# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** 

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 24, 2017

# **Quantum Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-13449 (Commission File No.)

General Instruction A.2. below):

94-2665054

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

224 Airport Parkway
San Jose, California 95110
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 944-4000

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	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Approval of Amendments to Long-Term Incentive Plan and Executive Officer Incentive Plan at Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Quantum Corporation (the "Company") held on August 23, 2017, the stockholders of the Company approved and ratified an amendment to the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to, among other things, increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan by 2,100,000 shares and approve the Company's amended and restated Executive Officer Incentive Plan (the "Executive Officer Incentive Plan") so that the Company could continue to use the Executive Officer Incentive Plan to achieve the Company's business objectives and to continue receiving a federal income tax deduction for certain compensation paid under the Executive Officer Incentive Plan.

The terms and conditions of the Plan and of the Executive Officer Incentive Plan are described in the Company's definitive proxy statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2017. The Plan and the Executive Officer Incentive Plan are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto and are incorporated by reference herein.

# Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The following is a brief description of each matter submitted to a vote at the Annual Meeting held on August 23, 2017, as well as the number of votes with respect to each matter. For more information about these proposals, please refer to the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2017.

# Proposal 1

The stockholders elected the six nominees for director recommended by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") to the Board to serve until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and duly qualified, as set forth below:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
Paul R. Auvil III	18,676,275	1,881,864	21,285	9,539,089
Alex Pinchev	20,559,916	1,289,063	46,089	9,539,089
Clifford Press	20,471,193	1,404,856	19,028	9,539,089
Raghavendra Rau	20,542,406	1,309,226	43,436	9,539,089
Marc E. Rothman	20,574,313	1,277,851	42,904	9,539,089
Adalio T. Sanchez	20,541,366	1,310,731	42,971	9,539,089

# Proposal 2

The stockholders ratified the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, as set forth below:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
30,197,689	736,240	124,331	0

# **Proposal 3**

The stockholders voted for the adoption of a resolution approving, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as set forth below:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
19.020.732	1,523,145	975.294	9,539,089

### Proposal 4

The stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan to, among other things, increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan by 2,100,000 shares, as set forth below:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
19,501,073	1,525,102	492,996	9,539,089

# **Proposal 5**

The stockholders approved the Company's Executive Officer Incentive Plan:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
19,604,386	1,403,060	511,725	9,539,089

# Proposal 6

The stockholders adopted an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to effect a reduction in the number of authorized shares of common stock:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Broker Non-Votes
29,578,786	1,432,827	46,647	0

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description	
10.1	Quantum Corporation 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan	
10.2	Quantum Corporation Executive Officer Incentive Plan	

# SIGNATURE

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

QUANTUM CORPORATION

By: /s/ Shawn D. Hall

Shawn D. Hall

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: August 24, 2017

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#### Amendment to the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan

#### QUANTUM CORPORATION

## 2012 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

(August 23, 2017 Amendment and Restatement)

1.Background and Purposes of the Plan. This amended and restated Plan is effective as of August 23, 2017, subject to approval by an affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of Shares that are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company. The Plan was formerly known as the 1993 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

The purposes of this Plan are:

- to attract and retain the best available Employees, Directors and Consultants for positions of substantial responsibility,
- to provide incentive to Employees, Directors and Consultants,
  - and
- to promote the success of the Company's business.

The Plan permits the grant of Incentive Stock Options, Nonstatutory Stock Options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Units and Performance Shares.

- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, the following definitions will apply:
  - (a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as will be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.
- (b) "Applicable Laws" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity-based awards under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are, or will be, granted under the Plan.
- (c) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Units or Performance Shares.
- (d) "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- (e) "Award Transfer Program" means any program instituted by the Administrator that would permit Participants the opportunity to transfer for value any outstanding Awards to a financial institution or other person or entity approved by the Administrator. A transfer for "value" shall not be deemed to occur under this Plan where an Award is transferred by a Participant not for consideration and for bona fide estate planning purposes to a trust or other entity approved by the Administrator and for the benefit of the Participant's family.
  - (f) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (g) "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (i) A change in the ownership of the Company that occurs on the date that any one person, or more than one person acting as a group ("Person"), acquires ownership of the stock of the Company that, together with the stock held by such Person, constitutes more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of the stock of the Company; provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection, the acquisition of additional stock by any one Person, who is considered to own more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of the stock of the Company at the time of the acquisition of the additional stock will not be considered a Change in Control; or
- (ii) A change in the effective control of the Company which occurs on the date that a majority of members of the Board is replaced during any twelve (12) month period by Directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Board prior to the date of the appointment or election. For purposes of this clause (ii), if any Person is considered to be in effective control of the Company, the acquisition of additional control of the Company by the same Person will not be considered a Change in Control; or
- (iii) A change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets which occurs on the date that any Person acquires (or has acquired during the twelve (12) month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than fifty percent (50%) of the total gross fair market value of all of the assets of the Company immediately prior to such acquisition or acquisitions; provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (iii), the following will not constitute a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets: (A) a transfer to an entity that is controlled by the Company's stockholders immediately after the transfer, or (B) a transfer of assets by the Company to: (1) a stockholder of the Company (immediately before the asset transfer) in exchange for or with respect to the Company's stock, (2) an entity, fifty percent (50%) or more of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company, (3) a Person, that owns, directly or indirectly, fifty percent (50%) or more of the total value or voting power of all the outstanding stock of the Company, or (4) an entity, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a Person described in this subsection (iii)(B)(3). For purposes of this subsection (iii), gross fair market value means the value of the assets of the Company, or the value of the assets being disposed of, determined without regard to any liabilities associated with such assets.

For purposes of this definition, persons will be considered to be acting as a group if they are owners of a corporation that enters into a merger, consolidation, purchase or acquisition of stock, or similar business transaction with the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed a Change in Control unless the transaction qualifies as a change in control event within the meaning of Section 409A.

Further and for the avoidance of doubt, a transaction will not constitute a Change in Control if: (i) its sole purpose is to change the state of the Company's incorporation, or (ii) its sole purpose is to create a holding company that will be owned in substantially the same proportions by the persons who held the Company's securities immediately before such transaction.

(h) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

- (i) "Committee" means a committee of Directors or of other individuals satisfying Applicable Laws appointed by the Board, or a duly authorized committee of the Board, in accordance with Section 4 hereof.
  - (j) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company.
  - (k) "Company" means Quantum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.
- (l) "Consultant" means any natural person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary to render services to such entity in a capacity other than as an Employee or Director; provided, however, that a Consultant will include only those persons to whom the issuance of Shares may be registered under Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (m) "Determination Date" means the latest possible date that will not jeopardize the qualification of an Award granted under the Plan as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
  - (n) "Director" means a member of the Board.
- (o) "<u>Disability</u>" means total and permanent disability as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code, provided that in the case of Awards other than Incentive Stock Options, the Administrator in its discretion may determine whether a permanent and total disability exists in accordance with uniform and non-discriminatory standards adopted by the Administrator from time to time.
- (p) "Employee" means any person, including Officers and Directors, employed by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.
  - (q) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (r) "Exchange Program" means a program under which (i) outstanding awards are surrendered or cancelled in exchange for awards of the same type (which may have higher or lower exercise prices and different terms), awards of a different type, and/or cash, (ii) Participants would have the opportunity to participate in an Award Transfer Program, and/or (iii) the exercise price of an outstanding Award is reduced (for example, the downward "repricing" of an underwater stock option). The term Exchange Program excludes any action permitted under Section 13. The Administrator will determine the terms and conditions of any Exchange Program in its discretion, but only to the extent permitted by an amendment to the Plan that is approved by the Company's stockholders.
  - (s) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock determined as follows:
- (i) If the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the NASDAQ Global Market or the NASDAQ Capital Market of The NASDAQ Stock Market, its Fair Market Value will be the closing sales price for such stock (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on such exchange or system on the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;
- (ii) If the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value of a Share will be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Common Stock on the day of determination (or, if no bids and asks were reported on that date, as applicable, on the last trading date such bids and asks were reported), as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or
  - (iii) In the absence of an established market for the Common Stock, the Fair Market Value will be determined in good faith by the Administrator.
  - (t) "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company.
  - (u) "Full Value Awards" means Awards of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, and Performance Shares.
- (v) "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option that by its terms qualifies and is otherwise intended to qualify as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
  - (w) "Nonstatutory Stock Option" means an Option that by its terms does not qualify or is not intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option.
- (x) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
  - (y) "Option" means a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan.
  - (z) "Outside Director" means a Director who is not an Employee or Consultant.
  - (aa) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
  - (bb) "Participant" means the holder of an outstanding Award.
- (cc) "Performance-Based Award" means any Award that is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 10 of the Plan. All Performance-Based Awards are intended to qualify as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (dd) "Performance Goals" means the goal(s) (or combined goal(s)) determined by the Administrator (in its discretion) to be applicable to a Participant with respect to an Award. As determined by the Administrator, the Performance Goals applicable to an Award may provide for a targeted level or levels of achievement using one or more of the following measures: (a) cash flow, (b) customer satisfaction, (c) earnings per share, (d) expense control, (e) margin, (f) market share, (g) operating profit, (h) product development and/or quality, (i) profit, (j) return on capital, (k) return on equity, (l) revenue and (m) total shareholder return. Any Performance Goal used may be measured (1) in absolute terms, (2) in combination with another Performance Goal or Goals (for example, but not by way of limitation, as a ratio or matrix), (3) in relative terms (including, but not limited to, as compared to results for other periods of time, against financial metrics, and/or against another company, companies or an index or indices), (4) on a per-share or per-capita basis, (5) against the performance of the Company as a whole or a specific business unit(s), business segment(s) or product(s) of the Company, and/or (6) on a pre-tax or after-tax basis. Prior to the Determination Date, the Committee, in its discretion, will determine whether any significant element(s) or item(s) will be included in or excluded from the calculation of any Performance Goal with respect to any Participants (for example, but not by way of limitation, the effect of mergers and acquisitions). As determined in the discretion of the Committee prior to the Determination Date, achievement of Performance Goals for a particular Award may be calculated in accordance with the Company's financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or as adjusted for certain costs, expenses, gains and losses to provide non-GAAP measures of operating results.
- (ee) <u>Performance Period</u>" means any Fiscal Year (or period of four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters) or such longer period as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion during which the performance objectives must be met.
- (ff) "Performance Share" means an Award denominated in Shares which may be earned in whole or in part upon attainment of performance goals or other vesting criteria as the Administrator may determine pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.
- (gg) "Performance Unit" means an Award which may be earned in whole or in part upon attainment of performance goals or other vesting criteria as the Administrator may determine and which may be settled for cash, Shares or other securities or a combination of the foregoing pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.
- (hh) "Period of Restriction" means the period during which Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units and/or the transfer of Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to restrictions and therefore, the Shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. Such restrictions may be based on the passage of time, continued service, the achievement of target levels of performance, the achievement of Performance Goals, or the occurrence of other events as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan (but subject to the following sentence), the Period of Restriction for such an Award shall expire in full no earlier than (a) the third (3rd) annual anniversary of the grant date if the vesting period expires solely as the result of continued employment or service, and (b) the first (1st) annual anniversary of the grant date if expiration of the vesting period is conditioned on achievement of performance objectives and does not expire solely as the result of continued employment or service. The preceding minimum vesting periods shall not apply with respect to Awards to Directors, or to an Award if determined by the Administrator (in its discretion): (a) due to death, Disability, or major capital change, or (b) with respect to Awards other than Options and SARs covering, in the aggregate, no more than five percent (5%) of the shares reserved for issuance under the Plan.
  - (ii) "Plan" means this 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
  - (jj) "Restricted Stock" means Shares issued pursuant to a Restricted Stock award under Section 7 of the Plan, or issued pursuant to the early exercise of an Option.
  - (kk) "Restricted Stock Unit" means a bookkeeping entry representing an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of one Share, granted pursuant to Section 8 of the Plan.

Each Restricted Stock Unit represents an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company.

- (II) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the Plan.
- (mm) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.
- (nn) "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code, and any proposed, temporary or final Treasury Regulations and Internal Revenue Service guidance thereunder, as each may be amended from time to time.
  - (00) "Service Provider" means an Employee, Director or Consultant.
  - (pp) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 13 of the Plan.
- (qq) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means an Award, granted alone or in connection with an Option, that pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan is designated as a Stock Appreciation Right.
  - (rr) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation or company," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

#### 3. Stock Subject to the Plan.

- (a) Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under the Plan shall equal 6,768,750 Shares. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.
- (b) Lapsed Awards. If an Award expires or becomes unexercisable without having been exercised in full, is surrendered pursuant to an Exchange Program, or, with respect to Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Units or Performance Shares, is forfeited to or repurchased by the Company due to failure to vest, the unpurchased Shares (or for Awards other than Options or Stock Appreciation Rights the forfeited or repurchased Shares), which were subject thereto will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). Upon exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right settled in Shares, the gross number of Shares covered by the portion of the Award so exercised, whether or not actually issued pursuant to such exercise will cease to be available under the Plan. Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan under any Award will not be returned to the Plan and will not become available for future distribution under the Plan; provided, however, that if Shares issued pursuant to Awards of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares or Performance Units are repurchased by the Company or are forfeited to the Company, such Shares will become available for future grant under the Plan. Shares used to pay the exercise price or purchase price of an Award will not become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. Shares used to satisfy the tax withholding obligations related to Restricted Stock units, Performance Units or Performance Shares will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. Shares used to satisfy the tax withholding obligations under an Option or Stock Appreciation Right will not become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is paid out in cash rather than Shares, such cash payment will not result in reducing the number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan. Shares purchased in the open market with proceeds from option exercises will not be added to the Share reserv
- (c) Share Reserve. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

# 4. Administration of the Plan.

#### (a) Procedure.

- (i) <u>Multiple Administrative Bodies</u>. Different Committees with respect to different groups of Service Providers may administer the Plan.
- (ii) Section 162(m). To the extent that the Administrator determines it to be desirable to qualify Awards granted hereunder as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, the Plan will be administered by a Committee of two (2) or more "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (iii) Rule 16b-3. To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3, the transactions contemplated hereunder will be structured to satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3.
- (iv) Other Administration. Other than as provided above, the Plan will be administered by (A) the Board or (B) a Committee, which committee will be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws.
- (v) <u>Delegation of Authority for Day-to-Day Administration</u>. Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law, the Administrator may delegate to one or more individuals the day-to-day administration of the Plan and any of the functions assigned to it in this Plan. Such delegation may be revoked at any time.
- (b) <u>Powers of the Administrator</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator will have the authority, in its discretion:
  - (i) to determine the Fair Market Value;
  - (ii) to select the Service Providers to whom Awards may be granted hereunder;
  - (iii) to determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Award granted hereunder (subject to the provisions of the Plan);
  - (iv) to approve forms of Award Agreements for use under the Plan;
- (v) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder. Such terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, the exercise price, the time or times when Awards may be exercised (which may be based on performance criteria), any vesting acceleration or waiver of forfeiture restrictions, and any restriction, limitation or requirement regarding any Award or the Shares covered thereby (for example, but not by way of limitation, any holding period or ownership requirement), based in each case on such factors as the Administrator (in its discretion) shall determine;
- (vi) to determine the terms and conditions of any Exchange Program and/or Award Transfer Program and with the consent of the Company's stockholders, to institute an Exchange Program and/or Award Transfer Program (provided that the Administrator may not implement an Exchange Program and/or Award Transfer Program without first receiving the consent of the Company's stockholders to an amendment to the Plan that expressly permits the Exchange Program or Award Transfer Program);
  - (vii) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Awards granted pursuant to the Plan;
- (viii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying or facilitating compliance with applicable foreign laws and/or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws;
- (ix) to modify or amend each Award (subject to Section 18 of the Plan), including but not limited to the discretionary authority to extend the post-termination exercisability period of Awards and to extend the maximum term of an Option (subject to Section 6(b) of the Plan regarding Incentive Stock Options);
  - (x) to allow Participants to satisfy withholding tax obligations in such manner as prescribed in Section 14 of the Plan;
- (xi) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award previously granted by the Administrator pursuant to such procedures as the Administrator may determine;
- (xii) to allow a Participant, in compliance with all Applicable Laws including, but not limited to, Section 409A, to defer the receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of Shares that would otherwise be due to such Participant under an Award; and
  - (xiii) to determine whether Awards will be settled in Shares, cash or in any combination thereof;
- (xiv) to impose such restrictions, conditions or limitations as it determines appropriate as to the timing and manner of any resales by a Participant or other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Shares issued as a result of or under an Award, including without limitation, (A) restrictions under an insider trading policy, and (B) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers;
- (xv) to require that the Participant's rights, payments and benefits with respect to an Award (including amounts received upon the settlement or exercise of 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, as may be specified in an Award Agreement at the time of the Award, or later if (A) Applicable Laws require the Company to adopt a policy requiring such reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment, or (B) pursuant to an amendment of an outstanding Award; and

- (xvi) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.
- (c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, determinations and interpretations will be final and binding on all Participants and any other holders of Awards and shall be given the maximum deference permitted by law.
- (d) <u>Fiscal Year Limit on Outside Director Awards</u>. No Outside Director may be granted, in any Fiscal Year, Awards (the value of which will be based on their grant date fair value determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) which, in the aggregate, exceed \$500,000, provided that such amount is increased to \$750,000 in the Fiscal Year of his or her initial service as an Outside Director. Any Awards or other compensation provided to an individual for his or her services as an Employee, or for his or her services as a Consultant other than as an Outside Director, will be excluded for purposes of applying the preceding limit.
- 5. <u>Eligibility.</u> Nonstatutory Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares and Performance Units may be granted to Service Providers. Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to Employees.

#### 6.Stock Options.

#### (a) Limitations.

- (i) Each Option will be designated in the Award Agreement as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonstatutory Stock Option. However, notwithstanding such designation, to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by the Participant during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company and any Parent or Subsidiary) exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), such Options will be treated as Nonstatutory Stock Options. For purposes of this Section 6(a), Incentive Stock Options will be taken into account in the order in which they were granted. The Fair Market Value of the Shares will be determined as of the time the Option with respect to such Shares is granted.
- (ii) The Administrator will have complete discretion to determine the number of Shares subject to an Option granted to any Service Provider, provided that, subject to Section 13, during any Fiscal Year, no Employee or Consultant may be granted Options and/or SARs covering more than a total of 1,000,000 Shares, except that during the Fiscal Year in which a Participant first becomes an Employee or Consultant, the Participant may be granted Options and/or SARs covering up to a total of an additional 1,000,000 Shares. (The grant limit for Outside Directors is in Section 4(d).)
- (b) <u>Term of Option</u>. The term of each Incentive Stock Option or Nonstatutory Stock Option will be stated in the Award Agreement; provided, however, that the term will be no more than seven (7) years from the date of grant hereof. Moreover, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the term of the Incentive Stock Option will be five (5) years from the date of grant or such shorter term as may be provided in the Award Agreement.

## (c) Option Exercise Price and Consideration.

- (i) Exercise Price. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an Option will be determined by the Administrator, subject to the following:
  - (1) In the case of an Incentive Stock Option
- (A) granted to an Employee who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the per Share exercise price will be no less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.
- (B) granted to any Employee other than an Employee described in paragraph (A) immediately above, the per Share exercise price will be no less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.
- (2) In the case of a Nonstatutory Stock Option, the per Share exercise price will be no less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Options may be granted with a per Share exercise price of less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant pursuant to a transaction described in, and in a manner consistent with, Section 424(a) of the Code.
- (ii) <u>Waiting Period and Exercise Dates</u>. At the time an Option is granted, the Administrator will fix the period within which the Option may be exercised and will determine any conditions that must be satisfied before the Option may be exercised.
- (iii) Form of Consideration. The Administrator will determine the acceptable form of consideration for exercising an Option, including the method of payment. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the Administrator will determine the acceptable form of consideration at the time of grant. Such consideration may consist entirely of, without limitation: (1) cash; (2) check; (3) promissory note, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, (4) other Shares, provided that such Shares have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which such Option will be exercised and provided that accepting such Shares will not result in any adverse accounting consequences to the Company, as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion; (5) consideration received by the Company under a cashless exercise program (whether through a broker, net exercise program or otherwise) implemented by the Company in connection with the Plan; (6) by reduction in the amount of any Company liability to the Participant, (7) by net exercise; (8) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws; or (9) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

### (d) Exercise of Option.

(i) <u>Procedure for Exercise; Rights as a Stockholder</u>. Any Option granted hereunder will be exercisable according to the terms of the Plan and at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Administrator and set forth in the Award Agreement. An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

An Option will be deemed exercised when the Company receives: (i) a notice of exercise (in such form as the Administrator may specify from time to time) from the person entitled to exercise the Option, and (ii) full payment for the Shares with respect to which the Option is exercised (together with applicable withholding taxes). Full payment may consist of any consideration and method of payment authorized by the Administrator and permitted by the Award Agreement and the Plan. Shares issued upon exercise of an Option will be issued in the name of the Participant or, if requested by the Participant, in the name of the Participant and his or her spouse. Until the 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 will exist with respect to the Shares subject to an Option, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company will issue (or cause to be issued) such Shares promptly after the Option is exercised. No adjustment will 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 13 of the Plan.

Exercising an Option in any manner will decrease the number of Shares thereafter 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.

- (ii) Termination of Relationship as a Service Provider. If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider, other than upon the Participant's termination as the result of the Participant's death or Disability, the Participant may exercise his or her Option within such period of time as is specified in the Award Agreement (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Award Agreement). In the absence of a specified time in the Award Agreement, the Option will remain exercisable for three (3) months following the Participant's termination. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, if on the date of termination the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the Option will be forfeited and revert to the Plan. If after termination the Participant does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified by the Award Agreement, this Plan or the Administrator, the Option will terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option will revert to the Plan.
- (iii) <u>Disability of Participant.</u> If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider as a result of the Participant's Disability, the Participant may exercise his or her Option within such period of time as is specified in the Award Agreement (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Award Agreement). In the

absence of a specified time in the Award Agreement, the Option will remain exercisable for twelve (12) months following the Participant's termination. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, if on the date of termination the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the Option will be forfeited and revert to the Plan. If after termination the Participant does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified herein, the Option will terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option will revert to the Plan.

(iv) Death of Participant. If a Participant dies while a Service Provider, the Option may be exercised following the Participant's death within such period of time as is specified in the Award Agreement (but in no event may the option be exercised later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Award Agreement), by the Participant's designated beneficiary, provided such designation has been permitted by the Administrator and provided a beneficiary has been designated prior to Participant's death in a form acceptable to the Administrator. If a beneficiary designation has not been permitted by the Administrator or if no beneficiary has been designated by the Participant, then such Option may be exercised by the personal representative of the Participant's estate or by the person(s) to whom the Option is transferred pursuant to the Participant's will or in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution. In the absence of a specified time in the Award Agreement, the Option will remain exercisable for twelve (12) months following Participant's death. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, if at the time of death Participant is not vested as to his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the Option will revert to the Plan.

#### 7. Restricted Stock.

- (a) Grant of Restricted Stock. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Administrator, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock to Service Providers in such amounts as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine; provided, that, subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Plan, during any Fiscal Year, no Employee or Consultant may be granted Full Value Awards covering more than 750,000 Shares, except that during the Fiscal Year in which a Participant first becomes an Employee or Consultant, the Participant may be granted Full Value Awards covering up to a total of an additional 750,000 Shares. (The grant limit for Outside Directors is in Section 4(d).)
- (b) Restricted Stock Agreement. Each Award of Restricted Stock will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Shares granted, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, the Company as escrow agent will hold Shares of Restricted Stock until the restrictions on such Shares have lapsed.
- (c) <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Section 7 or the Award Agreement, Shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the end of the applicable Period of Restriction.
- (d) Other Restrictions. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may impose such other restrictions on Shares of Restricted Stock as it may deem advisable or appropriate.
- (i) <u>General Restrictions</u>. The Administrator may set restrictions based upon continued employment or service, the achievement of specific performance objectives (Company-wide, departmental, divisional, business unit, or individual), applicable federal or state securities laws, or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.
- (ii) Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Restricted Stock as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the Determination Date. In granting Restricted Stock which is intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Restricted Stock under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals and certifying in writing whether the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved after the completion of the applicable Performance Period).
- (e) Removal of Restrictions. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 7, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock grant made under the Plan will be released from escrow as soon as practicable after the last day of the Period of Restriction or at such other time as the Administrator may determine. The Administrator, in its discretion, may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.
- (f) <u>Voting Rights.</u> During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise full voting rights with respect to those Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise.
- (g) <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to receive all dividends and other distributions paid with respect to such Shares, unless the Administrator provides otherwise. If any such dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, the Shares will be subject to the same restrictions on transferability and forfeitability as the Shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were paid.
- (h) Return of Restricted Stock to Company. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, the Restricted Stock for which restrictions have not lapsed will revert to the Company and, subject to Section 3, again will become available for grant under the Plan.

### 8.Restricted Stock Units

- (a) Grant. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Administrator, at any time and from time to time, may grant Restricted Stock Units to Service Providers in such amounts as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine; provided, that, subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Plan, during any Fiscal Year, no Employee or Consultant may be granted Full Value Awards covering more than 750,000 Shares, except that during the Fiscal Year in which a Participant first becomes an Employee or Consultant, the Participant may be granted Full Value Awards covering up to a total of an additional 750,000 Shares. (The grant limit for Outside Directors is in Section 4(d).) After the Administrator determines that it will grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan, it will advise the Participant in an Award Agreement of the terms, conditions, and restrictions related to the grant, including the number of Restricted Stock Units.
- (b) <u>Vesting Criteria and Other Terms</u>. The Administrator will set vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which the criteria are met, will determine the number of Restricted Stock Units that will be paid out to the Participant.
- (i) <u>General Restrictions</u>. The Administrator may set vesting criteria based upon continued employment or service, the achievement of specific performance objectives (Company-wide, departmental, divisional, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment or service), applicable federal or state securities laws or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.
- (ii) Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Restricted Stock Units as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the Determination Date. In granting Restricted Stock Units that are intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Restricted Stock Units under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals and certifying in writing whether the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved after the completion of the applicable Performance Period).
- (c) <u>Earning Restricted Stock Units</u>. Upon meeting the applicable vesting criteria, the Participant will be entitled to receive a payout as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after the grant of Restricted Stock Units, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any vesting criteria that must be met to receive a payout.
- (d) <u>Form and Timing of Payment.</u> Payment of earned Restricted Stock Units will be made as soon as practicable after the date(s) determined by the Administrator and set forth in the Award Agreement; provided, however, that the timing of payment shall in all cases comply with Section 409A to the extent applicable to the Award. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may only settle earned Restricted Stock Units in cash, Shares, or a combination of both.
- (e) <u>Cancellation</u>. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, all unearned Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited to the Company and, subject to Section 3 of the Plan, again will become available for grant under the Plan.

## 9. Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, a Stock Appreciation Right may be granted to Service Providers at any time and from time to time as will be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion.
  - (b) Number of Shares. The Administrator will have complete discretion to determine the number of Stock Appreciation Rights granted to any Service Provider, provided

that, subject to the provisions of Section 13, during any Fiscal Year, no Employee or Consultant may be granted SARs and/or Options covering more than a total of 1,000,000 Shares, except that during the Fiscal Year in which a Participant first becomes an Employee or Consultant, the Participant may be granted SARs and/or Options covering up to a total of an additional 1,000,000 Shares. (The grant limit for Outside Directors is in Section 4(d).)

- (c) Exercise Price and Other Terms. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right will be determined by the Administrator and will be no less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant. Otherwise, the Administrator, subject to the provisions of the Plan, will have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan.
- (d) Stock Appreciation Right Agreement. Each Stock Appreciation Right grant will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the exercise price, the term of the Stock Appreciation Right, the conditions of exercise, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.
- (e) Expiration of Stock Appreciation Rights. A Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan will expire upon the date determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rules of Section 6(b) of the Plan relating to the maximum term and Section 6(d) of the Plan relating to exercise also will apply to Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (f) Payment of Stock Appreciation Right Amount. Upon exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, a Participant will be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount determined by multiplying:
  - (i) The difference between the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the exercise price; times
  - (ii) The number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised.

At the discretion of the Administrator, the payment upon Stock Appreciation Right exercise may be in cash, in Shares of equivalent value, or in some combination thereof. 10.Performance Units and Performance Shares.

- (a) Grant of Performance Units/Shares. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Performance Units and Performance Shares may be granted to Service Providers at any time and from time to time, as will be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator will have complete discretion in determining the number of Performance Units and Performance Shares granted to each Participant; provided, that subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Plan, during any Fiscal Year, no Employee or Consultant (a) may be granted Full Value Awards covering more than 750,000 Shares, except that during the Fiscal Year in which a Participant first becomes an Employee or Consultant, the Participant may be granted Full Value Awards covering up to a total of an additional 750,000 Shares, and (b) will receive Performance Units having an initial value greater than \$10,000,000; provided, however, that in the Fiscal Year in which his or her service as an Employee or Consultant first commences, the Participant may be granted additional Performance Units having a value no greater than \$10,000,000. (The grant limit for Outside Directors is in Section 4(d).)
- (b) <u>Value of Performance Units/Shares</u>. Each Performance Unit will have an initial value that is established by the Administrator on or before the date of grant. Each Performance Share will have an initial value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant.
- (c) Performance Objectives and Other Terms. The Administrator will set performance objectives or other vesting provisions (including, without limitation, continued status as a Service Provider) in its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number or value of Performance Units/Shares that will be paid out to the Service Providers. The time period during which the performance objectives or other vesting provisions must be met will be called the "Performance Period." Each Award of Performance Units/Shares will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the Performance Period, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.
- (i) General Restrictions. The Administrator may set vesting criteria based upon continued employment or service, the achievement of specific performance objectives (Company-wide, departmental, divisional, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment or service), applicable federal or state securities laws or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.
- (ii) Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Performance Shares and/or Performance Units as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the Determination Date. In granting Performance Shares and/or Performance Units that are intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Performance Shares and/or Performance Units under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals and certifying in writing whether the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved after the completion of the applicable Performance Period).
- (d) <u>Earning of Performance Units/Shares</u>. After the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Units/Shares will be entitled to receive a payout of the number of Performance Units/Shares earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, to be determined as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance objectives or other vesting provisions have been achieved. After the grant of a Performance Unit/Share, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any performance objectives or other vesting provisions for such Performance Unit/Share.
- (e) Form and Timing of Payment of Performance Units/Shares. Payment of earned Performance Units/Shares will be made as soon as practicable after the expiration of the applicable Performance Period or as otherwise determined by the Administrator; provided, however, that the timing of payment shall in all cases comply with Section 409A to the extent applicable to the Award. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Performance Units/Shares in the form of cash, in Shares (which have an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the value of the earned Performance Units/Shares at the close of the applicable Performance Period) or in a combination thereof. No right to receive any ordinary cash dividends will exist with respect to any unvested Shares under the Performance Units/Shares. In the event of any extraordinary cash dividend payable with respect to Shares, the extraordinary cash dividends payable with respect to the unvested Shares under the Performance Units/Shares, if any (as determined in accordance with Section 13 and/or other applicable provisions of the Plan), will be subject to the same restrictions on vesting, transferability and forfeitability as the Shares subject to the Performance Shares/Units with respect to which the dividends are payable.
- (f) <u>Cancellation of Performance Units/Shares</u>. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, all unearned or unvested Performance Units/Shares will be forfeited to the Company, and, subject to Section 3 of the Plan, again will be available for grant under the Plan.
- 11. Leaves of Absence/Transfer Between Locations. If determined by the Administrator (in its discretion and on a case-by-case basis) or as otherwise required by Applicable Law, vesting of Awards granted hereunder will be suspended during any unpaid leave of absence, such that vesting shall cease on the first day of any unpaid leave of absence and shall only recommence upon return to active service. A Participant will not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, or any Subsidiary. For purposes of Incentive Stock Options, no such leave may exceed three (3) months, unless reemployment upon expiration of such leave is guaranteed by statute or contract. If reemployment upon expiration of a leave of absence approved by the Company is not so guaranteed, then six (6) months following the first (1st) day of such leave any Incentive Stock Option held by the Participant will cease to be treated as an Incentive Stock Option and will be treated for tax purposes as a Nonstatutory Stock Option.
- 12. Transferability of Awards. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award 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 Participant, only by the Participant. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, such Award will contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, in no event will the Administrator have the right to determine and implement the terms and conditions of any Award Transfer Program without stockholder approval.

## 13. Adjustments; Dissolution or Liquidation; Merger or Change in Control.

(a) Adjustments. In the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, or other change in the corporate structure of the Company affecting the Shares occurs, the Administrator, in order to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, will adjust the number and class of Shares that may be delivered under the Plan and/or the number, class, and price of Shares covered by each outstanding Award, the numerical Share limits in Section 3 of the Plan and the per person numerical Share limits in Sections 6(a), 7(a), 8(a), 9(b) and 10(a) of the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, the number of

Shares subject to any Award always shall be a whole number. Also, for the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, adjustments to Awards and the grant of new Awards (including, but not limited to, substitute Awards) under this Section 13 will not count against the per person numerical Share or dollar limits under the Plan (including, but not limited to, the Sections referenced above).

- (b) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator will notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction. To the extent it has not been previously exercised (with respect to an Option or SAR) or vested (with respect to an Award other than an Option or SAR), an Award will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.
- (c) Merger or Change in Control. In the event of a merger of the Company with or into another corporation or other entity or a Change in Control, each outstanding Award will be treated as the Administrator determines, including, without limitation, that each Award be assumed or an equivalent option or right substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. The Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction.

In the event that the successor corporation does not assume or substitute for the Award, the Participant will fully vest in and have the right to exercise all of his or her outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, including Shares as to which such Awards would not otherwise be vested or exercisable, all restrictions on Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units will lapse, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met. In addition, if an Option or Stock Appreciation Right is not assumed or substituted in the event of a merger or Change in Control, the Administrator will notify the Participant in writing or electronically that the Option or Stock Appreciation Right will be exercisable for a period of time determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion, and the Option or Stock Appreciation Right will terminate upon the expiration of such period.

For the purposes of this subsection (c), an Award will be considered assumed if, following the merger or Change in Control, the Award confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share subject to the Award immediately prior to the transaction, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the transaction 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); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the transaction 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 an Option or Stock Appreciation Right or upon the payout of a Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Unit or Performance Share, for each Share subject to such Award, 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 transaction.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 13(c) to the contrary, an Award that vests, is earned or paid-out upon the satisfaction of one or more performance goals will not be considered assumed if the Company or its successor modifies any of such performance goals without the Participant's consent; provided, however, a modification to such performance goals only to reflect the successor corporation's post-transaction corporate structure will not be deemed to invalidate an otherwise valid Award assumption.

(d) Outside Director Awards. With respect to Awards granted to an Outside Director that are assumed or substituted for, if on the date of or following such assumption or substitution the Participant's status as a Director or a director of the successor corporation, as applicable, is terminated other than upon a voluntary resignation by the Participant (unless such resignation is at the request of the acquirer), then the Participant will fully vest in and have the right to exercise Options and/or Stock Appreciation Rights as to all of the Shares underlying such Award, including those Shares which would not otherwise be vested or exercisable, all restrictions on Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units will lapse, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

### 14.<u>Tax</u>.

- (a) <u>Withholding Requirements.</u> Prior to the delivery of any Shares or cash pursuant to an Award (or exercise thereof) or such earlier time as any tax withholding obligations are due, the Company will have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local, foreign or other taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligations) required to be withheld with respect to such Award (or exercise thereof).
- (b) Withholding Arrangements. The Administrator, in its sole discretion and pursuant to such procedures as it may specify from time to time, may permit a Participant to satisfy such tax withholding obligations, in whole or in part by (without limitation) (a) paying cash, (b) electing to have the Company withhold otherwise deliverable cash or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the minimum statutory amount required to be withheld or such other amount as will not result in any adverse accounting consequences to the Company, as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion, or (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the minimum statutory amount required to be withheld or such other amount as will not result in any adverse accounting consequences to the Company, as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion. The Fair Market Value of the Shares to be withheld or delivered will be determined as of the date that the taxes are required to be withheld.
- (c) Compliance With Section 409A. Awards will be designed and operated in such a manner that they are either exempt from the application of, or comply with, the requirements of Section 409A such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A, except as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. Each payment or benefit under this Plan and under each Award Agreement is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of Section 1.409A-2(b)(2) of the Treasury Regulations. The Plan, each Award and each Award Agreement under the Plan is intended to be exempt from or otherwise meet the requirements of Section 409A and will be construed and interpreted, including but not limited with respect to ambiguities and/or ambiguous terms, in accordance with such intent, except as otherwise specifically determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A.
- 15. No Effect on Employment or Service. Neither the Plan nor any Award will confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continuing the Participant's relationship as a Service Provider with the Company, nor will they interfere in any way with the Participant's right or the Company's right to terminate such relationship at any time, with or without cause, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.
- 16. Date of Grant. The date of grant of an Award will be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Award, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice of the determination will be provided to each Participant within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.
- 17. Term of Plan. Subject to Section 23 of the Plan, the Plan will become effective upon its approval by the Company's stockholders. It will continue in effect for a term of ten (10) years from the date of the initial Board action to adopt the Plan unless terminated earlier under Section 18 of the Plan.

### 18. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

- (a) Amendment and Termination. The Administrator may at any time amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Plan.
- (b) Stockholder Approval. The Company will obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Applicable
- (c) Effect of Amendment or Termination. No amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the Plan will impair the rights of any Participant, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company. Termination of the Plan will not affect the Administrator's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Awards granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.
  - 19. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The terms of the Plan are subject to Applicable Laws and shall be interpreted in such a manner as to comply with Applicable Laws.

## 20. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

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(a) <u>Legal Compliance</u>. The granting of Awards and the issuance and delivery of Shares under the Plan shall be subject to all Applicable Laws, rule and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or national securities exchanges as may be required. Shares will not be issued pursuant to the exercise or vesting of an Award and the Company may not permit the exercise or vesting of an Award unless the exercise or vesting of such Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares will comply with Applicable Laws, rules and regulations and will be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

- (b) <u>Investment Representations</u>. As a condition to the exercise of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Award 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.
- 21. Inability to Obtain Authority. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction or to complete or comply with the requirements of any registration or other qualification of the Awards and/or Shares under any state, federal or foreign law or under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the stock exchange on which Shares of the same class are then listed, or any other governmental or regulatory body, which authority, registration, qualification or rule compliance is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary or advisable for the grant, exercise or vesting of Awards or the issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, will relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to grant Awards, to allow exercise or vesting of Awards or to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority, registration, qualification or rule compliance will not have been obtained.
- 22. Forfeiture Events. The Administrator may specify in an Award 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, fraud, breach of a fiduciary duty, restatement of financial statements as a result of fraud or willful errors or omissions, termination of employment for cause, violation of material Company and/or Subsidiary policies, breach of non-competition, 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/or its Subsidiaries. The Administrator may also require the application of this Section with respect to any Award previously granted to a Participant even without any specified terms being included in any applicable Award Agreement to the extent required under Applicable Laws.
- 23. Stockholder Approval. The Plan will be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months after the date the Plan is adopted by the Board. Such stockholder approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws.

#### QUANTUM CORPORATION

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER INCENTIVE PLAN

August 23, 2017 Restatement

#### SECTION 1.

#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

#### 1.1 Effective Date

Quantum Corporation Executive Officer Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which was adopted by the Company effective as of April 1, 2001, was last approved by the Company's stockholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, is hereby further amended and restated effective as of August 23, 2017.

#### 1.2 Purpose of the Plan

The Plan is intended to increase stockholder value and the success of the Company by motivating key executives (1) to perform to the best of their abilities, and (2) to achieve the Company's objectives. The Plan's goals are to be achieved by providing participants with the opportunity to earn with incentive awards for the achievement of goals relating to the performance of the Company. The Plan is intended to permit the payment of awards that qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.

#### SECTION 2

#### DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

- 2.1 "1934 Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the 1934 Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
- 2.2 "Actual Award" means as to any Performance Period, the actual award (if any) payable to a Participant for the Performance Period. Each Actual Award is determined by the Payout Formula for the Performance Period, subject to the Committee's authority under Section 3.6 to reduce or eliminate the award otherwise determined by the Payout Formula.
- 2.3 "Affiliate" means any corporation or other entity (including, but not limited to, partnerships and joint ventures) controlled by the Company.
- 2.4 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.5 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation promulgated thereunder, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
- 2.6 "Committee" means the committee appointed by the Board (pursuant to Section 5.1) to administer the Plan.
- 2.7 "Company" means Quantum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.
- 2.8 "Determination Date" means the latest possible date that will not jeopardize a Target Award or Actual Award's qualification as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- 2.9 "Employee" means any employee of the Company or of an Affiliate, whether such employee is so employed at the time the Plan is adopted or becomes so employed subsequent to the adoption of the Plan.
- 2.10 "Fiscal Quarter" means a fiscal quarter of the Company.
- 2.11 "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company.
- 2.12 "Participant" means as to any Performance Period, an Employee who has been selected by the Committee for participation in the Plan for that Performance Period.
- 2.13 "Payout Formula" means as to any Performance Period, the formula or payout matrix established by the Committee pursuant to Section 3.4 in order to determine the Actual Awards (if any) to be paid to Participants. The formula or matrix may differ from Participant to Participant.
- 2.14 "Performance Goals" means the goal(s) (or combined goal(s)) determined by the Committee (in its discretion) to be applicable to a Participant for a Target Award for a Performance Period. As determined by the Committee, the Performance Goals for any Target Award applicable to a Participant may provide for a targeted level or levels of achievement using one or more of the following measures: (a) cash flow, (b) customer satisfaction, (c) earnings per share, (d) expense control, (e) margin, (f) market share, (g) operating profit, (h) product development and/or quality, (i) profit, (j) return on capital, (k) return on equity, (l) revenue and (m) total shareholder return. Performance Goals may differ from Participant to Participant, Performance Period to Performance Period and from award to award. Any Performance Goal used may be measured (1) in absolute terms, (2) in combination with another Performance Goal or Goals (for example, but not by way of limitation, as a ratio or matrix), (3) in relative terms (including, but not limited to, as compared to results for other periods of time, against other objective metrics and/or against another company, companies or an index or indices), (4) with respect to equity, assets or human resources of the Company, including, for example, on a per-share or per-capita basis, (5) against the performance of the Company as a whole or a specific business unit(s), business segment(s) or product(s) of the Company, (6) on a pre-tax or after-tax basis, and/or (7) GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) or non-GAAP basis. Prior to the Determination Date, the Committee, in its discretion, will determine whether any significant element(s) or item(s) will be included in or excluded from the calculation of any Performance Goal with respect to any Participants (for example, but not by way of limitation, the effect of mergers and acquisitions), dispositions, litigation, restructuring or reorganization programs, and/or change in tax or other laws). As determined in the discretion of t

- 2.15 "Performance Period" means any Fiscal Year (or period of four (4) consecutive Fiscal Quarters) or such other period longer or shorter than a Fiscal Year but not shorter than one (1) Fiscal Quarter or longer than three Fiscal Years (or period of twelve (12) consecutive Fiscal Quarters), as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- 2.16 "Plan" means the Quantum Corporation Executive Officer Incentive Plan, as set forth in this instrument and as hereafter amended from time to time.
- 2.17 "Shares" means shares of the Company's common stock.
- 2.18 "Target Award" means the target award payable under the Plan to a Participant for the Performance Period as determined by the Committee in accordance with Section 3.3.

#### SECTION 3.

#### SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND DETERMINATION OF AWARDS

#### 3.1 Selection of Participants

The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall select the Employees who shall be Participants for any Performance Period. The Committee, in its sole discretion, also may designate as Participants one or more individuals (by name or position) who are expected to become Employees during a Performance Period. Participation in the Plan is in the sole discretion of the Committee, and shall be determined on a Performance Period by Performance Period basis. Accordingly, an Employee who is a Participant for a given Performance Period in no way is guaranteed or assured of being selected for participation in any subsequent Performance Period.

## 3.2 <u>Determination of Performance Goals</u>

The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall establish the Performance Goals for each Participant for the Performance Period. Such Performance Goals shall be set forth in writing. The Performance Goals may differ from Participant to Participant and from award to award. The Committee shall also determine and set forth in writing whether any significant elements shall be included in or excluded from the calculation of any Performance Goal with respect to any Participants, including (a) restructurings, discontinued operations, extraordinary items, and other unusual or non-recurring charges, (b) an event either not directly related to the operations of the Company or not within the reasonable control of the Company's management, or (c) the cumulative effects of tax or accounting changes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### 3.3 Determination of Target Awards

The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall establish a Target Award for each Participant. Each Participant's Target Award shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, and each Target Award shall be set forth in writing. The Target Award may be determined by reference to a formula, a percentage of base salary, or a fixed dollar amount.

## 3.4 <u>Determination of Payout Formula or Formulae</u>

The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall establish a Payout Formula or Formulae for purposes of determining the Actual Award (if any) payable to each Participant. Each Payout Formula shall (a) be in writing, (b) be based on a comparison of actual performance to the Performance Goals, (c) provide for the payment of a Participant's Target Award if the Performance Goals for the Performance Period are achieved at the predetermined level, and (d) provide for the payment of an Actual Award greater than or less than the Participant's Target Award, depending upon the extent to which actual performance exceeds or falls below the Performance Goals. Notwithstanding the preceding, no Participant's Actual Award(s) under the Plan may, for any period of three (3) consecutive Fiscal Years, exceed \$15,000,000.

## 3.5 Date for Determinations

The Committee shall make all determinations under Section 3.1 through 3.4 on or before the latest possible date that will not jeopardize a Target Award or Actual Award's intended qualification as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. For Fiscal Year Performance Periods, such date is expected to be the earlier of (i) 90 days after the commencement of each Performance Period, or (ii) the expiration of 25% of the Performance Period.

### 3.6 Determination of Actual Awards

After the end of each Performance Period, the Committee shall certify in writing (for example, in its meeting minutes) the extent to which the Performance Goals applicable to each Participant for the Performance Period were achieved or exceeded, as determined by the Committee. The Actual Award for each Participant shall be determined by applying the Payout Formula to the level of actual performance which has been certified by the Committee. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may (a) eliminate or reduce the Actual Award payable to any Participant below that which otherwise would be payable under the Payout Formula, and (b) determine what Actual Award, if any, will be paid in the event of a Termination of Service prior to the end of the Performance Period or payment of an Actual Award.

### SECTION 4.

## PAYMENT OF AWARDS

## 4.1 Right to Receive Payment

Each Actual Award that may become payable under the Plan shall be paid solely from the general assets of the Company. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to create a trust or to establish or evidence any Participant's claim of any right other than as an unsecured general creditor with respect to any payment to which he or she may be entitled.

## 4.2 Timing of Payment

Payment of each Actual Award shall be made as soon as practicable, but no later than two and one-half months after the end of the Performance Period during which the Actual Award was earned. Notwithstanding the preceding, if it is impossible or infeasible for the Committee to certify the results for a Performance Period under Section 3.6 before the standard payment deadline described in the preceding sentence (for example, but not by way of limitation, due to the unavailability of financial information), the payment deadline shall be extended until thirty (30) days after certification, subject to the following: (a) the Company and the Committee must have used their good faith reasonable efforts to cause certification to occur before the standard payment deadline, (b) the Committee must certify the results as soon as administratively practicable, and (c) notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, payment will be made only to Participants who do not incur a Termination of Employment before the date on which the Actual Award is paid.

# 4.3 Form of Payment

Each Actual Award shall be paid in cash (or its equivalent) or Shares in a single lump sum, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion. To the extent an Actual Award, in whole or in part, is payable in Shares, such Shares shall be granted under the Company's 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan or such other shareholder approved plan of the Company providing for payment of Shares as the Committee may determine. If (a) an Actual Award is paid in Shares or (b) a Target Award denominated in Shares is paid in cash, the number of Shares

to be determined shall be determined by dividing the cash amount otherwise payable by the closing per share selling price for Shares as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange on the date payment of the Actual Award is to be made.

#### 4.4 Recoupment of Awards

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Plan, a Participant's rights with respect to any Actual Award hereunder shall be subject to the Company's clawback policy as may be established and/or amended from time to time (the "Clawback Policy"). The Board or the Committee may require the Participant to forfeit, return, or reimburse the Company for, all or a portion of any Actual Award paid to the Participant pursuant to the terms of the Clawback Policy or as necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable laws (including, without limitation, Section 10D of the 1934 Act and any applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission).

Any recoupment of an Actual Award made with respect to a Participant may be in addition to any other remedies that may be available to the Company under applicable law, including disciplinary actions up to and including termination of employment.

#### 4.5 Payment in the Event of Death

If a Participant dies prior to the payment of an Actual Award earned by him or her prior to death for a prior Performance Period, the Award shall be paid to administrator or representative of his or her estate, except as provided in Section 6.6.

#### SECTION 5.

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### 5.1 Committee is the Administrator

The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. The Committee shall consist of not less than two (2) members of the Board. The members of the Committee shall be appointed from time to time by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board. Each member of the Committee shall qualify as an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Code. If it is later determined that one or more members of the Committee do not so qualify, actions taken by the Committee prior to such determination shall be valid despite such failure to qualify. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Plan shall be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board.

#### 5.2 Committee Authority

It shall be the duty of the Committee to administer the Plan in accordance with the Plan's provisions. The Committee shall have all powers and discretion necessary or appropriate to administer the Plan and to control its operation, including, but not limited to, the power to (a) determine which Employees shall be granted awards, (b) prescribe the terms and conditions of awards, (c) interpret the Plan and the awards, (d) adopt such procedures and subplans as are necessary or appropriate to permit participation in the Plan by Employees who are foreign nationals or employed outside of the United States, (e) adopt rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan as are consistent therewith, and (f) interpret, amend or revoke any such rules.

#### 5.3 Decisions Binding

All interpretations, determinations and decisions made by the Committee, the Board, and any delegate of the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all persons, and shall be given the maximum deference permitted by law.

## 5.4 Delegation by the Committee

The Committee, in its sole discretion and on such terms and conditions as it may provide, may delegate all or part of its authority and powers under the Plan to one or more directors and/or officers of the Company; provided, however, that the Committee may delegate its authority and powers only to the extent consistent with applicable laws (including the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code to the extent applicable) and the rules and regulations of the principal securities market on which the Company's securities are listed or qualified for trading.

## SECTION 6.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 6.1 Tax Withholding

The Company (or an Affiliate) shall withhold all applicable taxes and any other required amounts from any Actual Award, including any federal, state, local and other taxes (including, but not limited to, the Participant's FICA and SDI obligations).

## 6.2 No Effect on Employment or Service

Nothing in the Plan shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company to terminate any Participant's employment or service at any time, with or without cause. For purposes of the Plan, transfer of employment of a Participant between the Company and any one of its Affiliates (or between Affiliates) shall not be deemed a termination of employment or service. Employment with the Company and its Affiliates is on an at-will basis only. The Company and its Affiliates expressly reserve the right, which may be exercised at any time and without regard to when during a Performance Period such exercise occurs, to terminate any individual's employment or service with or without cause, and to treat him or her without regard to the effect which such treatment might have upon him or her as a Participant.

# 6.3 Participation

No Employee shall have the right to be selected to receive an award under this Plan, or, having been so selected, to be selected to receive a future award. Participation in the Plan shall not give any Employee the right to participate in any other compensation plan or arrangement of the Company.

### 6.4 Indemnification

Each person who is or shall have been a member of the Committee, or of the Board, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from (a) any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act under the Plan or any award, and (b) from any and all amounts paid by him or her in settlement thereof, with the Company's approval, or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any such claim, action, suit, or proceeding against him or her, provided he or she shall give the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, by contract, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or under any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

#### 6.5 Successors

All obligations of the Company under the Plan, with respect to awards granted hereunder, shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company.

#### 6.6 Beneficiary Designations

- a. <u>Designation</u>. Each Participant may, pursuant to such uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures as the Committee may specify from time to time, designate one or more beneficiaries to receive any Actual Award payable to the Participant at the time of his or her death. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Section 6.6 shall be operative only after (and for so long as) the Committee determines (on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis) to permit the designation of beneficiaries.
- b. Changes. A Participant may designate different beneficiaries (or may revoke a prior beneficiary designation) at any time by delivering a new designation (or revocation of a prior designation) in like manner. Any designation or revocation shall be effective only if it is received by the Committee. However, when so received, the designation or revocation shall be effective as of the date the designation or revocation is executed (whether or not the Participant still is living), but without prejudice to the Committee on account of any payment made before the change is recorded. The last effective designation received by the Committee shall supersede all prior designations.
- c. Failed Designation. If the Committee does not make this Section 6.6 operative or if Participant dies without having effectively designated a beneficiary, the Participant's Account shall be payable to the general beneficiary shown on the records of the Employer. If no beneficiary survives the Participant, the Participant's Account shall be payable to his or her estate.

#### 6.7 Nontransferability of Awards

No award granted under the Plan may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will, by the laws of descent and distribution, or to the limited extent provided in Section 6.6. All rights with respect to an award granted to a Participant shall be available during his or her lifetime only to the Participant.

#### 6.8 Deferrals

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit a Participant to defer receipt of the payment of cash or Shares that would otherwise be delivered to a Participant under the Plan. Any such deferral elections shall be subject to such rules and procedures as shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion and shall be under a plan or arrangement consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

#### 6.9 Section 409A

Except to the limited extent provided in Section 6.8, it is intended that all bonuses payable under this Plan will be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A pursuant to the "short-term deferral" exemption or, in the alternative, will comply with the requirements of Section 409A so that none of the payments and benefits to be provided under this Plan will be subject to the additional tax imposed under Section 409A, and any ambiguities or ambiguous terms herein shall be interpreted to so comply or be exempt. Each payment and benefit payable under this Plan is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of Section 1.409A-2(b)(2) of the Treasury Regulations. The Company may, in good faith and without the consent of any Participant, make any amendments to this Plan and take such reasonable actions which it deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to avoid imposition of any additional tax or income recognition under Section 409A prior to actual payment to the Participant. In no event will the Company reimburse any Participant for any taxes or costs that may be imposed on or incurred by the Participant as a result of Section 409A. For purposes of the Plan, "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any final Treasury Regulations or other Internal Revenue Service guidance thereunder, as each may be amended from time to time.

## SECTION 7.

# AMENDMENT, TERMINATION AND DURATION

### 7.1 Amendment, Suspension or Termination

The Board or the Committee, each in its sole discretion, may amend or terminate the Plan, or any part thereof, at any time and for any reason. The amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall not, without the consent of the Participant, alter or impair any rights or obligations under any Target Award theretofore granted to such Participant. No award may be granted during any period of suspension or after termination of the Plan.

### 7.2 Duration of the Plan

The Plan shall commence on the date specified herein, and subject to Section 7.1 (regarding the Board's or the Committee's right to amend or terminate the Plan), shall remain in effect thereafter.

### SECTION 8.

# LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

# 8.1 Gender and Number

Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine; the plural shall include the singular and the singular shall include the plural.

# 8.2 Severability

In the event 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.

## 8.3 Requirements of Law

The granting of awards under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or national securities exchanges as may be required.

# 8.4 Governing Law

The Plan and all awards shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California, but without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

### 8.5 Captions

Captions are provided herein for convenience only, and shall not serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of the Plan.