such liquidation).

Concurrently with the execution of the Merger Agreement, (i) the Farallon Funds and Simon LP each delivered a commitment letter (collectively, the "Commitment Letters"), dated February 12, 2007, to the Company pursuant to which (x) the Farallon Funds agreed to provide \$650 million of equity funding to Parent, subject to certain conditions and (y) Simon Operating Partnership agreed to provide \$650 million of equity funding to the Parent and to loan (or to cause the loan of) such additional amount as is required to fund the amount payable by the Parent or the Company under the Merger Agreement in respect of all of the Shares, LP Units and the Company's preferred stock, in each case subject to certain conditions, (ii) Simon LP delivered a commitment letter (the "Simon OP Unit Commitment Letter") to the Company pursuant to which Simon LP agreed to take all necessary steps to issue its limited partnership units in connection with the Rollover, (iii) the Farallon Funds delivered a letter agreement (the "Lock-Up Agreement") to the Company pursuant to which they agreed not to sell any of their Shares until the earlier of the end of the Tender Offer period or the termination of the Merger Agreement, subject to certain exceptions, and agreed to vote to approve the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the Merger, and (iv) Parent, Purchaser Sub and the Company entered into a Short Form Merger Option Agreement (the "Short Form Merger Option Agreement") pursuant to which the Company granted an option to Parent to purchase additional Shares (as are authorized) following the completion of the Tender Offer if, and only if, the exercise of the option would result in Parent or Purchaser Sub (or any permitted assignee) owning at least 90% of the outstanding Shares (after giving effect to the exercise of the option)

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in order to facilitate prompt completion of the Merger pursuant to a "short form" merger without action by the Company's other stockholders.

On February 16, 2007, in connection with the Company's execution of the Merger Agreement, the Company, The Mills Limited Partnership and certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into a Credit and Guaranty Agreement (the "Credit and Guaranty Agreement") with Simon Operating Partnership as Administrative Agent (the "Administrative Agent") and Collateral Agent.

The Credit and Guaranty Agreement provides a senior secured term loan in a principal amount of approximately \$1,188 million (the "Term Loan") and a revolving loan facility to The Mills Limited Partnership in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed approximately \$365 million (the "Revolving Facility," and together with the Term Loan the "Credit Facilities"). The proceeds of the Term Loan were used to repay amounts due under the Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of January 17, 2007 (the "Brookfield Credit Agreement"), between the Company, The Mills Limited Partnership, and Brookfield and to pay certain fees due upon the termination of the Brookfield Credit Agreement, and the proceeds of the Revolving Facility will be used to provide working capital for The Mills Limited Partnership and its subsidiaries in accordance with an approved budget. To the extent permitted by existing contractual obligations, the Credit Facilities are or will be secured by substantially all of the assets of The Mills Limited Partnership, as well as all equity interests owned by the Company, The Mills Limited Partnership, and certain of their subsidiaries in material operating properties. Subject to certain exceptions, the Credit Facilities are or will be guaranteed by all material subsidiaries of the Company and The Mills Limited Partnership that are permitted to do so in accordance with existing contractual obligations.

The Credit Facilities will have a maturity of February 16, 2008, which date may be extended if the termination date of the Merger Agreement is similarly extended.

The Credit Facilities will bear interest at LIBOR plus 270 basis points, with the underlying LIBOR rate being reset monthly. If the Merger Agreement is terminated, other than for a breach of the Merger Agreement by Parent, the Credit Facilities will thereafter bear interest at LIBOR plus 575 basis points. In connection with the entry into the Credit and Guaranty Agreement, the Company and The Mills Limited Partnership agreed to pay a fee to Simon Operating Partnership of approximately \$23 million, 66% of which was paid upon entry into the Credit and Guaranty Agreement, and the balance of which is payable upon the earlier of (a) August 16, 2007, (b) the effective time of the Merger and (c) the date on which the Merger Agreement is terminated and all outstanding loans under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement are repaid in full.

As was the case under the Brookfield Credit Agreement, the Credit and Guaranty Agreement requires compliance, within certain variances, with an agreed budget. The Credit and Guaranty Agreement generally contains covenants, mandatory prepayment requirements

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and events of default similar to those that were set forth in the Brookfield Credit Agreement. If any event of default occurs while the Merger Agreement is in effect (and prior to 60 days after the effective time of the Merger), the lenders under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement are prohibited from exercising default remedies unless the event of default in question is attributable to a payment default, a bankruptcy event, an acceleration of certain other material indebtedness, or a willful and intentional breach of the Credit and Guaranty Agreement. As was the case under the Brookfield Credit Agreement, the applicable interest rate under the Credit and Guaranty Agreement is increased by 3% following the occurrence of any event of default.

The description of the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Commitment Letters, the Simon OP Unit Commitment Letter, the Lock-Up Agreement, the Short Form Merger Option Agreement and the Credit and Guaranty Agreement contained herein is a summary only, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Commitment Letters, the Simon OP Unit Commitment Letter, the Lock-Up Agreement, the Short Form Merger Option Agreement and the Credit and Guaranty Agreement, respectively, each filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 16, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the Stark Option Agreement contained herein is a summary only, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Stark Option Agreement which is filed as Exhibit 2 to this Schedule 13D and is incorporated herein by reference.

The description of the Joint Venture Letter Agreement is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Joint Venture Letter Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 6 to Amendment No. 6 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Farallon Funds on February 5, 2007 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On February 16, 2007, a press release related to the Merger Agreement was issued by the Company, Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C. and Simon Property, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.3 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 16, 2007.

Except as set forth above, none of Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership or, to the best of the knowledge of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership, any of the persons named in Annex A has any plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto to the extent consistent with their obligations under the Merger Agreement and the other arrangements described in the Schedule 13D.

# Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As a result of the Stark Option Agreement, Simon Property may be deemed to beneficially own (and share dispositive power with respect to) the 2,830,061 Shares currently

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owned by Stark. Such Shares represent approximately 4.97% of the outstanding Shares (based upon the 56,885,231 Shares represented by the Company to be issued and outstanding as of February 6, 2007 in the Merger Agreement). To the best of the knowledge of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership, none of the persons listed in Annex A hereto beneficially owns any Shares. (Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership and the persons listed in Annex A hereto disclaim beneficial ownership of any Shares owned by the Farallon Funds, which have reported beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 6,145,000 Shares or approximately 10.8% of the outstanding Shares, based upon the Company's representation in the Merger Agreement.)

- (b) None of Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership nor, to the best of the knowledge of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership, any of the persons listed in Annex A hereto has sole or shared voting power with respect to any Shares. (They disclaim beneficial ownership of any Shares owned by the Farallon Funds.)
- (c) Except as described above, none of Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership nor, to the best of the knowledge of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership, any of the persons listed in Annex A hereto has effected any transactions in the securities of the Company during the past sixty days.
  - (d) and (e). Not applicable.

# Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Other than as described in Item 4, none of Simon Property, Simon Operating Partnership nor, to the best of the knowledge of Simon Property and Simon Operating Partnership, any of the persons named in Annex A hereto is a party to any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with respect to any securities of the Company, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option agreements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, divisions of profits or losses or the giving or withholding of proxies.

### Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement between Simon Property Group, Inc. and Simon Property Group, L.P.

Exhibit 2 Stock Option Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2007, between Simon Property Group, Inc. and Stark Master Fund Ltd.

Exhibit 3 Letter Agreement, dated February 4, 2007 between the Farallon Funds and Simon Property Group, L.P.(1)

(1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 6 to Amendment No. 6 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Farallon Funds on February 5, 2007

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Exhibit 4	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 12, 2007, by and among SPG-FCM Ventures, LLC, SPG-FCM Acquisition, Inc., SPG-FCM Acquisition, L.P., The Mills Corporation, and The Mills Limited Partnership(2)
Exhibit 5	Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2007, by and among The Mills Limited Partnership, as Borrower The Mills Corporation, as Parent, certain of its subsidiaries, as Guarantors, the lenders party thereto, and Simon Property Group, L.P., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent(3)
Exhibit 6	Letter Agreement re: Simon Property Group, L.P. OP Units, dated as of February 12, 2007, from Simon Property Group, L.P. to The Mills Corporation(4)
Exhibit 7	Short Form Merger Option Agreement, dated as of February 12, 2007, among The Mills Corporation, SPG-FCM Ventures, LLC, and SPG-FCM Acquisition, Inc.(5)
Exhibit 8	Letter Agreement re: Equity Commitment, dated as of February 12, 2007, from Simon Property Group, L.P. to SPG-FCM Ventures, LLC(6)
Exhibit 9	Press Release issued jointly by The Mills Corporation, Simon Property Group, Inc., and Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., on February 16, 2007(7)

- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 16, 2007

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# **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 21, 2007

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Name: Stephen E. Sterrett

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, L.P.

By Simon Property Group, Inc.

its General Partner

By: /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Name: Stephen E. Sterrett

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of

Simon Property Group, Inc., General Partner of Simon

Property Group, L.P.

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### Annex A

# Directors and Executive Officers of Simon Property Group, Inc.

The names of the directors and executive officers of Simon Property are set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated, each individual is a citizen of the United States. Unless otherwise indicated the principal business address of each person is that of Simon Property.

# **Executive Officers**

Name and Place of Residence	Principal Occupation
Melvin Simon	Co-Chairman of the Board
Herbert Simon	Co-Chairman of the Board
David Simon	Chief Executive Officer
Richard S. Sokolov	President and Chief Operating Officer
David Bloom	Advisory Director of Simon Property and Chairman of Chelsea Property Group, a division of Simon Property
Hans C. Mautner	Advisory Director of Simon Property, President of International Division of Simon Property, Chairman of Simon Global Limited
Stephen E. Sterrett	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
John Rulli	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer – Operating Properties
Gary Lewis	President, Leasing Division and Senior Executive Vice President
J. Scott Mumphrey	Executive Vice President – Property Management, President – Simon Business Network
Andrew Juster	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
James M. Barkley	Secretary, General Counsel

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John Dahl Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

# Directors

Name and Place of Residence	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Birch Bayh	Partner, Venable LLP	575 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20004
Melvyn E. Bergstein	Chairman, Diamond Mgmt. & Technology Assoc.	John Hancock Center 875 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

Linda Walker Bynoe	President and Chief Executive Officer, Telemat Ltd.	One Magnificent Mile 980 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611
Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	Senior Managing Director, Brock Capital Group, LLC	622 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017
Reuben S. Leibowitz	Managing Director, JEN Partners and Advisor, Warburg Pincus	551 Madison Avenue, Suite 300 New York, NY 10022
Fredrick W. Petri	President, Housing Capital Company	1825 S. Gerant Street, Suite 630 San Mateo, CA 94402
David Simon	Chief Executive Officer of Simon Property Group, Inc.	
Herbert Simon	Co-Chairman of the Board of Simon Property Group, Inc.	
Melvin Simon	Co-Chairman of the Board of Simon Property Group, Inc.	
J. Albert Smith, Jr.	(Lead Independent Director) President, Chase Bank Central Indiana and Managing Director, JP Morgan Private Bank	1 East Ohio Street, IN1-0175 Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Richard S. Sokolov	President and Chief Operating Officer of Simon Property Group, Inc.	
Pieter S. van den Berg	Retired	
M. Denise DeBartolo York	Chairman, The DeBartolo Corporation	9337 Ravenna Road Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

# **EXHIBIT 1 – JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

# Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned hereby agree that the Statement on Schedule 13D filed herewith (and any amendments thereto), relating to the common stock of The Mills Corporation, is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(l) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on behalf of each such person.

# SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Name: Stephen E. Sterrett

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

# SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, L.P.

By: /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Name:

Title:

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Simon Property Group, Inc., General Partner of Simon Property Group, L.P

Stephen E. Sterrett

Dated: February 21, 2007

### **EXHIBIT 2 – STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT**

### STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

Stock Option Agreement (this "Agreement"), dated as of February 4, 2007, between Simon Property Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Purchaser"), and Stark Master Fund Ltd., a BVI corporation ("Stockholder").

# **Background**

- A. Stockholder beneficially owns 2,830,061 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Mills Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company").
- B. Purchaser intends to submit a proposal to acquire the Company at a cash price per share of Common Stock of at least \$23 (the "Proposal"), with the objective of entering, directly or through an affiliated entity, into a merger agreement with the Company (the "Purchaser Merger Agreement") upon the termination of the Company's existing merger agreement in accordance with its terms.
- C. As a condition to the willingness of Purchaser to propose the acquisition of the Company, Purchaser has required that Stockholder agree, and Stockholder has agreed, to grant Purchaser the option to purchase the 2,830,061 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Stockholder (the "Shares").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## 1 Stock Option.

1.1. <u>Grant of Stock Option</u>. Subject to the terms herein, Stockholder hereby grants to Purchaser an irrevocable option (the "Stock Option") to purchase all of the Shares upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein at a cash price per Share equal to the greater of (i) \$23 or (ii) such greater price to be paid for shares of Common Stock upon consummation of the merger contemplated by the Purchaser Merger Agreement (as such Agreement may be amended from time to time) or pursuant to any tender offer made pursuant to the Purchaser Merger Agreement (as such Agreement may be amended from time to time) (the

"Option Price"). If Stockholder acquires beneficial ownership of additional Shares after the date hereof, then such additional Shares shall become subject to the Option and Stockholder shall notify Purchaser in writing of such acquisition.

- 1.2. <u>Exercise of Stock Option</u>. (a) The Stock Option may be exercised by Purchaser, in whole or in part, at any time, or from time to time, prior to the Termination Date (as hereinafter defined) if and only if (i) Merlot waives the ownership limitations set forth in Article XII of its certificate of incorporation (as amended) with respect to Buyer and any persons who may be deemed to be part of a group with Buyer for purposes of such ownership limitations and (ii) the Purchaser Merger Agreement shall have been entered into by Purchaser or an affiliated entity and the Company.
- (b) In the event Purchaser wishes to exercise the Stock Option, Purchaser shall send a written notice (an "Exercise Notice") to Stockholder specifying the total number of Shares Purchaser wishes to purchase from the Stockholder and a date, which shall be a Business Day, and a place, which shall be in the City of New York, for the closing of such purchase (a "Stock Option Closing"). The date specified in such Exercise Notice may be as early as four Business Days after the date of such Exercise Notice.
- (c) If on the date an Exercise Notice is delivered to Stockholder, Purchaser is prohibited by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "HSR Act") from purchasing the number of Shares specified in the Exercise Notice, then there shall be two Stock Option Closings. At the first Stock Option Closing, the maximum number of Shares which Purchaser is then permitted to purchase by the HSR Act shall be deemed to be the number of Shares specified in the Exercise Notice for that Stock Option Closing. A second Stock Option Closing shall be held two Business Days after Purchaser provides written notice to Stockholder of Purchaser's ability to purchase the remaining Shares specified in the original Exercise Notice.

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- (d) For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Business Day" shall mean a day on which banks are not required or authorized to be closed in the City of New York.
- 1.3. <u>Conditions to Delivery of the Shares</u>. The obligation of Stockholder to deliver the Shares upon any exercise of a Stock Option is subject to the following additional conditions:
- (a) All waiting periods under the HSR Act applicable to such exercise of the Stock Option and the delivery of the Shares subject to such Stock Option in respect of such exercise shall have expired or been terminated; and
- (b) There shall be no preliminary or permanent injunction or other order by any court of competent jurisdiction restricting, preventing or prohibiting such exercise of such Stock Option or the delivery of the Shares subject to such Stock Option in respect of such exercise.
- 1.4. <u>Stock Option Closings.</u> At each Stock Option Closing, Stockholder will deliver to Purchaser a certificate or certificates evidencing the number of Shares specified in the Exercise Notice delivered to Stockholder in respect of such Stock Option Closing, each such certificate

being duly endorsed in blank and accompanied by such stock powers and such other documents as may be necessary in Purchaser's judgment to transfer record ownership of the Shares into Purchaser's name on the stock transfer books of the Company and Purchaser will purchase the delivered Shares at the Offer Price. All payments made by Purchaser to Stockholder pursuant to this Section 1.4 shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account specified in writing by Stockholder, in an amount equal to the product of (a) the Option Price and (b) the number of Shares specified in the Exercise Notice delivered in respect of such Stock Option Closing.

1.5. <u>Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization</u>. In the event of any change in the number of issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock by reason of any stock

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dividend, subdivision, merger, recapitalization, combination, conversion or exchange of shares, or any other change in the corporate or capital structure of the Company (including, without limitation, the declaration or payment of an extraordinary dividend of cash or securities) which would have the effect of diluting or otherwise adversely affecting Purchaser's rights and privileges under this Agreement, the number and kind of the Shares and the consideration payable in respect of the Shares shall be appropriately and equitably adjusted to restore to Purchaser its rights and privileges under this Agreement. Without limiting the scope of the foregoing, in any such event, at the option of Purchaser, the Stock Option shall represent the right to purchase, in addition to the number and kind of Shares which Purchaser would be entitled to purchase pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, whatever securities, cash or other property the Shares subject to the Stock Option shall have been converted into or otherwise exchanged for, together with any securities, cash or other property which shall have been distributed with respect to such Shares.

1.6. Purchaser Sale of Shares. (a) If subsequent to the exercise of the Stock Option, the Merger Agreement is terminated and within twelve months after the termination of the Merger Agreement Purchaser (or any affiliate of Purchaser to which the Shares have been transferred) sells or otherwise in any way disposes of, in whole or in part, the Shares to a third party (other than an affiliate of Purchaser) in a transaction in which Purchaser (or its affiliated transferee) receives cash and/or securities having a value in excess (such excess is hereinafter the "Excess") of the Option Price, Purchaser will, promptly after the completion or sale or other disposition, pay or deliver to Stockholder 50% of the Excess for each Share sold or otherwise disposed of within three Business Days after Purchaser receives such Excess. That portion of the Excess shall be paid, to the extent Purchaser (or its transferee) received cash, in cash and, to the extent that Buyer (or its transferee) received securities or other consideration, in such securities, or other consideration (or, if there is received a combination of cash and securities, then the portion of the Excess shall be paid in a combination of cash and securities in the same proportion as received in the disposition of the Shares. (If Purchaser sells Shares in addition to the Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of this

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Option but does not sell all of the Shares it owns, then it shall be deemed to have sold that portion of the Shares acquired pursuant to the Option equal to the proportion such Shares represent of all Shares owned by Purchaser.)

(b) The value of such securities or other consideration shall be determined as of the date of the receipt thereof. The value of any securities listed on a national securities exchange or traded on the Nasdaq National Market shall be equal to the average closing price of such security on such exchange or Nasdaq National Market for the ten trading days prior to the date of determination. If Purchaser and Stockholder cannot within 15 days of receipt of any other securities or other consideration agree as to its value, the value of such consideration shall be determined by agreement between two nationally recognized investment banking firms, one of which will be designated by Purchaser and the other of which will be designated by Stockholder. Each of Purchaser and Stockholder shall be responsible for the costs and expenses of the investment banking firm it designates. If such investment banking firms are unable to agree as to the value of such securities or other consideration within 30 days after receipt thereof by Purchaser, such value shall be established by a third investment banking firm selected by the initial investment banking firms. All costs and expenses of the third investment banking firm shall be shared equally by Purchaser and Stockholder.

- 2. <u>Representations and Warranties of Stockholder</u>. The Stockholder hereby represents and warrants to Purchaser as follows:
- 2.1. <u>Title to the Shares</u>. Stockholder is the owner (both beneficially and of record) of the Shares (which term as of the date hereof is comprised of 2,830,061 shares of Common Stock) and Stockholder does not beneficially own any other shares of Common Stock. Stockholder owns all of the Shares free and clear of all security interests, liens, claims, pledges, options, rights of first refusal, agreements, limitations on Stockholder's voting rights, charges and other encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, and, except as provided in this Agreement, Stockholder has not appointed or granted any proxy, which appointment or grant is still effective, with respect to any of the Shares. Upon the exercise of the Stock Option and the delivery to Purchaser by Stockholder of a certificate or certificates evidencing the Shares, Purchaser will

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receive good, valid and marketable title to the Shares, free and clear of all security interests, liens, claims, pledges, options, rights of first refusal, agreements, limitations on Purchaser's voting rights, charges and other encumbrances of any nature whatsoever.

2.2. <u>Authority Relative to This Agreement</u>. The Stockholder has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Stockholder and the consummation by Stockholder of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary action on the part of Stockholder. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Stockholder and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by Purchaser, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Stockholder, enforceable against Stockholder in accordance with its terms.

2.3. <u>No Conflict</u> . The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Stockholder does not, and the performance of this
Agreement by Stockholder will not, (a) require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any governmental or
regulatory authority, domestic or foreign, except for (i) requirements of federal and state securities laws, and (ii) requirements arising out of the HSR Act,
(b) conflict with or violate the certificate of incorporation or bylaws or equivalent organizational documents, if any, of Stockholder, (c) conflict with or violate
any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to Stockholder or by which any property or asset of Stockholder is bound or affected, or
(d) result in any breach of or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any
right of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or result in the creation of a lien or other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever on any
property or asset of Stockholder pursuant to, any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement, lease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or
obligation to which Stockholder is a party or by which Stockholder or any property or asset of Stockholder is

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bound or affected, except in each case to the extent any such breach or default, whether taken singly or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on Stockholder's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

- 2.4. <u>Brokers</u>. No broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Stockholder.
  - 3. Representations and Warranties of Purchaser. Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to Stockholder as follows:
- 3.1. Authority Relative to This Agreement. Purchaser has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Purchaser and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Purchaser. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Purchaser and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by Stockholder, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Purchaser, enforceable against Purchaser in accordance with its terms.
- 3.2. No Conflict. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Purchaser does not, and the performance of this Agreement by Purchaser will not, (a) require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any governmental or regulatory authority, domestic or foreign, except for (i) requirements of federal and state securities laws, and (ii) requirements arising out of the HSR Act, (b) conflict with or violate the certificate of incorporation or bylaws or equivalent organizational documents, if any, of Purchaser, (c) conflict with or violate any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to Purchaser or by which any property or asset of Purchaser is bound or affected, or (d) result in any breach of or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any right of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, or

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result in the creation of a lien or other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever on any property or asset of Purchaser pursuant to, any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement, lease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or obligation to which Purchaser is a party or by which Purchaser or any property or asset of Purchaser is bound or affected, except in each case to the extent any such breach or default, whether taken singly or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on Purchaser or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

3.3. <u>Brokers</u>. No broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission from Stockholder in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Purchaser.

# 4. <u>Covenants of Stockholder.</u>

4.1. No Disposition or Encumbrance of Shares. Stockholder hereby covenants and agrees that, except as contemplated by this Agreement, Stockholder shall not offer or agree to, sell, transfer, tender, assign, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of, or create or permit to exist any security interest, lien, claim, pledge, option, right of first refusal, agreement, limitation on Stockholder's voting rights, charge or other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever with respect to the Shares now owned or that may hereafter be acquired by Stockholder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent Stockholder from (i) tendering any of the Shares into any tender offer made pursuant to the Purchaser Merger Agreement (and any Shares purchased in such tender offer shall reduce the number of Shares of Common Stock subject to the Option), (ii) tendering any of the Shares into any other tender offer for consideration in excess of the Option Price if Shares may be purchased pursuant to that tender offer prior to the earlier of (x) April 30, 2007 and (y) the date Purchaser or an entity affiliated with Purchaser shall have entered into the Purchaser Merger Agreement, (iii) accepting the merger consideration in exchange for the Shares upon consummation of the merger contemplated by the Purchaser Merger Agreement, or (iv) accepting the merger consideration in exchange for the Shares upon consummation of a merger

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between the Company and any other third party following the purchase of shares of Common Stock by that third party pursuant to a tender offer.

4.2. <u>No Solicitation of Transactions</u>. Stockholder shall not, directly or indirectly, through any agent or representative or otherwise, solicit, initiate or encourage the submission of any proposal or offer from any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, person (including, without limitation, a "person" as defined in section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), trust, association or entity (collectively, other than Purchaser and any affiliate of Purchaser, a "Person") relating to (i) any acquisition or purchase of all or any

of the Shares or (ii) any acquisition or purchase of all or (other than in the ordinary course of business) any portion of the assets of, or any equity interest in, the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Subsidiary") or any business combination with the Company or any Subsidiary or participate in any negotiations regarding, or furnish to any Person any information with respect to, or otherwise cooperate in any way with, or assist or participate in or facilitate or encourage, any effort or attempt by any Person to do or seek any of the foregoing.

5. Termination. This Agreement and the Option shall automatically terminate upon the earliest of (i) on the close of business on February 9, 2007 if Purchaser or an entity affiliated with Purchaser has not delivered the Proposal in writing to the Company on or before that time, (ii) on the close of business on April 30, 2007 if Purchaser or an entity affiliated with Purchaser has not entered into the Purchaser Merger Agreement on or before such time, (iii) the termination of the Purchaser Merger Agreement (if the Purchaser Merger Agreement is entered into on or before the time specified in clause (i)), (iv) August 1, 2007, or (v) the transfer of all the Shares as permitted by Section 4.1 hereof. (The time of such termination is referred to as the "Termination Date"). The provisions of Section 1.6 hereof shall survive any termination of this Agreement. Although neither of the parties to this Agreement believes, or intends, that a "group" as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act (a "13D Group") shall be formed or result from this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, if the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") determines that Purchaser and Stockholder have formed, joined in or are

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in any way participating in a 13D Group together or if Purchaser or any affiliated entities files a Statement on Schedule 13D with the SEC stating that Purchaser and Stockholder have formed, joined in or are in any way participating in a 13D Group together, then either Purchaser or Stockholder may terminate this Agreement and the Option by delivering written notice to the other. (If either party receives any inquiry from the SEC regarding this Agreement and a 13D Group, then it shall advise the other of this inquiry reasonably promptly).

### Miscellaneous.

- 6.1. <u>Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid by the party incurring such expenses.
- 6.2. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Stockholder and Purchaser will execute and deliver all such further documents and instruments and take all such further action as may be necessary in order to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- 6.3. <u>Specific Performance</u>. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event any provision of this Agreement was not performed in accordance with the terms hereof and that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, in addition to any other remedy at law or in equity.
- 6.4. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Purchaser and Stockholder with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between Purchaser and Stockholder with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 6.5. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement shall not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise, except that Purchaser may assign all or any of its rights and obligations hereunder to any affiliate of Purchaser, provided that no such assignment shall relieve Purchaser of its obligations hereunder if such assignee does not perform such obligations.
- 6.6. <u>Parties in Interest</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, inure solely to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their successors and permitted

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assigns. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

- 6.7. <u>Amendment; Waiver</u>. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto. Any party hereto may (a) extend the time for the performance of any obligation or other act of any other party hereto, (b) waive any inaccuracy in the representations and warranties contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto and (c) waive compliance with any agreement or condition contained herein. Any such extension or waiver shall be valid if set forth in an instrument in writing signed by the party or parties to be bound thereby.
- 6.8. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of this Agreement is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the terms of this Agreement remain as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.
- 6.9. <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, all notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person, by cable, facsimile transmission, telegram or telex or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this Section 9.9):

# if to Purchaser:

Simon Property Group, Inc. 225 W. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Attention: James M. Barkley, Esq.

General Counsel

Facsimile: (317) 685-7377 Telephone: (317) 263-7083

# with a copy to:

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

One New York Plaza

New York, New York 10004-1980 Attention: Peter Golden Facsimile: (212) 859-4000 Telephone: (212) 859-8000

### if to Stockholder:

Stark Master Fund Ltd. c/o Stark Offshore Management LLC

3600 South Lake Drive

St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235

Attention: Todd Turall
Facsimile: (414) 294-7700
Telephone: (414) 294-7000

with a copy of all communications to Stockholder:

Baker & McKenzie, LLP One Prudential Plaza, Suite 3500 130 East Randolph Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601

Attention: James P. O'Brien

Michael F. DeFranco

Facsimile: (312) 861-2899 Telephone: (312) 861-8000

6.10. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed in Delaware without regard to any principles of choice of law or conflicts of

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law of such state. All actions and proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be heard and determined in any state or federal court sitting in the State of Delaware and the parties agree to personal and subject matter jurisdiction therein.

- 6.11. <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 6.12. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile transmission) in one or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first written above.

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Name: Stephen E. Sterrett

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

STARK MASTER FUND LTD By: STARK OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT LLC,

its investment manager

By: /s/ C.M. Lancaster
Name: C.M. Lancaster
Title: Principal