# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

# DIGI INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of

41-1532464 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11001 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MINNESOTA (Address of principal executive offices)

incorporation or organization)

55343 (Zip Code)

DIGI INTERNATIONAL INC. 2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN (Full title of the plan)

Joseph T. Dunsmore Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Digi International Inc. 11001 Bren Road East Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 (Name and address of agent for service)

(952) 912-3444 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

ndicate by check mark whether the reg	gistrant is a large accelerated filer, an a	ccelerated filer, a non-accelerated f	iler or a smaller reporting company. See
efinitions of "large accelerated filer,"	"accelerated filer" and "smaller report	ing company" in Rule 12b-2 of the	Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer						Accelerated filer	$\boxtimes$
Non-accelerated filer						Smaller reporting company	

#### Calculation of Registration Fee

		Proposed	Proposed	
	Amount	maximum	maximum	
Title of securities	to be	offering price	aggregate	Amount of
to be registered	registered (1)(2)(3)	per share (4)	offering price (4)	registration fee(5)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	2,250,000 shares	\$10.015	\$22,533,750	\$2,902.35

- (1) As described in the Explanatory Note in this registration statement, the number of shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share ("Common Stock"), registered hereby consists of (a) 1,870,499 shares being registered for the first time pursuant to the Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan"), plus (b) 379,501 shares (the "Carryover Shares") that were previously registered with respect to the Digi International Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan") on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 16, 2013 (Registration Statement No. 333-187949) (the "2013 S-8"). The Carryover Shares were available for future grants under the 2013 Plan as of January 27, 2014, the date of the adoption of the 2014 Plan. A post-effective amendment to the 2013 S-8 to deregister the Carryover Shares is being filed contemporaneously with the filing of this registration statement.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement includes an indeterminate number of additional shares as may be issuable as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the outstanding Common Stock of the Registrant.
- (3) Associated with the Common Stock of the Registrant are preferred share purchase rights that will not be exercisable or evidenced separately from the Common Stock prior to the occurrence of certain events.
- (4) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low sales prices per share of the Registrant's Common Stock on March 10, 2014 as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.
- (5) The Registrant is paying registration fees solely with respect to the 1,870,499 shares of Common Stock newly registered hereby. The registration fee with respect to the Carryover Shares was paid upon filing of the 2013 S-8 as described in footnote (1) above, and no further registration fee is required.

#### DIGI INTERNATIONAL INC.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The stockholders of Digi International Inc. (the "Company") approved the Company's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan") on January 27, 2014 (the "Effective Date"). As provided in the 2014 Plan, 2,250,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock"), are available for issuance thereunder. In addition, the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2014 Plan will be increased by the number of shares subject to awards (made under the 2014 Plan or that were outstanding under the 2013 Plan or the Company's 2000 Omnibus Stock Plan, as amended and restated December 4, 2009 (the "2000 Plan")) that expire, are forfeited, or are settled in cash. The Company's authority to grant new awards under the 2010 Plan terminated upon stockholder approval of the 2013 Plan on January 28, 2013 and its authority to grant new awards under the 2013 Plan terminated upon stockholder approval of the 2014 Plan on the Effective Date.

The purpose of this registration statement is to register the 1,870,499 shares being registered for the first time pursuant to the 2014 Plan and the 379,501 shares (the "Carryover Shares") that remained available for grants under the 2013 as of the Effective Date and were previously registered on a Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on April 16, 2013 (Registration Statement No. 333-187949) (the "2013 S-8"). The 2013 S-8 registered 1,750,000 shares of Common Stock, equal to the total number of shares of Common Stock then available under the 2013 Plan. A post-effective amendment to the 2013 S-8 to deregister the Carryover Shares is being filed contemporaneously with the filing of this registration statement.

Additional shares of Common Stock registered under the 2000 Plan and 2013 Plan may become available for future grants under the 2014 Plan if awards made under the 2000 Plan or 2013 Plan that were outstanding on the Effective Date expire, are forfeited, or are settled in cash. Such shares may be registered for issuance under the 2014 Plan pursuant to subsequent registration statements.

# PART I

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Part I of Form S-8 is not required to be filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to the introductory Note to Part I of Form S-8 and Rule 424 under the Securities Act. The information required in the Section 10(a) prospectus is included in the documents being maintained and delivered by the Company as required by Part I of Form S-8 and by Rule 428 under the Securities Act.

# PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents of the Company, filed with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are, as of their respective dates, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

- (1) The Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 (File No. 1-34033), which incorporates by reference certain portions of the Company's definitive proxy statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- (2) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report referred to in (1) above (other than information deemed to have been "furnished" rather than "filed" in accordance with the Commission's rules);

(3) The descriptions of the Company's Common Stock and Purchase Rights contained in registration statements filed pursuant to the Exchange Act, together with any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating those descriptions.

All reports and other documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all of the securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in and a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or incorporated herein by reference or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

# Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Under Delaware law, a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to an action (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) that are actually and reasonably incurred by the person ("Expenses"), and judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement that are actually and reasonably incurred by the person, in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, provided that the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. Although Delaware law permits a corporation to indemnify any person referred to above against Expenses in connection with the defense or settlement of an action by or in the right of the corporation, provided that the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, if such person has been judged liable to the corporation, indemnification is only permitted to the extent that the Court of Chancery (or the court in which the action was brought) determines that, despite the adjudication of liability, such person is entitled to indemnity for such Expenses as the court deems proper. The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware also provides for mandatory indemnification of any director or officer against Expenses to the extent such person has been successful in any proceeding covered by the statute. In addition, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides the general authorization of advancement of a director's or officer's litigation Expenses in lieu of requiring the authorization of such advancement by the board of directors in specific cases, and that indemnification and advancement of Expenses provided by the statute shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification of Expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement or otherwise.

Article V of the By-Laws of the Company and indemnification agreements with directors and officers of the Company provide for the broad indemnification of the directors and officers of the Company and for advancement of litigation Expenses to the fullest extent required or permitted by current Delaware law.

The Company maintains a director and officer liability insurance policy that reimburses the Company for Expenses that it may incur in conjunction with the foregoing indemnity provisions and that may provide direct indemnification to officers and directors where the Company is unable to do so.

The Certificate of Incorporation of the Company eliminates the personal liability of a director to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except under certain circumstances involving certain wrongful acts such as breach of a director's duty of loyalty, acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, for any unlawful acts under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or for any transaction from which a director derives an improper personal benefit.

# Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

#### Exhibit

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1993 (File No. 0-17972)).
- Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated January 18, 2011 (File No. 1-34033)).
- 5 Opinion of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, counsel for the Registrant.
- 23.1 Consent of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (contained in Exhibit 5 to this Registration Statement).
- 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 24 Powers of Attorney.
- 99 Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

#### Item 9. Undertakings.

- A. The Company hereby undertakes:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement; and

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- B. The Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Minnetonka, State of Minnesota, on March 12, 2014.

DIGI INTERNATIONAL INC.

By /s/ Joseph T. Dunsmore

Joseph T. Dunsmore

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Digi International Inc., hereby severally constitute Joseph T. Dunsmore and Steven E. Snyder, and each of them singly, as true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names, in the capacities indicated below the registration statement filed herewith and any amendments to said registration statement, and generally to do all such things in our name and behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable Digi International Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on March 12, 2014:

Signature	Title
/s/ Joseph T. Dunsmore	Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal
Joseph T. Dunsmore	Executive Officer and Director)
/s/ Steven E. Snyder	Principal Financial Officer
Steven E. Snyder	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ Guy C. Jackson	Director
Guy C. Jackson	<del></del>
/s/ Satbir Khanuja, Ph.D.	Director
Satbir Khanuja, Ph.D.	
/s/ Kenneth E. Millard	Director
Kenneth E. Millard	
/s/ Ahmed Nawaz	Director
Ahmed Nawaz	
/s/ William N. Priesmeyer	Director
William N. Priesmeyer	
/s/ Girish Rishi	Director
Girish Rishi	

# INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	Filed Electronically
24	Powers of Attorney	Included with signatures
99	Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan	Filed Electronically

#### FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS LLP

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March 12, 2014

Digi International Inc. 11001 Bren Road East Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343

In connection with the proposed registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), of shares of Common Stock of Digi International Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), offered and to be offered pursuant to the Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), we have examined the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, its Amended and Restated By-Laws and such other documents, including the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of even date herewith, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to such shares (the "Registration Statement"), and have reviewed such matters of law as we have deemed necessary for this opinion.

Accordingly, based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company has duly authorized the issuance of the shares of Common Stock which may be issued pursuant to the Plan.
- 2. The shares which may be issued pursuant to the Plan will be, upon issuance in accordance with the Plan, validly issued and outstanding and fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and the reference to our firm in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement, and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose.

Very truly yours,

FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS LLP

/s/ Amy C. Seidel

Amy C. Seidel

Partner

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated November 22, 2013 relating to the consolidated financial statements, financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Digi International Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Minneapolis, MN March 12, 2014

#### Digi International Inc.

#### 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan

(as approved January 27, 2014)

1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to promote the interests of the Company and its stockholders by providing key personnel of the Company and its Affiliates and Non-Employee Directors with an opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and thereby develop a stronger incentive to put forth maximum effort for the continued success and growth of the Company and its Affiliates. In addition, the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company will aid in attracting and retaining key personnel and Non-Employee Directors of outstanding ability.

# 2. Definitions.

- 2.1 The capitalized terms used elsewhere in the Plan have the meanings set forth below.
- (a) "Affiliate" means any corporation that is a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" of the Company, as those terms are defined in Code Sections 424(e) and (f), or any successor provisions, and, for purposes other than the grant of Incentive Stock Options, any entity in which the Company or any such "subsidiary corporation" owns at least 20% of the combined voting power of the entity's voting securities and which is designated by the Committee as covered by the Plan.
- (b) "Agreement" means a written or electronic contract (i) entered into between the Company and a Participant and (ii) containing the terms and conditions of an Award in such form and not inconsistent with the Plan as the Committee shall approve from time to time, together with all amendments thereto, which amendments may be unilaterally made by the Company (with the approval of the Committee) unless such amendments are deemed by the Committee to be materially adverse to the Participant and not required to comply with applicable law or stock exchange rules.
- (c) "Award" or "Awards" means a grant made under the Plan in the form of Restricted Stock, Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Stock Units, an Other Stock-Based Award or a Cash Incentive Award.
  - (d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (e) "Cash Incentive Award" means an Award described in Section 8.2 of the Plan.
  - (e) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time or any successor statute.
- (f) "Committee" means two or more Non-Employee Directors designated by the Board to administer the Plan under Plan Section 3.1, each of whom shall be (i) an independent director within the meaning and rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, (ii) a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Exchange Act Rule 16b-3 and (iii) an "outside director" for purposes of Code Section 162(m). Unless otherwise specified by the Board, the Committee shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board.
- (g) "Company" means Digi International Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor to all or substantially all of its businesses by merger, consolidation, purchase of assets or otherwise.
  - (h) "Effective Date" means the date specified in Plan Section 13.1.
  - (i) "Employee" means an employee (including an officer or director who is also an employee) of the Company or an Affiliate.
  - (j) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect from time to time or any successor statute.
- (k) "Exchange Act Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, as now in force and in effect from time to time or any successor regulation.

(l) "Fair Market Value" as of any date means, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the fair market value of a Share determined as follows:

- (i) If the Shares are then readily tradable on an established securities market (as determined under Code Section 409A), then Fair Market Value will be the closing sale price for a Share on the principal securities market on which it trades on such date, or if no sale of Shares occurred on that date, on the next preceding date on which a sale of Shares occurred, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Committee deems reliable; or
- (ii) If clause (i) is inapplicable, then Fair Market Value will be determined by the Committee as the result of a reasonable application of a reasonable valuation method that satisfies the requirements of Code Section 409A.

In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, if this determination of Fair Market Value is not consistent with the then current regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury, Fair Market Value shall be determined in accordance with those regulations. The determination of Fair Market Value shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Plan Section 17.

- (m) "Full Value Award" means any Award other than an Option Award, Stock Appreciation Rights Award or Cash Incentive Award.
- (n) "Fundamental Change" means a dissolution or liquidation of the Company, a sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into any other corporation, regardless of whether the Company is the surviving corporation, or a statutory share exchange involving capital stock of the Company.
- (o) "Incentive Stock Option" means any Option designated as such and granted in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 422 or any successor provision.
- (p) "Insider" as of a particular date means any person who, as of that date, is a director of the Company or an officer of the Company as defined under Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(f) or its successor provision.
  - (q) "Non-Employee Director" means a member of the Board who is not an Employee.
  - (r) "Non-Statutory Stock Option" means an Option other than an Incentive Stock Option.
  - (s) "Option" means a right to purchase Stock, including both Non-Statutory Stock Options and Incentive Stock Options.
  - (t) "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award described in Section 8.1 of the Plan.
  - (u) "Participant" means a person to whom an Award is or has been made in accordance with the Plan.
- (v) "Performance-Based Compensation" means a Full Value or Cash Incentive Award to a person who is, or is determined by the Committee to likely become, a "covered employee" (as defined in Code Section 162(m)(3)) and that is intended to constitute "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C).
  - (w) "Performance Cycle" means the period of time as specified in an Agreement over which a performance-based Award is to be earned.
  - (x) "Plan" means this Digi International Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as may be amended and in effect from time to time.
- (y) "Prior Plans" means the Digi International Inc. 2000 Omnibus Stock Plan, as amended and restated as of December 4, 2009 (the "2000 Plan"), and the Digi International Inc. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan").
  - (z) "Restricted Stock" means Stock granted under Plan Section 7 so long as such Stock remains subject to one or more restrictions.
- (aa) "Section 16" or "Section 16(b)" means Section 16 or Section 16(b), respectively, of the Exchange Act or any successor statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as in effect and as amended from time to time.
  - (bb) "Share" means a share of Stock.
  - (cc) "Stock" means the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company.

- (dd) "Stock Appreciation Right" means a right, the value of which is determined in relation to the appreciation in value of Shares pursuant to an Award granted under Plan Section 10.
  - (ee) "Stock Unit" means an Award described in Section 11 of the Plan.
  - (ff) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," as that term is defined in Code Section 424(f) or any successor provision.
  - (gg) "Substitute Award" means an Award granted under the circumstances described in Section 21 of the Plan.
- (hh) "Successor" with respect to a Participant means the legal representative of an incompetent Participant, and if the Participant is deceased the estate of the Participant or the person or persons who may, by bequest or inheritance, or pursuant to the terms of an Award, acquire the right to exercise an Option or Stock Appreciation Right or to receive cash and/or Shares issuable in satisfaction of an Award in the event of the Participant's death.
- (ii) "Term" means the period during which an Option or Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised or the period during which the restrictions or terms and conditions placed on Restricted Stock or any other Award are in effect.
- (jj) "Transferee" means any "family member" of a Participant as the term is defined in General Instruction A(5) to Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- 2.2 <u>Gender and Number</u>. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, reference to the masculine gender shall include, when used, the feminine gender and any term used in the singular shall also include the plural.

# 3. Administration and Indemnification.

#### 3.1 Administration.

- (a) The Committee shall administer the Plan. The Committee shall have exclusive power to (i) make Awards, (ii) determine when and to whom Awards will be granted, the form of each Award, the amount of each Award, and any other terms or conditions of each Award consistent with the Plan, and (iii) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances, Awards may be settled, paid or exercised in cash, Shares or other Awards, or other property or canceled, forfeited or suspended. Each Award shall be subject to an Agreement authorized by the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Committee, and acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present or the acts unanimously approved in writing by all members of the Committee shall be the acts of the Committee. Any such action of the Committee shall be valid and effective even if any member of the Committee at the time of the action is later determined not to have satisfied all of the criteria for membership in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of Section 2(f). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall have the sole and exclusive power to administer the Plan with respect to Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors.
- (b) Solely for purposes of determining and administering Awards to Participants who are not Insiders, the Committee may delegate all or any portion of its authority under the Plan to one or more persons who are not Non-Employee Directors.
- (c) To the extent within its discretion and subject to Plan Sections 16, 17, and 19, the Committee may amend the terms and conditions of any outstanding Award.
- (d) It is the intent that the Plan and all Awards granted pursuant to it shall be administered by the Committee so as to permit the Plan and Awards to comply with Exchange Act Rule 16b-3, except in such instances as the Committee, in its discretion, may so provide. If any provision of the Plan or of any Award would otherwise frustrate or conflict with the intent expressed in this Section 3.1(d), that provision to the extent possible shall be interpreted and deemed amended in the manner determined by the Committee so as to avoid the conflict. To the extent of any remaining irreconcilable conflict with this intent, the provision shall be deemed void as applicable to Insiders to the extent permitted by law and in the manner deemed advisable by the Committee.
- (e) The Committee's interpretation of the Plan and of any Award or Agreement made under the Plan and all related decisions or resolutions of the Board or Committee shall be final and binding on all parties with an interest therein. Consistent with its terms, the Committee shall have the power to establish, amend or waive regulations to administer the Plan. In carrying out any of its responsibilities, the Committee shall have discretionary authority to construe the terms of the Plan and any Award or Agreement made under the Plan.

- (f) The Committee may grant Awards to Employees and other eligible service providers who are foreign nationals, who are located outside of the United States or who are not compensated from a payroll maintained in the United States, or who are otherwise subject to (or could cause the Company to be subject to) legal or regulatory requirements of countries outside of the United States, on such terms and conditions different from those specified in the Plan as may, in the judgment of the Committee, be necessary or desirable to comply with applicable foreign laws and regulatory requirements and to promote achievement of the purposes of the Plan. In connection therewith, the Committee may establish such sub-plans and modify exercise procedures and other Plan rules and procedures to the extent such actions are deemed necessary or desirable, and may take any other action that it deems advisable to obtain local regulatory approvals or to comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions.
- 3.2 <u>Indemnification</u>. Each person who is or shall have been a member of the Committee, or of the Board, and any other person to whom the Committee delegates authority under the Plan, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company, to the extent permitted by law, against and from any loss, cost, liability or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by such person in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which such person may be a party or in which such person may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act, made in good faith, under the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by such person in settlement thereof, with the Company's approval, or paid by such person in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding against such person, provided such person shall give the Company an opportunity, at the Company's expense, to handle and defend the same before such person undertakes to handle and defend it on such person's own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such person or persons may be entitled under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

# 4. Shares Available Under the Plan and Maximum Awards.

- 4.1 <u>Number of Shares Available for Grants</u>. Subject to adjustment as provided in Sections 4.1(a) and 17 herein, the number of Shares that may be the subject of Awards and issued to Participants under the Plan shall be 2,250,000. After the Effective Date, no additional awards may be granted under the Prior Plans. Any Shares that are subject to Awards of Options shall be counted against the maximum Share limitation as one Share for every one Share granted, and Awards of Stock Appreciation Rights shall be counted against this maximum Share limitation as equal to the number of Shares to which such Stock Appreciation Rights relate. Any Shares that are subject to Full Value Awards shall be counted against this maximum Share limitation as 2.0 Shares for every one Share granted. Substitute Awards shall not be counted against this maximum Share limitation, nor shall they reduce the number of Shares authorized for grant to a Participant in any calendar year. The Shares to be delivered under the Plan will be made available from authorized but unissued Shares or issued Shares that are held in the Company's treasury.
- (a) Any Shares subject to an Award under this Plan, or to an award granted under one of the Prior Plans that is outstanding on the Effective Date (a "Prior Plan Award"), that expires, is forfeited, cancelled, returned to the Company for failure to satisfy vesting requirements, is settled for cash or otherwise terminates without payment being made thereunder shall, to the extent of such expiration, forfeiture, cancellation, return, cash settlement or termination, again be available for grant under the Plan. Each Share that again becomes available for grant pursuant to the preceding sentence shall increase the total number of Shares remaining available for Awards by (i) one Share if such Share was subject to an Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan or to a stock option or stock appreciation right granted under one of the Prior Plans, (ii) 2.0 Shares if such Share was subject to a Full Value Award granted under the Plan or under the 2013 Plan, or (iii) 1.3 Shares if such Share was subject to a Full Value Award granted under the 2000 Plan. The following Shares will, however, continue to be charged against the foregoing maximum Share limitation and will not again become available for grant: (i) Shares tendered by the Participant or withheld by the Company in payment of the purchase price of an Option, (ii) Shares tendered by the Participant or withheld by the Company to satisfy any tax withholding obligation with respect to an Award, (iii) Shares subject to a Stock Appreciation Right that are not issued in connection with the settlement of the Stock Appreciation Right upon its exercise, and (iv) Shares repurchased by the Company with proceeds received from the exercise of a stock option issued under this Plan or the Prior Plan.

- (b) Where two or more types of Awards (all of which are payable in Shares) are granted to a Participant in tandem with each other, such that the exercise of one type of Award with respect to a number of Shares cancels at least an equal number of Shares of the other, the number of Shares to be counted against the maximum Share limitation shall be the maximum number of Shares available under the larger of the two Awards.
- (c) If a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the number of shares remaining available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the number of Shares authorized for grant under the Plan. Awards using such available shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not Employees or Non-Employee Directors prior to such acquisition or combination.
- (d) Additional rules for determining the number of Shares granted under the Plan may be made by the Committee as it deems necessary or desirable.
  - (e) No fractional Shares may be issued under the Plan; however, cash shall be paid in lieu of any fractional Share in settlement of an Award.
- 4.2 <u>Individual Award Limitations</u>. Subject to adjustment pursuant to Plan Section 17, the maximum number of Shares that may be awarded to a Participant in any calendar year in the form of Options is 350,000, and the maximum number of Shares that may be awarded to a Participant in any calendar year in the form of Stock Appreciation Rights is 175,000.
- 5. <u>Eligibility</u>. Participation in the Plan shall be limited to Employees, Non-Employee Directors and any consultant or advisor who is a natural person and who provides services to the Company or any Affiliate (other than in connection with (i) the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction or (ii) directly or indirectly promoting or maintaining a market in Company securities). The granting of Awards is solely at the discretion of the Committee, except that Incentive Stock Options may only be granted to Employees. References herein to "employed," "employment" or similar terms (except "Employee") shall include the providing of services to the Company or an Affiliate as a Non-Employee Director, consultant or advisor. Neither the transfer of employment of a Participant between any of the Company or its Affiliates, nor a leave of absence granted to such Participant and approved by the Committee, shall be deemed a termination of employment for purposes of the Plan.

# 6. General Terms of Awards.

- 6.1 <u>Amount of Award</u>. Each Agreement shall set forth the number of Shares of Restricted Stock, Stock or Stock Units subject to the Agreement, or the number of Shares to which the Option subject to the Agreement applies or with respect to which payment upon the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right subject to the Agreement is to be determined, as the case may be, together with such other terms and conditions applicable to the Award as determined by the Committee acting in its sole discretion.
- 6.2 <u>Term.</u> Each Agreement, other than those relating solely to Awards of Shares without restrictions, shall set forth the Term of the Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Stock Unit or other Award or the Performance Cycle for any performance-based Award, as the case may be. Acceleration of the expiration of the applicable Term is permitted, upon such terms and conditions as shall be set forth in the Agreement, which may, but need not, include, without limitation, acceleration in the event of the Participant's death or retirement. Acceleration of the Performance Cycle of any performance-based Awards shall be subject to Plan Section 6.6. Each award granted to a Participant shall have such Term as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that any such Term shall not exceed eight (8) years.
- 6.3 <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Section, during the lifetime of a Participant to whom an Award is granted, only that Participant (or that Participant's legal representative) may exercise an Option or Stock Appreciation Right, or receive payment with respect to Stock Units or any other Award. No Award of Restricted Stock (before the expiration of the restrictions), Options, Stock Appreciation Rights or Stock Units or other Award may be sold, assigned, transferred, exchanged or otherwise encumbered other than to a Successor in the event of a Participant's death or pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order as defined in the Code or Title 1 of the

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), or the rules thereunder; any attempted transfer in violation of this Section 6.3 shall be of no effect. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, the Committee, in an Agreement or otherwise at its discretion, may provide that the Award (other than Incentive Stock Options) may be transferable to a Transferee if the Participant does not receive any consideration for the transfer. Any Award held by a Transferee shall continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to that Award immediately before the transfer thereof to the Transferee. For purposes of any provision of the Plan relating to notice to a Participant or to acceleration or termination of an Award upon the death, disability or termination of employment of a Participant, the references to "Participant" shall mean the original grantee of an Award and not any Transferee.

6.4 <u>Termination of Employment</u>. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee or provided by the Committee in an Agreement, in case of a Participant's termination of employment (which includes other service relationships as provided in Section 5), the following provisions shall apply:

# (a) Options and Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (i) If a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates because of the Participant's death, then any Option or Stock Appreciation Right that has not expired or been terminated shall become exercisable in full if the Participant's employment has been continuous between the date the Option or Stock Appreciation Right was granted and a date not more than three months prior to such death, and may be exercised by the Participant's Successor at any time, or from time to time, within one year after the date of the Participant's death.
- (ii) If a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates because the Participant is disabled (within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code), then any Option or Stock Appreciation Right that has not expired or been terminated shall become exercisable in full if the Participant's employment has been continuous between the date the Option or Stock Appreciation Right was granted and the date of such disability, and the Participant or the Participant's Successor may exercise such Option or Stock Appreciation Right at any time, or from time to time, within one year after the date of the Participant's disability.
- (iii) If a Participant's employment terminates for any reason other than death or disability, then any Option or Stock Appreciation Right that has not expired or been terminated shall remain exercisable for three months after termination of the Participant's employment, but, unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, only to the extent that such Option or Stock Appreciation Right was exercisable immediately prior to such Participant's termination of employment; provided, however, that if the Participant is a Non-Employee Director, the Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall remain exercisable until the expiration of the Term after such Non-Employee Director ceases to be a director of the Company but, unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, only to the extent that such Option or Stock Appreciation Right was exercisable immediately prior to such Non-Employee Director ceasing to be a director.
- (iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing Plan Sections 6.4(a)(i), (ii) and (iii), in no event shall an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right be exercisable after the expiration of the Term of such Award. Any Option or Stock Appreciation Right that is not exercised within the periods set forth in Plan Sections 6.4 (i), (ii) and (iii), except as otherwise provided by the Committee in the Agreement, shall terminate as of the end of the periods described in such Sections.
- (b) <u>Performance-Based Full Value Awards</u>. If a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates during a Performance Cycle because of death or disability, or under other circumstances provided by the Committee in its discretion in the Agreement or otherwise, the Participant, unless the Committee shall otherwise provide in the Agreement, shall be entitled to a payment with respect to a performance-based Full Value Award at the end of the Performance Cycle based upon the extent to which achievement of performance goals was satisfied at the end of such period (as determined at the end of the Performance Cycle) and prorated for the portion of the Performance Cycle during which the Participant was employed by the Company or its Affiliates. Except as provided in this Section 6.4(b) or in the Agreement, if a Participant's employment or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates terminates during a Performance Cycle, then such Participant shall not be entitled to any payment with respect to that Performance Cycle.

- (c) <u>Time Vested Restricted Stock and Stock Unit Awards</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in case of a Participant's death or disability, the Participant shall be entitled to have vest a number of Shares of Restricted Stock or a number of Stock Units under outstanding Awards subject only to service-based vesting that has been prorated for the portion of the Term of the Awards during which the Participant was employed by the Company and its Affiliates, and, with respect to such Shares or Stock Units, all restrictions shall lapse. Any Shares of Restricted Stock or Stock Units that do not vest and as to which restrictions do not lapse under the preceding sentence shall terminate at the date of the Participant's termination of employment and such Shares of Restricted Stock or Stock Units shall be forfeited to the Company.
- 6.5 <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. Each Agreement shall provide that a Participant shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any securities covered by an Award unless and until the date the Participant becomes the holder of record of the Stock, if any, to which the Award relates.
- 6.6 <u>Performance-Based Awards</u>. Any Award may be granted as a performance-based Award if the Committee establishes one or more measures of Company, Subsidiary, business unit or individual performance which must be attained, and the Performance Cycle over which the specified performance is to be attained, as a condition to the vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement in cash or Shares of such Award. In connection with any such Award, the Committee shall determine the extent to which performance goals have been attained and other applicable terms and conditions have been satisfied, and the degree to which vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement in cash or Shares of such Award has been earned. Any performance-based Award that is intended by the Committee to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall additionally be subject to the requirements of Section 12 of this Plan. Except as provided in Section 12 with respect to Performance-Based Compensation, the Committee shall also have the authority to provide, in an Agreement or otherwise, for the acceleration of a Performance Cycle and an adjustment or waiver of the achievement of performance goals upon the occurrence of certain events, which may, but need not include, without limitation, a Fundamental Change, a recapitalization, a change in the accounting practices of the Company, a change in a Participant's title or employment responsibilities, a Participant's death or retirement or, with respect to settlements in Shares with respect to an Award, a reclassification, stock dividend, stock split or stock combination as provided in Plan Section 17. An Agreement also may provide for a limitation on the value of an Award that a Participant may receive.
- 6.7 <u>Dividends and Dividend Equivalents</u>. Any dividends or distributions paid with respect to Shares that are subject to the unvested portion of a Restricted Stock Award will be subject to the same restrictions as the Shares to which such dividends or distributions relate, except for regular cash dividends on Shares subject to the unvested portion of a Restricted Stock Award that is subject only to service-based vesting conditions. In its discretion, the Committee may provide in an Agreement for a Stock Unit Award or an Other Stock-Based Award that the Participant will be entitled to receive dividend equivalents on the units or other Share equivalents subject to the Award based on dividends actually declared on outstanding Shares. The terms of any dividend equivalents will be as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, including the time and form of payment and whether such dividend equivalents will be credited with interest or deemed to be reinvested in additional units or Share equivalents. Any dividend equivalents payable with respect to the unvested portion of a Stock Unit Award or an Other Stock-Based Award that is performance-based within the meaning of Section 6.6 will be subject to the same restrictions as the units or other Share equivalents to which such dividend equivalents relate. The Committee may, in its discretion, provide in Award Agreements for restrictions on dividends and dividend equivalents in addition to those specified in this Section 6.7.
- 6.8 <u>Minimum Vesting Period</u>. The Committee may provide in an Agreement for such vesting conditions as it may determine, subject to the following limitations on Full Value Awards:
  - (1) A Full Value Award that vests solely as the result of the passage of time and continued employment by the Participant shall be subject to a vesting period of not less than three years from the grant date of the Award (but permitting pro rata vesting over such vesting period); and
  - (2) A Full Value Award whose vesting is subject to the satisfaction of performance goals over a Performance Cycle shall be subject to a Performance Cycle of not less than one year.

The minimum vesting periods specified in clauses (1) and (2) above will not, however, apply in the following situations: (i) an Award made to attract a key executive to join the Company; (ii) upon a Fundamental Change; (iii) upon termination of Service due to death, disability or retirement; (iv) Awards made in payment of or exchange for

other earned compensation (including performance-based Awards); (v) any Substitute Award that does not reduce the vesting period of the award being replaced; (vi) Awards made to Non-Employee Directors; and (vii) Awards involving an aggregate number of Shares not in excess of 10% of the number of Shares specified in the first sentence of Section 4.1.

# 7. Restricted Stock Awards.

- 7.1 <u>Nature of Award</u>. An Award of Restricted Stock under the Plan shall consist of Shares subject to restrictions on transfer and conditions of forfeiture, which restrictions and conditions shall be included in the applicable Agreement. The Committee may provide for the lapse or waiver of any such restrictions or conditions and the vesting of the Shares based on such factors or criteria as the Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine.
- 7.2 <u>Stock Certificates</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement, each Stock certificate issued with respect to an Award of Restricted Stock shall either be deposited with the Company or its designee, together with an assignment separate from the certificate, in blank, signed by the Participant, or bear such legends with respect to the restricted nature of the Restricted Stock evidenced thereby as shall be provided for in the applicable Agreement.
- 7.3 <u>Vesting of Awards</u>. The Agreement shall describe the terms and conditions by which the restrictions and conditions of forfeiture upon awarded Restricted Stock shall lapse and the Shares vest. Upon the lapse of the restrictions and conditions, Shares free of restrictive legends, if any, relating to such restrictions shall be issued to the Participant or a Successor or Transferee.
- 7.4 <u>Rights as a Stockholder</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, a Participant or a Transferee with a Restricted Stock Award shall have all the rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote the Shares of Restricted Stock.

# 8. Other Awards.

- 8.1 <u>Other Stock-Based Awards</u>. The Committee may from time to time grant Stock and other Awards that are valued by reference to and/or payable in whole or in part in Shares under the Plan. The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards, provided that such Awards shall not be inconsistent with the terms and purposes of the Plan. The Committee may, at its sole discretion, direct the Company to issue Shares subject to restrictive legends and/or stop transfer instructions that are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Award to which the Shares relate.
- 8.2 <u>Cash Incentive Awards</u>. A Cash Incentive Award shall be considered a performance-based Award for purposes of, and subject to, Section 6.6, the payment of which shall be contingent upon the degree to which one or more specified performance goals have been achieved over a specified Performance Cycle. Cash Incentive Awards may be granted to any Participant in such amounts and upon such terms and at such times as shall be determined by the Committee, and may be denominated in units that have a dollar value established by the Committee as of the applicable grant date. Following the completion of the applicable Performance Cycle and the vesting of a Cash Incentive Award, payment of the settlement amount of the Award to the Participant shall be made at such time or times in the form of cash or other forms of Awards under the Plan (valued for these purposes at their grant date fair value) or a combination of cash and other forms of Awards as determined by the Committee and specified in the applicable Agreement. If a Cash Incentive Award is not by its terms exempt from the requirements of Code Section 409A, then the applicable Agreement shall contain terms and conditions intended to avoid adverse tax consequences specified in Code Section 409A.

# 9. Stock Options.

# 9.1 Terms of All Options.

- (a) An Option shall be granted pursuant to an Agreement as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Statutory Stock Option. The purchase price of each Share subject to an Option shall be determined by the Committee and set forth in the Agreement, but shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of a Share as of the date the Option is granted, except in the case of Substitute Awards.
- (b) The purchase price of the Shares with respect to which an Option is exercised shall be payable in full at the time of exercise, provided that to the extent permitted by law, the Agreement may permit some or all Participants to simultaneously exercise Options and sell the Shares thereby acquired pursuant to a brokerage or

similar relationship and use the proceeds from the sale as payment of the purchase price of the Shares. The purchase price may be payable in cash or in such other manner as the Committee may permit, including by delivery to the Company of Shares (by actual delivery or attestation) already owned by the Participant or by the Company withholding Shares otherwise issuable to the Participant upon the exercise of the Option (in either case, such Shares delivered or withheld having a Fair Market Value as of the date the Option is exercised equal to the purchase price of the Shares being purchased pursuant to the Option), or a combination thereof, as determined by the Committee, but no fractional Shares will be issued or accepted.

- (c) Each Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part on the terms provided in the Agreement. In no event shall any Option be exercisable at any time after the expiration of its Term. When an Option is no longer exercisable, it shall be deemed to have lapsed or terminated.
- (d) Each Option granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that no Option shall be exercisable later than the eight (8th) anniversary date of its grant.
  - 9.2 <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. In addition to the other terms and conditions applicable to all Options:
- (a) The maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options shall equal the maximum number of Shares that may be the subject of Awards and issued under the Plan as provided in the first sentence of Section 4.1.
- (b) The aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date the Option is granted) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options held by an individual first become exercisable in any calendar year (under the Plan and all other incentive stock option plans of the Company and its Affiliates) shall not exceed \$100,000 (or such other limit as may be required by the Code) if this limitation is necessary to qualify the Option as an Incentive Stock Option. To the extent an Option or Options granted to a Participant exceed this limit, the Option(s) shall be treated as Non-Statutory Stock Option(s).
- (c) The Agreement covering an Incentive Stock Option shall contain such other terms and provisions that the Committee determines necessary to qualify this Option as an Incentive Stock Option.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Participant may receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Plan if, at the time the Award is granted, the Participant owns (after application of the rules contained in Code Section 424(d), or its successor provision), Shares possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or its Subsidiaries, unless (i) the exercise price for all Shares subject to that Incentive Stock Option is at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant and (ii) that Option is not exercisable after the date five years from the date that Incentive Stock Option is granted.
- 10. <u>Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. An Award of a Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant (or a Successor or Transferee), subject to terms and conditions determined by the Committee, to receive upon exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right all or a portion of the excess of (i) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares as of the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right over (ii) a specified price that shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Shares as of the date of grant of the Stock Appreciation Right. A Stock Appreciation Right may be granted in connection with part or all of, in addition to, or completely independent of an Option or any other Award under the Plan. If issued in connection with a previously or contemporaneously granted Option, the Committee may impose a condition that exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right cancels a pro rata portion of the Option with which it is connected and vice versa. Each Stock Appreciation Right may be exercisable in whole or in part on the terms provided in the Agreement. No Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable at any time after the expiration of its Term. When a Stock Appreciation Right is no longer exercisable, it shall be deemed to have lapsed or terminated. Upon exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, payment to the Participant or a Successor or Transferee shall be made at such time or times as shall be provided in the Agreement in the form of cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares as determined by the Committee. The Agreement may provide for a limitation upon the amount or percentage of the total appreciation on which payment (whether in cash and/or Shares) may be made in the event of the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right. The Term of a Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion; provided, however, that such Term shall not exceed eight (8) years.

#### 11. Stock Units.

- 11.1 <u>Vesting and Consideration</u>. A Stock Unit shall consist of the right to receive, in cash and/or in Shares as determined by the Committee, the Fair Market Value of one or more Shares, with any Stock Unit Award subject to such vesting conditions, and the corresponding lapse of forfeiture conditions and other restrictions, based on such factors and occurring over such period of time as the Committee may determine in its discretion. The Committee may provide whether any consideration other than Services must be received by the Company or any Affiliate as a condition precedent to the settlement of a Stock Unit Award.
- 11.2 <u>Payment of Award</u>. Following the vesting of a Stock Unit Award, settlement of the Award and payment to the Participant shall be made at such time or times in the form of cash, Shares (which may themselves be considered Restricted Stock under the Plan subject to restrictions on transfer and forfeiture conditions) or a combination of cash and Shares as determined by the Committee. If the Stock Unit Award is not by its terms exempt from the requirements of Code Section 409A, then the applicable Agreement shall contain terms and conditions intended to avoid adverse tax consequences specified in Code Section 409A.

#### 12. Performance-Based Compensation.

- 12.1 <u>Designation of Awards</u>. If the Committee determines at the time a Full Value Award or a Cash Incentive Award is granted to a Participant that such Participant is, or is likely to be, a "covered employee" for purposes of Code Section 162(m) as of the end of the tax year in which the Company would ordinarily claim a tax deduction in connection with such Award, then the Committee may provide that this Section 12 will be applicable to such Award, which shall be considered Performance-Based Compensation.
- 12.2 Compliance with Code Section 162(m). If an Award is subject to this Section 12, then the lapsing of restrictions thereon and the distribution of cash, Shares or other property pursuant thereto, as applicable, shall be subject to the achievement over the applicable Performance Cycle of one or more performance goals based on one or more of the performance measures specified in Section 12.4. The Committee will select the applicable performance measure(s) and specify the performance goal(s) based on those performance measures for any Performance Cycle, specify in terms of an objective formula or standard the method for calculating the amount payable to a Participant if the performance goal(s) are satisfied, and certify the degree to which applicable performance goals have been satisfied and any amount payable in connection with an Award subject to this Section 12, all within the time periods prescribed by and consistent with the other requirements of Code Section 162(m). In specifying the performance goals applicable to any performance period, the Committee may provide that one or more objectively determinable adjustments shall be made to the performance measures on which the performance goals are based, which may include adjustments that would cause such measures to be considered "non-GAAP financial measures" within the meaning of Rule 101 under Regulation G promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Committee may also adjust performance goals for a Performance Cycle to the extent permitted by Code Section 162(m) in connection with an event described in Section 17 to prevent the dilution or enlargement of a Participant's rights with respect to Performance-Based Compensation. The Committee may adjust downward, but not upward, any amount determined to be otherwise payable in connection with such an Award. The Committee may also provide, in an Agreement or otherwise, that the achievement of specified performance goals in connection with an Award subject to this Section 12 may be waived upon the death or Disability of the Participant or under any other circumstance with respect to which the existence of such possible waiver will not cause the Award to fail to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m).
- 12.3 <u>Limitations</u>. With respect to Awards of Performance-Based Compensation, the maximum number of Shares that may be the subject of any Full Value Awards that are denominated in Shares or Share equivalents and that are granted to any one Participant during any calendar year shall not exceed 175,000 Shares (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 17). The maximum amount payable with respect to any Cash Incentive Awards and Full Value Awards that are denominated other than in Shares or Share equivalents and that are granted to any one Participant during any calendar year shall not exceed \$1,000,000
- 12.4 <u>Performance Measures</u>. For purposes of any Full Value Award or Cash Incentive Award considered Performance-Based Compensation subject to this Section 12, the performance measures to be utilized shall be limited to one or a combination of two or more of the following: revenue or net sales; gross profit; operating profit; net income; earnings before one or more of interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and other adjustments; profitability as measured by return ratios (including, but not limited to, return on assets, return on equity, return on investment and return on revenues or gross profit) or by the degree to which any of the foregoing earnings measures

exceed a percentage of revenues or gross profit; cash flow; market share; margins (including one or more of gross, operating and net earnings margins); stock price; total stockholder return; asset quality; non-performing assets; operating assets; operating expenses; balance of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities; improvement in or attainment of expense levels or cost savings; operating asset turnover; accounts receivable levels (including measured in terms of days sales outstanding); economic value added; improvement in or attainment of working capital levels; employee retention; customer satisfaction; implementation or completion of critical projects; and growth in customer base. Any performance goal based on one or more of the foregoing performance measures may, in the Committee's discretion, be expressed in absolute amounts, on a per share basis (basic or diluted), relative to one or more other performance measures, as a growth rate or change from preceding periods, or as a comparison to the performance of specified companies or a published or special index (including stock market indices) or other external measures, may relate to one or any combination of Company, Affiliate or business unit performance, and may be expressed in terms of differing levels of achievement, such as threshold, target and maximum levels of achievement.

# 13. Effective Date and Duration of the Plan.

- 13.1 <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan shall become effective on the date it is approved by the Company's stockholders, which shall be considered the date of its adoption for purposes of Treasury Regulation §1.422-2(b)(2)(i). No Awards shall be made under the Plan prior to its Effective Date. If the Company's stockholders fail to approve the Plan within 12 months of its approval by the Board, the Plan shall be of no further force or effect.
- 13.2 <u>Duration of the Plan</u>. The Plan shall remain in effect until all Stock subject to it shall be distributed, all Awards have expired or lapsed, the Plan is terminated pursuant to Plan Section 16, or the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the Plan, whichever occurs first (the "Termination Date"). Awards made before the Termination Date may be exercised, vested or otherwise effectuated beyond the Termination Date unless limited in the Agreement or otherwise. No Award of an Incentive Stock Option shall be made more than 10 years after the Effective Date of the Plan (or such other limit as may be required by the Code) if this limitation is necessary to qualify the Option as an Incentive Stock Option. The date and time at which an Award is made or granted shall be the date and time the Committee approves the grant of the Award, or such later date and time as may be specified by the Committee at the time it approves the Award.

# 14. Plan Does Not Affect Employment Status.

- 14.1 <u>No Entitlement to Award</u>. Status as an eligible Employee or other service provider shall not be construed as a commitment that any Award will be made under the Plan to that eligible Employee or service provider or to eligible individuals generally.
- 14.2 <u>No Right to Continued Employment</u>. Nothing in the Plan or in any Agreement or related documents shall confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the employment of the Company or any Affiliate or constitute any contract of employment or affect any right that the Company or any Affiliate may have to change such person's compensation, other benefits, job responsibilities, or title, or to terminate the employment of such person with or without cause.
- 15. <u>Tax Withholding</u>. The Company shall have the right to withhold from any cash payment under the Plan to a Participant or other person (including a Successor or a Transferee) an amount sufficient to cover any required withholding taxes. The Company shall have the right to require a Participant or other person receiving Shares under the Plan to pay the Company a cash amount sufficient to cover any required withholding taxes before actual receipt of those Shares. In lieu of all or any part of a cash payment from a person receiving Shares under the Plan, the Committee may permit the individual to cover all or any part of the required withholdings (up to the Participant's minimum required tax withholding rate) through a reduction of the number of Shares delivered or delivery or tender to the Company of Shares held by the Participant or other person, in each case valued in the same manner as used in computing the withholding taxes under the applicable laws.

# 16. Amendment, Modification and Termination.

16.1 <u>Amendment, Modification and Termination of Plan</u>. The Board may at any time and from time to time terminate, suspend or modify the Plan. No termination, suspension, or modification of the Plan may materially and adversely affect any right acquired by any Participant or Successor or Transferee under an Award granted before the date of termination, suspension, or modification, unless (i) otherwise agreed to by the Participant in the Agreement or otherwise, or (ii) such action is necessary to comply with applicable law or stock exchange rules. It will be conclusively presumed that any adjustment for changes in capitalization provided for in Plan Sections 6.6 or 17 does not adversely affect these rights.

16.2 <u>Amendment of Agreement</u>. Subject to Section 19, the Committee may unilaterally amend the terms of any Agreement previously granted, except that no such amendment may materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant under the applicable Award without the Participant's consent, unless such amendment is necessary to comply with applicable law or stock exchange rules or any compensation recovery policy as provided in Section 20.3.

- 17. Adjustment for Changes in Capitalization. In the event of any equity restructuring (within the meaning of authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board relating to stock-based compensation) that causes the per Share value of Shares to change, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin off, rights offering, or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, the Committee shall cause there to be made an equitable adjustment to (i) the number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan, (ii) the limitations on the number of Shares that may be issued to an individual Participant as an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right or in the form of Restricted Stock in any calendar year or that may be issued in the form of Restricted Stock or Shares without restrictions and (iii) the number and kind of Shares or, subject to Plan Section 6.6, Stock Units, subject to and the exercise price (if applicable) of any then outstanding Awards of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Stock Units or any other Awards related to shares of Stock (to the extent such other Awards would not otherwise automatically adjust in the equity restructuring); provided, in each case, that with respect to Incentive Stock Options, no such adjustment shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment would cause such options to violate Section 422(b) of the Code or any successor provision; provided further, with respect to all Awards, no such adjustment shall be authorized to the extent that such adjustment would cause the Awards to be subject to adverse tax consequences under Section 409A of the Code. In the event of any other change in corporate capitalization, such as a merger, consolidation, any reorganization (whether or not such reorganization comes within the definition of such term in Section 368 of the Code), including a Fundamental Change (subject to Plan Section 18), or any partial or complete liquidation of the Company, such equitable adjustments described in the foregoing sentence may be made as determined to be appropriate and equitable by the Committee to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights. In either case, any such adjustment shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes of the Plan. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the number of Shares subject to an Award shall always be a whole number. In no event shall an outstanding Option or Stock Appreciation Right be amended for the sole purpose of reducing the exercise price or grant price thereof.
- 18. Fundamental Change. In the event of a proposed Fundamental Change, the Committee may, but shall not be obligated to:
- (a) if the Fundamental Change is a merger or consolidation or statutory share exchange, make appropriate provision for the protection of the outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights by the substitution of options, stock appreciation rights and appropriate voting common stock of the corporation surviving any merger or consolidation or, if appropriate, the parent corporation of the Company or such surviving corporation; or
- (b) at least ten days before the occurrence of the Fundamental Change, declare, and provide written notice to each holder of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right of the declaration, that each outstanding Option and Stock Appreciation Right, whether or not then exercisable, shall be canceled at the time of, or immediately before the occurrence of the Fundamental Change in exchange for payment to each holder of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right, within ten days after the Fundamental Change, of cash equal to (i) for each Share covered by the canceled Option, the amount, if any, by which the Fair Market Value (as defined in this Section) per Share exceeds the exercise price per Share covered by such Option or (ii) for each Stock Appreciation Right, the price determined pursuant to Section 10, except that Fair Market Value of the Shares as of the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right, as used in clause (i) of Plan Section 10, shall be deemed to mean Fair Market Value for each Share with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right is calculated determined in the manner hereinafter referred to in this Section. At the time of the declaration provided for in the immediately preceding sentence, each Stock Appreciation Right and each Option shall immediately become exercisable in full and each person holding an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right shall have the right, during the period preceding the time of cancellation of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, to exercise the Option as to all or any part of the Shares covered thereby or the Stock Appreciation Right in whole or in part, as the case may be. In the event of a declaration pursuant to Plan Section 18(b), each outstanding Option and Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Plan that shall not have been exercised before the Fundamental Change shall be canceled at the time of, or immediately before, the Fundamental Change, as provided in the declaration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person holding an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right shall be entitled to the payment provided for in this Section 18(b) if such Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall have terminated, expired or been cancelled. For purposes of this Section 18 only, "Fair Market Value" per Share means the cash plus the fair market value, as determined in good faith by the Committee, of the non-cash consideration to be received per Share by the stockholders of the Company upon the occurrence of the Fundamental Change.

19. <u>Prohibition on Repricing</u>. Except pursuant to Section 17 of the Plan in connection with an equity restructuring, or pursuant to Section 18 of the Plan in connection with a Fundamental Change, in either case in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be provided under the Plan, no Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan may be amended to decrease the exercise price or grant price thereof, be cancelled in exchange for the grant of any new Option or Stock Appreciation Right with a lower exercise or grant price or any new Full Value Award, be repurchased by the Company or any Affiliate, or otherwise be subject to any action that would be treated under accounting rules or otherwise as a "repricing" of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, unless such action is first approved by the Company's stockholders.

#### 20. Forfeitures and Compensation Recovery.

20.1 Forfeiture for Cause. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or an Agreement, if a Participant's employment is terminated for cause as defined in this Section 20.1, then as of the date of such termination, any of the Participant's outstanding Awards that have not vested or been exercised by the Participant will be forfeited to the Company. For purposes of this Section 20.1, "cause" means the Participant: (i) committed a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or committed any other act or omission involving fraud, embezzlement or any other act of dishonesty in the course of his employment by the Company or an Affiliate which conduct damaged the Company or an Affiliate; (ii) substantially and repeatedly failed to perform duties of the office held by the Participant as reasonably directed by the Company or an Affiliate; (iii) committed gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to the Company or an Affiliate; (iv) committed a material breach of any employment agreement between the Participant and the Company or an Affiliate that is not cured within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice thereof from the Company or the Affiliate, as applicable; (v) failed, within ten (10) days after receipt by the Participant of written notice thereof from the Company or an Affiliate, to correct, cease or otherwise alter any failure to comply with instructions or other action or omission which the Board reasonably believes does or may materially or adversely affect the Company's or an Affiliate's business or operations; (vi) committed misconduct which is of such a serious or substantial nature that a reasonable likelihood exists that such misconduct will materially injure the reputation of the Company or an Affiliate; (vii) harassed or discriminated against the Company's or an Affiliate's employees, customers or vendors in violation of the Company's policies with respect to such matters; (viii) misappropriated funds or assets of the Company or an Affiliate for personal use or willfully violated the Company policies or standards of business conduct as determined in good faith by the Board; (ix) failed, due to some action or inaction on the part of the Participant, to have immigration status that permits the Participant to maintain full-time employment with the Company or an Affiliate in the United States in compliance with all applicable immigration law; or (x) disclosed trade secrets of the Company or an Affiliate. The findings and decision of the Committee or the Board, if applicable, with respect to any such matter, including those regarding the acts of the Participant and the damage done to the Company, will be final for all purposes. No decision of the Committee, however, will affect the finality of the discharge of the individual by the Company or an Affiliate.

20.2 <u>Forfeiture Events</u>. The Committee may specify in an Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Such events may include, but shall not be limited to, termination of employment for cause, termination of employment for any other reason, violation of material policies of the Company and its Affiliates, breach of noncompetition, confidentiality, or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, or other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company and its Affiliates.

20.3 <u>Compensation Recovery Policy</u>. Awards and any compensation associated therewith may be made subject to forfeiture, recovery by the Company or other action pursuant to any compensation recovery policy adopted by the Board or the Committee at any time, including in response to the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any implementing rules and regulations thereunder, or as otherwise required by law. Any Agreement may be unilaterally amended by the Committee to comply with any such compensation recovery policy.

- 21. <u>Corporate Mergers, Acquisitions, Etc.</u> The Committee may also grant Substitute Awards under the Plan in substitution for, or in connection with the assumption of, existing options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock or other awards granted, awarded or issued by another corporation and assumed or otherwise agreed to be provided for by the Company pursuant to or by reason of a transaction involving a corporate merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization or liquidation to which the Company or a Subsidiary is a party. The terms and conditions of the Substitute Awards may vary from the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan to the extent as the Board at the time of the grant may deem appropriate to conform, in whole or in part, to the provisions of the awards in substitution for which they are granted.
- 22. <u>Unfunded Plan</u>. The Plan shall be unfunded and the Company shall not be required to segregate any assets that may at any time be represented by Awards under the Plan. Neither the Company, its Affiliates, the Committee, nor the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be a trustee of any amounts to be paid under the Plan nor shall anything contained in the Plan or any action taken pursuant to its provisions create or be construed to create a fiduciary relationship between the Company and/or its Affiliates, and a Participant or Successor or Transferee. To the extent any person acquires a right to receive an Award under the Plan, this right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company.

#### 23. Limits of Liability.

- 23.1 <u>Contractual Liability Only</u>. Any liability of the Company to any Participant with respect to an Award shall be based solely upon contractual obligations created by the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- 23.2 <u>Liability Limit</u>. Except as may be required by law, neither the Company nor any member of the Board of Directors or of the Committee, nor any other person participating in any determination of any question under the Plan, or in the interpretation, administration or application of the Plan, shall have any liability to any party for any action taken, or not taken, in good faith under the Plan.
- 24. <u>Compliance with Applicable Legal Requirements</u>. No certificate for Shares distributable pursuant to the Plan shall be issued and delivered unless the issuance of the certificate complies with all applicable legal requirements including, without limitation, compliance with the provisions of applicable state securities laws, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and in effect from time to time or any successor statute, the Exchange Act and the requirements of the exchanges on which the Company's Shares may, at the time, be listed.
- 25. <u>Deferrals and Settlements</u>. The Committee may require or permit Participants to elect to defer the issuance of Shares or the settlement of Awards in cash under such rules and procedures as it may establish under the Plan. It may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment or crediting of interest on the deferral amounts.
- 26. <u>Other Benefit and Compensation Programs</u>. Payments and other benefits received by a Participant under an Award made pursuant to the Plan shall not be deemed a part of a Participant's regular, recurring compensation for purposes of the termination, indemnity or severance pay laws of any country and shall not be included in, nor have any effect on, the determination of benefits under any other employee benefit plan, contract or similar arrangement provided by the Company or an Affiliate unless expressly so provided by such other plan, contract or arrangement, or unless the Committee expressly determines that an Award or portion of an Award should be included to accurately reflect competitive compensation practices or to recognize that an Award has been made in lieu of a portion of competitive cash compensation.
- 27. <u>Beneficiary Upon Participant's Death</u>. To the extent that the transfer of a Participant's Award at his or her death is permitted under an Agreement, a Participant's Award shall be transferable at death to the estate or to the person who acquires the right to succeed to the Award by bequest or inheritance.

#### 28. Requirements of Law.

- 28.1 <u>Governing Law</u>. To the extent that federal laws do not otherwise control, the Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant to the Plan shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota without regard to its conflicts-of-law principles and shall be construed accordingly.
- 28.2 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

- 29. <u>Code Section 409A</u>. It is intended that (i) all Awards of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights and Restricted Stock under the Plan will not provide for the deferral of compensation within the meaning of Code Section 409A and thereby be exempt from Code Section 409A, and (ii) all other Awards under the Plan will either not provide for the deferral of compensation within the meaning of Code Section 409A, or will comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A, and the Committee shall endeavor to structure Awards and administer and interpret the Plan in accordance with this intent. The Plan and any Agreement may be unilaterally amended by the Company in any manner deemed necessary or advisable by the Committee or Board in order to maintain such exemption from or compliance with Code Section 409A, and any such amendment shall conclusively be presumed to be necessary to comply with applicable law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or any Agreement, with respect to any Award that constitutes a deferral of compensation subject to Code Section 409A:
  - (1) If any amount is payable under such Award upon a termination of employment, a termination of employment will be deemed to have occurred only at such time as the Participant has experienced a "separation from service" as such term is defined for purposes of Code Section 409A; and
  - (2) If any amount shall be payable with respect to any such Award as a result of a Participant's "separation from service" at such time as the Participant is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Code Section 409A, then no payment shall be made, except as permitted under Code Section 409A, prior to the first business day after the earlier of (i) the date that is six months after the Participant's separation from Service or (ii) the Participant's death. Unless the Committee has adopted a specified employee identification policy as contemplated by Code Section 409A, specified employees will be identified in accordance with the default provisions specified under Code Section 409A.

None of the Company, the Committee nor any other person involved with the administration of this Plan shall in any way be responsible for ensuring the exemption of any Award from, or compliance by any Award with, the requirements of Code Section 409A. By accepting an Award under this Plan, each Participant acknowledges that the Company has no duty or obligation to design or administer the Plan or Awards granted thereunder in a manner that minimizes a Participant's tax liabilities, including the avoidance of any additional tax liabilities under Code Section 409A.