As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 1997.

Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT Under THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

QUANTUM CORPORATION (Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State of incorporation) 94-2665054

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

500 McCarthy Boulevard Milpitas, California 95035 (Address of principal executive offices)

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1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan (Full title of the plan)

Richard L. Clemmer Chief Financial Officer Quantum Corporation 500 McCarthy Boulevard Milpitas, California 95035 (Name and address of agent for service)

(408) 894-4000 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Copy to: Steven E. Bochner, Esq. WILSON, SONSINI, GOODRICH & ROSATI 650 Page Mill Road Palo Alto, California 94304-1050

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

<CAPTION>

	Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share*	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price*	Amount of Registration Fee
 <s></s>	Common Stock	<c> 600,000</c>	<c> \$20.125</c>	<c> \$12,075,000</c>	<c> \$3,659.09</c>

<FN> \* Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on

prices of the Company's Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on June 27, 1997.

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# QUANTUM CORPORATION REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

#### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

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

There are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement the following documents and information heretofore filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Quantum Corporation is sometimes referred to herein as the "Company"):

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997, filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act");
- (b) The Company's current report on Form 8-K filed June 2, 1997 pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act.
- (c) The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed August 1, 1983 pursuant to Section 12(b) of the 1934 Act.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the 1934 Act on or after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Inapplicable

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Inapplicable

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Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's Board of Directors to grant, indemnification to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended. The Company's Bylaws provide for the mandatory indemnification of its directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware General Corporation Law, and the Company has entered into agreements with its officers, directors and certain key employees implementing such indemnification.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Agreement.

Inapplicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

Exhibit Number

Description

- 4.1 1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan and Form of Option
- 5.1 Opinion of Counsel as to legality of securities being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors.

- 23.2 Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (see page II-5).

#### Item 9. Undertakings

- A. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement 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.
- (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

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initial bonafide 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 undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 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 therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bonafide offering thereof.
- C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Bylaws of the Company, indemnification agreements entered into between the Company and its officers and directors 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 Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company in successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered hereunder, 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 of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant, Quantum Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, 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 Milpitas, State of California, on this 2nd day of July, 1997.

QUANTUM CORPORATION

By: \s\ RICHARD L. CLEMMER

Richard L. Clemmer,
Chief Financial Officer

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Michael A. Brown and Richard L. Clemmer, jointly and severally, his attorneys-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	July 2, 1997
	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 2, 1997
\s\STEPHEN M. BERKLEYStephen M. Berkley	Chairman of the Board	July 2, 1997
\s\DAVID A. BROWN David A. Brown	Director	July 2, 1997
\s\ROBERT J. CASALERobert J. Casale	Director	July 2, 1997
\s\EDWARD M. ESBEREdward M. Esber	Director	July 2, 1997
\s\STEVEN C. WHEELWRIGHTSteven C. Wheelwright	Director	July 2, 1997

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July 1, 1997

Quantum Corporation 500 McCarthy Boulevard Milpitas, CA 95035

RE: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be filed by you with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about July 2, 1997 (the "Registration Statement"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of 600,000 additional shares of your Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Shares"), reserved for issuance pursuant to the 1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). As your counsel in connection with the transaction, we have examined the proceedings taken and are familiar with the proceedings proposed to be taken by you in connection with the sale and issuance of the Shares pursuant to the Plan.

It is our opinion, when issued and sold in the manner referred to in the Plan, the Shares will be legally and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and further consent to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto.

Very truly yours,

WILSON, SONSINI, GOODRICH & ROSATI Professional Corporation

### Exhibit 23.1

# CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the 1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan of Quantum Corporation of our report dated April 28, 1997 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Quantum Corporation included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended March 31, 1997 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Palo Alto, California June 27 , 1997

#### Exhibit 4.1

#### QUANTUM CORPORATION

#### 1996 BOARD OF DIRECTORS STOCK OPTION PLAN

1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this 1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan are to attract and retain the best available personnel for service as Outside Directors (as defined herein) of the Company, to provide additional incentive to the Outside Directors of the Company to serve as Directors, and to encourage their continued service on the Board.

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- 2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) "Applicable Laws" means the legal requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans under applicable U. S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, and any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted.
  - (b) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (c) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
  - (d) "Common Stock" means the Common Stock of the Company.
- (e) "Company" means Quantum Corporation, a Delaware corporation.
  - (f) "Director" means a member of the Board.
- (g) "Employee" means any person, including officers and Directors, employed by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. The payment of a Director's fee by the Company shall not be sufficient in and of itself to constitute "employment" by the Company.
- (h) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (i) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the closing sales price of the Common Stock (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on the stock exchange with the greatest volume of trading in Common Stock on the date of grant, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable.
  - (j) "Inside Director" means a Director who is an Employee.
- (k) "Option" means a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan.
- (1) "Optioned Stock" means the Common Stock subject to an Option.
  - (m) "Optionee" means a Director who holds an Option.
- (n) "Outside Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.
- (o) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
- (p) "Plan" means this 1996 Board of Directors Stock Option Plan.
- (q) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($
- (r) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 11 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be optioned and

sold under the Plan is 600,000 Shares of Common Stock (the "Pool"). The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

If an Option expires or becomes unexercisable without having been exercised in full, the unpurchased Shares which were subject thereto shall become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan shall not be returned to the Plan and shall not become available for future distribution under the Plan.

#### 4. Administration.

- (a) Procedure. The Plan shall be administered by the Board.
- (b) Powers of the Administrator. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Board shall have the authority, in its discretion:
  - (i) to determine the Fair Market Value;

 $\hbox{(ii) to select the Outside} \quad \hbox{Directors to whom Options} \\$  may be granted hereunder:

 $\hbox{(iii) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option granted hereunder;}$ 

(iv) to approve  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$  forms of agreement for use under the Plan:

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(v) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Option granted hereunder. Such terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, the exercise price, the time or times when Options may be exercised (which may be based on performance criteria), any vesting acceleration or waiver of forfeiture restrictions, and any restriction or limitation regarding any Option or the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based in each case on such factors as the Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine;

(vi) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Options granted pursuant to the Plan;

(vii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan;

(viii) to modify or amend each Option (subject to Section 12(b) of the Plan), including the discretionary authority to extend the post-termination exercisability period of Options longer than is otherwise provided for in the Plan;

(ix) to allow Optionees to satisfy withholding tax obligations by electing to have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise of an Option that number of Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld. The Fair Market Value of the Shares to be withheld shall be determined on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. All elections by an Optionee to have Shares withheld for this purpose shall be made in such form and under such conditions as the Board may deem necessary or advisable;

 $\quad \qquad (x)$  to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument  $\;$  required to effect the grant of an Option previously granted by the Board,

(c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Board's decisions, determinations and interpretations shall be final and binding on all Optionees and any other holders of Options.

5. Eligibility. Options may be granted only to Outside Directors.

The Plan shall not confer upon any Optionee any right with respect to continuation of service as a Director or nomination to serve as a Director, nor shall it interfere in any way with any rights which the Director or the Company may have to terminate the Director's relationship with the Company at any time.

6. Term of Plan. The Plan shall become effective upon the earlier to occur of its adoption by the Board or its approval by the stockholders of the Company as described in Section 17 of the Plan.

It shall continue in effect for a term of ten (10) years unless sooner terminated under Section 12 of the Plan.

- 7. Term of Option. The term of each Option shall be stated in the Option Agreement. The term of each Option shall be ten (10) years from the date of grant or such shorter term as may be provided in the Option Agreement.
  - 8. Option Exercise Price and Consideration.
- (a) Exercise Price. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be one hundred percent of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.
- (b) Form of Consideration. The consideration to be paid for the Shares to be issued upon exercise of an Option, including the method of payment, shall consist of (i) cash, (ii) check, (iii) other shares which (x) in the case of Shares acquired upon exercise of an Option, have been owned by the Optionee for more than six (6) months on the date of surrender, and (y) have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which said Option shall be exercised, (iv) delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with such other documentation as the Company and the broker, if applicable, shall require to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale or loan proceeds required to pay the exercise price, or (v) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

#### 9. Exercise of Option.

(a) Procedure for Exercise; Rights as a Stockholder. Any Option granted hereunder shall be exercisable at such times as are set forth in the Option Agreement; provided, however, that no Options shall be exercisable until stockholder approval of the Plan in accordance with Section 17 hereof has been obtained.

An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

An Option shall be deemed to be exercised when written notice of such exercise has been given to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Option by the person entitled to exercise the Option and full payment for the Shares with respect to which the Option is exercised has been received by the Company. Full payment may consist of any consideration and method of payment allowable under Section 8 of the Plan. Until Shares are issued (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company), no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist with respect to the Optioned Stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) such Shares promptly after exercise of the Option. No adjustment shall be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date the Shares are issued, except as provided in Section 11 of

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the Plan.

Exercise of an Option in any manner shall result in a decrease in the number of Shares which thereafter may be available, both for purposes of the Plan and for sale under the Option, by the number of Shares as to which the Option is exercised.

- (b) Termination of Continuous Status as a Director. Subject to Section 11 hereof, in the event an Optionee ceases to be a Director, the Optionee may exercise his or her Option, but only within ninety (90) days following the date of such termination, and only to the extent that the Optionee was entitled to exercise it on the date of such termination (but in no event later than the expiration of its ten (10) year term). To the extent that the Optionee was not entitled to exercise an Option on the date of such termination, and to the extent that the Optionee does not exercise such Option (to the extent otherwise so entitled) within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate.
- 10. Non-Transferability of Options. Unless otherwise provided for by the Board, the Option may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Optionee, only by the Optionee.
- $\,$  11. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization, Dissolution, Merger or Asset Sale.

(a) Changes in Capitalization. Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, the number of Shares covered by each outstanding Option, the number of Shares which have been authorized for issuance

under the Plan but as to which no Options have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, as well as the price per Share covered by each such outstanding Option, and the number of Shares issuable under the Plan shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of Shares subject to an Option.

- (b) Dissolution or Liquidation. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, to the extent that an Option has not been previously exercised, it shall terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.
- (c) Merger or Asset Sale. In the event of a merger of the Company with or into another corporation or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, outstanding Options may be assumed or equivalent options may be substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or

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Subsidiary thereof (the "Successor Corporation"). If an Option is assumed or substituted for, the Option or equivalent option shall continue to be exercisable as provided in the Option Agreement for so long as the Optionee serves as a Director or a director of the Successor Corporation. Following such assumption or substitution, if the Optionee's status as a Director or director of the Successor Corporation, as applicable, is terminated other than upon a voluntary resignation by the Optionee, the Option or option shall become fully exercisable, including as to Shares for which it would not otherwise be exercisable. Thereafter, the Option or option shall remain exercisable in accordance with Section 9(b) above.

If the Successor Corporation does not assume an outstanding Option or substitute for it an equivalent option, the Option shall become fully vested and exercisable, including as to Shares for which it would not otherwise be exercisable. In such event the Board shall notify the Optionee that the Option shall be fully exercisable for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, and upon the expiration of such period the Option shall terminate.

For the purposes of this Section 11(c), an Option shall be considered assumed if, following the merger or sale of assets, the Option confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share of Optioned Stock subject to the Option immediately prior to the merger or sale of assets, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the merger or sale of assets by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares). If such consideration received in the merger or sale of assets is not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Option, for each Share of Optioned Stock subject to the Option, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent equal in fair market value to the per share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the merger or sale of assets.

# 12. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

- (a) Amendment and Termination. The Board may at any time amend, alter, suspend, or discontinue the Plan, but no amendment, alteration, suspension, or discontinuation shall be made which would impair the rights of any Optionee under any grant theretofore made, without his or her consent. In addition, to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Applicable Laws, the Company shall obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment in such a manner and to such a degree as required.
- (b) Effect of Amendment or Termination. Any such amendment or termination of the Plan shall not affect Options already granted and such Options shall remain in full force and effect as if this Plan had not been amended or terminated.
- $\,$  13. Time of Granting Options. The date of grant of an Option shall, for all purposes,  $\,$  be the

date on which the Board makes the determination granting such Option.

14. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Option unless the exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of such Shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all Applicable Laws, and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

As a condition to the exercise of an Option, the Company may require the person exercising such Option to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares, if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required by any of the aforementioned relevant provisions of law.

Inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

- 15. Reservation of Shares. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.
- 16. Option Agreement. Options shall be evidenced by written option agreements in such form as the Board shall approve.
- 17. Stockholder Approval. Continuance of the Plan shall be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company at or prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders held subsequent to the granting of an Option hereunder. Such stockholder approval shall be obtained in the degree and manner required under Applicable Laws.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ NOTICE OF GRANT OF STOCK OUANTUM CORPORATION OPTIONS AND GRANT AGREEMENT ID: 94-2665054 500 McCarthy Boulevard Milpitas, CA 95035 \_ -----Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Address: TD: I. NOTICE OF GRANT. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Plan are so defined in this Agreement. Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant No. Date of Grant Stock Option Plan Option Price per Share Total Number of Shares Granted Total Price of Shares Granted Vesting Commencement Date Term/Expiration Date

VESTING SCHEDULE. This option may be exercised, in whole or in part, in accordance with the attached grant summary.

By your signature and the signature of the Company's representative below, you and the Company agree that this option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement. Optionee has reviewed the Plan and this Agreement, and understands all provisions of the Plan and Agreement. Optionee hereby agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Board on questions relating to the Plan and Agreement.

For QUANTUM CO	ORPORATION	-	Date		
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#### II. Agreement

1. Grant of Option. The Board of the Company hereby grants to the Optionee named in the Notice of Grant attached as Part I of this Agreement (the "Optionee"), an option (the "Option") to purchase a number of Shares, as set forth in the Notice of Grant, at the exercise price per share set forth in the Notice of Grant (the "Exercise Price"), subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Plan and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Plan shall prevail.

If designated in the Notice of Grant as an Incentive Stock Option, this Option is intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option under Section 422 of the Code.

# 2. Exercise of Option.

- (a) Right to Exercise. This Option is exercisable during its term in accordance with the Vesting Schedule set out in the Notice of Grant and the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Agreement. In the event of Optionee's death, disability or other termination of Optionee's employment or consulting relationship, the exercisability of the Option is governed by the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Agreement.
- (b) Method of Exercise. This Option is exercisable by delivery of an exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice"), which shall state the election to exercise the Option, the number of Shares in respect of which the Option is being exercised (the "Exercised Shares"), and such other representations and agreements as may be required by the Company pursuant to the provisions of the Plan. The Exercise Notice shall be signed by the Optionee and shall be delivered in person or by certified mail to the Secretary of the Company. The Exercise Notice shall be accompanied by payment of the aggregate exercise price as to all Excercised Shares. This Option shall be deemed to be exercised upon receipt by the Company of such fully executed Exercise Notice accompanied by such aggregate Exercise Price.

No Shares shall be issued pursuant to the exercise of this Option unless (i) a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 covering the Shares is effective, and (ii) such issuance and exercise complies with all relevant provisions of law and the requirements of any stock exchange or quotation service upon which the Shares are then listed. Assuming such compliance, for income tax purposes, the Exercised Shares shall be considered transferred to the Optionee on the date the Option is exercised with respect to such Exercised Shares.

- 3. Method of Payment. Payment of the aggregate Exercise Price shall be by any of the following, or a combination thereof, at the election of the Optionee:
  - (a) cash; or
  - (b) check; or
- (c) delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with such other documentation as the Board and the broker, if applicable, shall require to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale or loan proceeds required to pay the exercise price; or

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- (d) surrender of other Shares which (i) in the case of Shares acquired upon exercise of an Option, have been owned by the optionee for more than six (6) months on the date of surrender, and (ii) have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender not greater than the aggregate Exercise Price of the Exercised Shares.
- 4. Non-Transferability of Option. This Option may not be transferred in any manner otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised during the lifetime of Optionee, only by the Optionee. The terms of the Plan and this Agreement shall be binding upon the executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns of the Optionee.
- 5. Term of Option. This Option may be exercised only within the term set out in the Notice of Grant, and may be exercised during such term only in accordance with the Plan and the terms of this Agreement.
- 6. Termination Period. This Option may be exercised for three months after termination of employment or consulting relationship, or such longer period as may be applicable upon death or disability of Optionee as provided in the Plan, but in no event later than the term/expiration date.
- 7. Tax Consequences. Some of the federal and California tax consequences relating to this Option, as of the date of this Option, are set forth below. THIS SUMMARY IS NECESSARILY INCOMPLETE, AND THE TAX LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THE OPTIONEE SHOULD CONSULT A TAX ADVISER BEFORE EXERCISING THIS OPTION OR DISPOSING OF THE SHARES.
  - (a) Exercising the Option.
- (i) Nonqualified Stock Option ("NQO") If this Option doses not qualify as an ISO, the Optionee may incur regular federal income tax and California income tax liability upon exercise. The Optionee will be treated as having received compensation income (taxable at ordinary income tax rates) equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the Exercised Shares on the date of exercise over their aggregate Exercise Price. If the Optionee is an employee, the Company will be required to withhold from his or her compensation or collect from Optionee and pay to the applicable taxing authorities an amount equal to a percentage of this compensation income at the time of exercise.
- (ii) Incentive Stock Option ("ISO). If this Option qualifies as an ISO, the Optionee will have no regular federal income tax or California income tax liability upon its exercise, although the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the Exercised Shares on the date of exercise over their aggregate Exercise Price will be treated as an adjustment to the alternative minimum tax for federal tax purposes and may subject the Optionee to alternative minimum tax in the year of exercise.
  - (b) Disposition of Shares.
- (i) NQO. If the Optionee holds NQO Shares for at least one year, any amounts realized on disposition of the Shares in excess of the fair market value of the Shares at the date of exercise will be treated as long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes.

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(ii) ISO. If the Optionee holds ISO Shares for at least one year after exercise and two years after the grant date, any gain realized on disposition of the Shares will be treated as long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes. If the Optionee disposes of ISO Shares within one year after exercise or two years after the grant date, any gain realized on such disposition will be treated as compensation income (taxable at ordinary income rates) to the extent of the excess, if any, of the lesser of (A) the difference between the fair market value of the Shares acquired on the date of exercise and the aggregate Exercise Price, or (B) the difference between the sale price of such Shares and the aggregate Exercise Price.

- (c) Notice of Disqualifying Disposition of ISO Shares. If the Optionee sells or otherwise disposes of any of the Shares acquired pursuant to an ISO on or before the later of (i) two years after the grant date, or (ii) one year after the exercise date, the Optionee shall immediately notify the Company in writing of such disposition.
- 8. Acknowledgments of Optionee. Optionee has reviewed the Plan and this Agreement in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing this Agreement and fully understands all provisions of the Plan and Agreement.

OPTIONEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE VESTING OF SHARES PURSUANT TO THE OPTION HEREOF IS EARNED ONLY BY CONTINUING CONSULTANCY OR EMPLOYMENT AT THE WILL OF THE COMPANY (NOT THROUGH THE ACT OF BEING HIRED, BEING GRANTED THIS OPTION OR ACQUIRING SHARES HEREUNDER). OPTIONEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT, NOR IN THE COMPANY'S STOCK PLAN WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE, SHALL CONFER UPON OPTIONEE ANY RIGHT WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR CONSULTANCY BY THE COMPANY, NOR SHALL IT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH HIS RIGHT OR THE COMPANY'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE HIS EMPLOYMENT OR CONSULTANCY AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

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