# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

# PROG HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)		85-2484385 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
	256 W. Data Drive	
	Draper, Utah 84020-2315	
	(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)	
PPOC Holdings	Inc. Amended and Destated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan	

Vin Thomas General Counsel and Corporate Secretary PROG Holdings, Inc. 256 W. Data Drive

Draper, Utah 84020-2315 (385) 351-1369

(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated
(Full Title of the Plans)

With a copy to:
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King & Spalding LLP
1180 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this "Registration Statement") registers (a) 2,980,000 additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share ("Common Stock") of PROG Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan (the "EIP"), pursuant to the amendment of the EIP approved by the Company's shareholders on May 24, 2022 (the "Amended EIP") and (b) 500,000 additional shares of Common Stock under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated (the "ESPP"), pursuant to the amendment of the ESPP approved by the Company's shareholders on May 24, 2022 (the "Amended ESPP"). The Amended EIP, among other things, increased the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under the EIP from 8,000,000 shares to 10,980,000 shares (an increase of 2,980,000 shares). The Amended ESPP increased the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under the ESPP from 200,000 shares to 700,000 shares (an increase of 500,000 shares). Under the Amended EIP, the additional shares are of the same class as other securities issuable pursuant to the EIP for which the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-204014, 333-231463 and 333-204014-01), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 8, 2015, May 14, 2019 and October 16, 2020, respectively (collectively, the "Prior EIP Registration Statements"), are effective. Under the Amended ESPP, the additional shares are of the same class as other securities issuable pursuant to the ESPP for which the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-225385 and 333-225385-01), filed with the Commission on June 1, 2018 and October 16, 2020, respectively (collectively, the "Prior ESPP Registration Statement" and, together with the Prior EIP Registration Statements, the "Prior Registration Statements"), are effective. The information contained in the Prior Registration Statements is hereby incorporated by reference pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, except to the extent supplemented, amended or superseded by the information set forth in this Registration Statement.

#### PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Amended EIP or Amended ESPP, as applicable, as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference herein pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

#### PART II

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

# Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Company are incorporated into this Registration Statement by reference:

- a. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the Commission on February 23, 2022;
- b. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2022 filed with the Commission on April 27, 2022;
- c. The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 20, 2022 (solely with respect to the information reported under Item 5.02) and May 26, 2022; and
- d. The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K12B, filed with the Commission on October 16, 2020, including any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement (except for any portion of any document which is furnished or otherwise not deemed to be filed with the Commission), and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold,

shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

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

## Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

The Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company provide that none of the Company's directors will be personally liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages resulting from a breach of the duty of care or any other duty owed to the Company as a director to the fullest extent permitted by Georgia law.

Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws requires the Company to indemnify any person to the fullest extent permitted by law for any liability and expense resulting from any threatened, pending or completed legal action, suit or proceeding (a "Proceeding") (other than an action or suit by or in the right of the Company) resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company, including service at the Company's request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, administrator or agent of another entity. In such a Proceeding, an officer or director may only be indemnified for expenses and liabilities if he or she acted in good faith and, in the case of conduct in an official capacity, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Company and, in all other cases, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be not opposed to the best interest of the Company, and with respect to any criminal Proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws also requires the Company to indemnify any person from any threatened, pending or completed Proceeding by or in the right of the Company resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company, including service at the Company's request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, administrator or agent of another entity (a) to the fullest extent permitted by law against all expenses if he or she acted in good faith and, in the case of conduct in an official capacity, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Company and in all other cases, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to not be opposed to the best interests of the Company, and with respect to any criminal Proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, and (b) to the fullest extent permitted by law (including through a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Section 14-2-854 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code, as amended from time to time) against all expenses and liabilities that may be imposed upon or incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from such Proceeding.

Notwithstanding these requirements, any officer or director is entitled to indemnification of any expenses in connection with any Proceeding to the extent such officer or director has been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise in such Proceeding.

Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws also requires the Company to indemnify any person to the fullest extent permitted by law for any expense imposed upon or incurred in connection with acting as a witness or other participant in any threatened, pending or completed Proceeding resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company, including service at the Company's request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, administrator or agent of another entity.

The provisions of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws regarding indemnification are consistent in all material respects with the laws of the State of Georgia, which authorize indemnification of corporate officers and directors.

The Company's directors and officers are also insured against losses arising from any claim against them in connection with their service as directors and officers of the Company for wrongful acts or omissions, subject to certain limitations.

# Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

The following exhibits to this Registration Statement are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

Exhibit Number	Description
<u>4.1</u>	Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the
	Company's Current Report on Form 8-K12B filed with the Commission on October 16, 2020), as amended by the Articles of
	Amendment of Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K
	filed with the Commission on December 1, 2020).
<u>4.2</u>	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K12B filed with the Commission on October 16, 2020).
<u>5.1</u> *	Opinion of King & Spalding LLP.
<u>23.1</u> *	Consent of King & Spalding LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
<u>23.2</u> *	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
<u>24.1</u> *	Power of Attorney (included in signature pages).
<u>99.1</u> *	PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan.
<u>99.2</u> *	PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated.
107*	Calculation of Filing Fee Table.

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.

# Item 9. Undertakings.

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

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

- 2. That for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Draper, State of Utah, on this 14th day of June, 2022.

PROG Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Brian Garner

Brian Garner Chief Financial Officer

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned officers and directors of PROG Holdings, Inc. hereby constitutes and appoints Brian Garner and Vin Thomas as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, in his or her name and on his or her behalf, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, whether pre-effective or post-effective, including any subsequent registration statement for the same offering which may be filed under Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power of authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his or her substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities set forth opposite their names and on June 14, 2022.

Signature	Title				
/s/ Steven A. Michaels					
Steven A. Michaels	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)				
/s/ Brian Garner					
Brian Garner	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)				
/s/ Matt Sewell					
Matt Sewell	Vice President, Financial Reporting and Principal Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)				
/s/ Ray M. Robinson					
Ray M. Robinson	Director				
/s/ Kathy T. Betty					
Kathy T. Betty	Director				
/s/ Douglas C. Curling					
Douglas C. Curling	Director				
/s/ Cynthia N. Day					
Cynthia N. Day	Director				
/s/ Curtis L. Doman					
Curtis L. Doman	Director				
/s/ Ray M. Martinez					
Ray M. Martinez	Director				
/s/ Caroline S. Sheu					
Caroline Sheu	Director				
/s/ James P. Smith					

Director

James P. Smith

#### CALCULATION OF FILING FEES TABLE

FORM S-8 (Form Type)

# PROG HOLDINGS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

# Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.50 per share, reserved for issuance pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan	457(c) and 457(h)	2,980,000(2)	\$26.73 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$79,655,400	\$92.70 per \$1,000,000	\$7,384.06
Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.50 per share, reserved for issuance pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated	457(c) and 457(h)	500,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$22.72 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$11,360,000	\$92.70 per \$1,000,000	\$1,053.07
	Total Offering	Amounts			\$91,015,400		\$8,437.13
	Total Fee (	Offsets					\$0.00
	Net Fee	Due					\$8,437.13

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover any additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.50 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Registrant that may become issuable pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan and the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated, by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Represents 2,980,000 additional shares of Common Stock that were added to the shares authorized for issuance to eligible persons under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (3) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 10, 2022.
- (4) Represents 500,000 additional shares of Common Stock that were added to the shares authorized for issuance to eligible persons under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated.
- (5) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 10, 2022, multiplied by 85%. Pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended and Restated, the purchase price of the Common Stock issued thereunder is 85% of the lower of the closing trading price per share of the Registrant's Common Stock on the first trading day of each offering period or on the last trading day of each offering period.

# KING & SPALDING

King & Spalding LLP 1180 Peachtree Street N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309-352 Tel: +1 404 572 4600 Fax: +1 404 572 5100 www.kslaw.com

June 14, 2022

PROG Holdings, Inc. 256 W. Data Drive Draper, Utah 84020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for PROG Holdings, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"). The Registration Statement relates to the registration of (i) 2,980,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.50 per share ("Common Stock"), authorized for issuance by the Company pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan (the "EIP") and (ii) 500,000 shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance by the Company pursuant to the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated (the "ESPP" and, together with the EIP, the "Plans"). The 2,980,000 shares of Common Stock to be registered under the Act in connection with the EIP and the 500,000 shares of Common Stock to be registered under the Act in connection with the ESPP are collectively referred to as the "Shares".

In our capacity as counsel to the Company, we have examined and relied upon the accuracy of original, certified, conformed or photographic copies of such records, agreements, certificates and other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinions set forth below. In all such examinations, we have assumed the genuineness of signatures on original documents and the conformity to such original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photographic copies and, as to certificates of public officials, we have assumed the same to have been properly given and to be accurate. As to matters of fact material to this opinion, we have relied, without independent verification, upon statements and representations of representatives of the Company and public officials.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares are duly authorized and, when issued pursuant to the applicable Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

This opinion is limited in all respects to the laws of the State of Georgia, and no opinion is expressed with respect to the laws of any other jurisdiction or any effect that such laws may have on the opinions expressed herein. This opinion is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in any laws or regulations which may hereafter occur.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act.

Very truly yours, /s/ King & Spalding LLP

# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the registration of 2,980,000 additional shares of common stock under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan and 500,000 additional shares of common stock under the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan of our reports dated February 23, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of PROG Holdings, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of PROG Holdings, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Salt Lake City, Utah June 14, 2022

# PROG HOLDINGS, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2015 EQUITY AND INCENTIVE PLAN

## **2022 AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT**

#### ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 <u>Establishment of Plan</u>. The Board of Directors of PROG Holdings, Inc. (the "<u>Board</u>") hereby amends and restates the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan (originally effective as of March 10, 2015 and as most recently amended and restated under its 2020 Amended and Restatement), as set forth in this document as the 2022 Amendment and Restatement (the "<u>Plan</u>") to increase the number of available shares under the Plan and to make other administrative changes.
- 1.2 <u>Purpose of Plan</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to promote the long-term growth and profitability of the Company and its subsidiaries by (i) providing certain employees, directors, consultants, advisors and other persons who perform services for the Company and its subsidiaries with incentives to maximize shareholder value and otherwise contribute to the success of the Company, and (ii) enabling the Company to attract, retain and reward outstanding individuals to serve as directors, officers and employees.
- 1.3 <u>Types of Awards</u>. Awards under the Plan may be made to eligible Participants in the form of Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Other Awards, Annual Incentive Awards, or any combination thereof.
- 1.4 <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan was originally effective March 10, 2015. The Plan, as amended and restated herein, shall be effective as of April 24, 2022, (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), the date it was adopted by the Board, contingent upon approval by the Company's shareholders.
- 1.5 <u>Termination of the Plan</u>. No awards shall be granted under the Plan after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date. Awards granted under the Plan on or prior to the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date shall remain outstanding beyond that date in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and the Agreements corresponding to such Awards.

# **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

Except where the context otherwise indicates, the following definitions apply:

"409A AWARD" means an Award that is not exempt from Code section 409A.

"AGREEMENT" means the written or electronic agreement evidencing an Award granted to a Participant under the Plan. As determined by the Committee, each Agreement shall consist of either (i) a written agreement in a form approved by the Committee and executed on behalf of the Company by an officer duly authorized to act on its behalf, or (ii) an electronic notice of Award in a form approved by the Committee and recorded by the Company (or its designee) in an electronic recordkeeping system used for the purpose of tracking Awards, and if required by the Committee, executed or otherwise electronically accepted by the recipient of the Award in such form and manner as the Committee may require. The Committee may authorize any officer of the Company (other than the particular Award recipient) to execute any or all Agreements on behalf the Company.

"ANNUAL INCENTIVE AWARD" mean an Award under Article 10 that entitles the Participant to receive a payment in cash or other property specified by the Committee to the extent performance goals are achieved.

"AWARD" means an award granted to a Participant under the Plan that consists of one or more Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Other Awards, Annual Incentive Awards, or a combination of these.

"BOARD" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"CAUSE" means, unless provided otherwise in the Agreement, (i) the Participant's material fraud, malfeasance, gross negligence, or willful misconduct with respect to business affairs of the Employer, which is, or is reasonably likely to be if such action were to become known by others, directly or materially harmful to the business or reputation of the Employer; (ii) the Participant's conviction of or failure to contest prosecution for a felony or a crime involving fraud, embezzlement, theft or moral turpitude; (iii) the Participant's breach of the Agreement (including, without limitation, any provisions relating to maintaining confidential information and not soliciting the Employer's employees and customers); or (iv) the willful and continued failure or habitual neglect by the Participant to perform his duties with the Employer substantially in accordance with the operating and personnel policies and procedures of the Employer. "Cause" shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Participant has entered into an employment agreement with the Employer that is binding as of the date of employment termination, and if such employment agreement defines "Cause," then the definition of "Cause" in such agreement shall apply to the Participant for Awards under this Plan.

# "CHANGE IN CONTROL" means the occurrence of one of the following events:

- (a) The acquisition (other than from the Company) by any Person of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act (but without regard to any time period specified in Rule 13d-3(d)(l)(i))), of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting power of then outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); excluding, however, (1) any acquisition by the Company or (2) any acquisition by an employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company;
- (b) A majority of the members of the Board is replaced during any 12- month period by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Board before the date of the appointment or election; or
- (c) Consummation by the Company of a reorganization, merger, or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "<u>Transaction</u>"); excluding, however, a Transaction pursuant to which all or substantially all of the individuals or entities who are the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Transaction will beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the outstanding securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the corporation resulting from such Transaction (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or

indirectly) in substantially the same proportions relative to each other as their ownership, immediately prior to such Transaction, of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any 409A Award, if that Award provides for a change in the time or form of payment upon a Change in Control, then no Change in Control shall be deemed to have occurred upon an event described above unless the event would also constitute a change in ownership of the Company, a change in effective control of the Company, or a change in ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets under Code section 409A.

"CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time. Any reference to a particular section of the Code includes any applicable regulations promulgated under that section. All citations to sections of the Code are to such sections as they may from time to time be amended or renumbered.

"COMMITTEE" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee consisting of two or more members of the Board as may be appointed by the Board from time to time to administer this Plan pursuant to Article 3. If the Common Stock is traded on the NASDAQ or the NYSE, all of the members of the Committee shall be independent directors within the meaning of the NASDAQ's or NYSE's listing standards (as applicable). If any member of the Committee does not qualify as a "Non-Employee Director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, the Board shall appoint a subcommittee of the Committee, consisting of at least two Non-Employee Directors to grant Awards to Insiders; each member of such subcommittee shall be a Non-Employee Director. References to the Committee in the Plan shall include and, as appropriate, apply to any such subcommittee.

"COMMON STOCK" means the Common Stock of the Company, and any other shares into which such stock may be changed by reason of a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation or any other change in the corporate structure or capital stock of the Company.

"COMPANY" means PROG Holdings, Inc., a Georgia corporation, and its successors and assigns.

"DISABILITY" means, with respect to any Incentive Stock Option, a disability as determined under Code section 22(e)(3), and with respect to any other Award, unless provided otherwise in an Agreement (in which case such definition shall apply for purposes of the Plan with respect to that particular Award), (i) with respect to a Participant who is eligible to participate in a program of long-term disability insurance maintained by the Employer, the date on which the insurer or administrator under such program of long-term disability insurance determines that the Participant is eligible to commence benefits under such program, and (ii) with respect to any Participant (including a Participant who is eligible to participate in a program of long-term disability insurance maintained by the Employer), the Participant's inability, due to physical or mental injury or illness, to perform the essential functions of his position with or without reasonable accommodation for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days, whether or not consecutive, occurring within any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, subject to any limitation imposed by federal, state or local laws, including, without limitation, the American with Disabilities Act.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this definition or anything in any Agreement to the contrary, to the extent any provision of this Plan or an Agreement would cause a payment of a 409A Award to be made because of the Participant's Disability, then there shall not be a Disability that triggers payment until the date (if any) that the Participant is disabled within the meaning of Code section 409A(a)(2)(C). Any payment that would have been made except for the application of the preceding

sentence shall be made in accordance with the payment schedule that would have applied in the absence of a Disability (and other Participant rights that are tied to a Disability, such as vesting, shall not be affected by the prior sentence).

"EFFECTIVE DATE" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 1.4 hereof.

"EMPLOYEE" means any individual whom the Employer treats as a common law employee for payroll tax purposes, either within or outside the United States.

"EMPLOYER" means the Company and the Subsidiaries.

"EXCHANGE ACT" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as now in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time. Any reference to a particular section of the Exchange Act includes any applicable regulations promulgated under that section. All citations to sections of the Exchange Act or rules thereunder are to such sections or rules as they may from time to time be amended or renumbered.

"FAIR MARKET VALUE" of a share of Common Stock of the Company means, as of the date in question,

- (a) if the Common Stock is listed for trading on the NASDAQ, the closing sale price of a share of Common Stock on such date, as reported by the NASDAQ or such other source as the Committee deems reliable, or if no such reported sale of the Common Stock shall have occurred on such date, on the last day prior to such date on which there was such a reported sale;
- (b) if the Common Stock is listed for trading on the NYSE, the closing sale price of a share of Common Stock on such date, as reported by the NYSE or such other source as the Committee deems reliable, or if no such reported sale of the Common Stock shall have occurred on such date, on the last day prior to such date on which there was such a reported sale;
- (c) if the Common Stock is not listed for trading on the NASDAQ or the NYSE but is listed for trading on another national securities exchange, the closing sale price of a share of Common Stock on such date as reported on such exchange, or if no such reported sale of the Common Stock shall have occurred on such date, on the last day prior to such date on which there was such a reported sale;
- (d) if the Common Stock is not listed for trading on a national securities exchange but nevertheless is publicly traded and reported (through the OTC Bulletin Board or otherwise), the closing sale price of a share of Common Stock on such date, or if no such reported sale of the Common Stock shall have occurred on such date, on the last day prior to such date on which there was such a reported sale; or
- (e) if the Common Stock is not publicly traded and reported, the fair market value as established in good faith by the Committee or the Board.

For purposes of subsection (c) above, if the Common Stock is not traded on the NASDAQ or the NYSE but is traded on more than one other securities exchange on the given date, then the largest exchange on which the Common Stock is traded shall be referenced to determine Fair Market Value.

Notwithstanding the foregoing but subject to the next paragraph, if the Committee determines in its discretion that an alternative definition of Fair Market Value should be used in connection with the grant, exercise, vesting, settlement or payout of any Award, it may specify such alternative definition in

the Agreement applicable to the Award. Such alternative definition may include a price that is based on the opening, actual, high, low, or average selling prices of a share of Common Stock on the NASDAQ or other securities exchange on the given date, the trading date preceding the given date, the trading date next succeeding the given date, or an average of trading days.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) in the case of an Option or SAR, Fair Market Value shall be determined in accordance with a definition of fair market value that permits the Award to be exempt from Code section 409A; and (ii) in the case of an Option that is intended to qualify as an ISO under Code section 422, Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Committee in accordance with the requirements of Code section 422.

"INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION" or "ISO" means an Option that is designated as an "incentive stock option" and intended to meet the requirements of Code section 422.

"INSIDER" shall mean an individual who is, on the relevant date, subject to the reporting requirements of Exchange Act section 16(a).

"NASDAQ" means The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC or its successor.

"NON-EMPLOYEE" means any consultant or advisor, other than an Employee or Non-Employee Director, who provides bona fide services to the Employer not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital raising transaction.

"NON -EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR" means any individual who is a member of the Board and who is not also employed by the Employer.

"NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION" or "NQSO" means any Option that is not designated as an "incentive stock option" or that otherwise does not meet the requirements of Code section 422.

"NYSE" means the New York Stock Exchange or its successor.

"OPTION" means an Award granted under Article 5 that is either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option. An Option shall be designated as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option, and in the absence of such designation, shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.

"OPTION EXERCISE PRICE" means the price at which a share of Common Stock may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to the exercise of an Option.

"OTHER AWARD" means any form of equity-based or equity-related award, other than an Option, a Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, a Restricted Stock Unit, a Performance Share, a Performance Unit or an Annual Incentive Award, that is granted pursuant to Article 9.

"PARTICIPANT" means an Employee, Non-Employee or Non-Employee Director who is eligible to receive or has received an Award under this Plan.

"PERFORMANCE PERIOD" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 8.3.

"PERFORMANCE SHARE" means an Award under Article 8 of the Plan that is valued by reference to a share of Common Stock, which value may be paid to the Participant by delivery of cash or other

property as the Committee shall determine upon achievement of such performance objectives during the relevant Performance Period as the Committee shall establish at the time of such Award or thereafter.

"PERFORMANCE UNIT" means an Award under Article 8 of the Plan that has a value set by the Committee (or that is determined by reference to a valuation formula specified by the Committee), which value may be paid to the Participant by delivery of cash or other property as the Committee shall determine upon achievement of such performance objectives during the relevant Performance Period as the Committee shall establish at the time of such Award or thereafter.

"PERMITTED TRANSFEREE" means any members of the immediate family of the Participant (i.e., spouse, children, and grandchildren), any trusts for the benefit of such family members or any partnerships whose only partners are such family members.

"PERSON" means any "person" or "group" as those terms are used in Exchange Act Sections 13(d) and 14(d).

"PLAN" means the PROG Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan, the 2020 Amendment and Restatement and the 2022 Amendment and Restatement set forth in this document and as it may be amended from time to time.

"PRIOR PLAN" means the Aaron's, Inc. 2001 Stock Option and Incentive Award Plan, as it may be amended from time to time.

"RESTRICTED STOCK" means an Award of shares of Common Stock under Article 7 of the Plan, which shares are issued with such restrictions as the Committee, in its sole discretion, may impose.

"RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT" or "RSU" means an Award under Article 7 of the Plan that is valued by reference to a share of Common Stock, which value may be paid to the Participant by delivery of cash or other property as the Committee shall determine and that has such restrictions as the Committee, in its sole discretion, may impose.

"<u>RESTRICTION PERIOD</u>" means the period commencing on the date an Award of Restricted Stock or an RSU is granted and ending on such date as the Committee shall determine, during which time the Award is subject to forfeiture as provided in the Agreement.

"SHARE POOL" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in in Section 4.1.

"STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT" or "SAR" means an Award granted under Article 6 that provides for delivery of cash or other property as the Committee shall determine with a value equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the day the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised over the specified exercise price.

"SUBSIDIARY" means a corporation or other entity of which outstanding shares or ownership interests representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of such corporation or other entity entitled to elect the management thereof are owned directly or indirectly by the Company. With respect to all purposes of the Plan, including but not limited to, the establishment, amendment, termination, operation and administration of the Plan, the Company and the Committee shall be authorized to act on behalf of all other entities included within the definition of "Subsidiary."

# ARTICLE 3. ADMINISTRATION; POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

3.1 General. This Plan shall be administered by the Committee.

# 3.2 Authority of the Committee.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the full and discretionary authority to (i) select the persons who are eligible to receive Awards under the Plan, (ii) determine the form and substance of Awards made under the Plan and the conditions and restrictions, if any, subject to which such Awards will be made, (iii) modify the terms of Awards made under the Plan, (iv) interpret, construe and administer the Plan and Awards granted thereunder, (v) make any adjustments necessary or desirable in connection with Awards made under the Plan to eligible Participants located outside the United States, and (vi) adopt, amend, or rescind such rules and regulations, and make such other determinations, for carrying out the Plan as it may deem appropriate.
- (b) The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Agreement in the manner and to the extent it shall deem desirable to carry it into effect.
- (c) Decisions of the Committee on all matters relating to the Plan shall be in the Committee's sole discretion and shall be conclusive, final and binding on all parties. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
- (d) In the event the Company shall assume outstanding equity awards or the right or obligation to make such awards in connection with the acquisition of another corporation or business entity, the Committee may, in its discretion, make such adjustments in the terms of Awards as it shall deem equitable and appropriate to prevent dilution or enlargement of benefits intended to be made under the Plan.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Awards under the Plan must provide for a minimum vesting and/or performance period of at least one-year from the date of grant; provided, however, that the Committee may grant up to five percent (5%) of the Share Pool as Awards without a minimum vesting and/or performance period.
- (f) In making any determination or in taking or not taking any action under the Plan, the Committee may obtain and may relay on the advice of experts, including but not limited to employees of the Company and professional advisors.
- 3.3 <u>Rules for Foreign Jurisdictions</u>. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, (i) amend or vary the terms of the Plan in order to conform such terms with the requirements of each non-U.S. jurisdiction where a Participant works or resides or to meet the goals and objectives of the Plan; (ii) establish one or more sub-plans for these purposes; and (iii) establish administrative rules and procedures to facilitate the operation of the Plan in such non-U.S. jurisdictions. For purposes of clarity, the terms and conditions contained herein that are subject to variation in a non-U.S. jurisdiction shall be reflected in a written addendum to the Plan with respect to each Participant or group of Participants affected by such non-U.S. jurisdiction.
- 3.4 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, at any time and from time to time, delegate to one or more of its members such of its authority as it deems appropriate (provided that any such delegation shall be to at least two members of the Committee with respect to Awards to Insiders).

The Committee may, at any time and from time to time, delegate to one or more other members of the Board such of its authority as it deems appropriate. To the extent permitted by law and applicable stock exchange rules, the Committee may also delegate its authority to one or more persons who are not members of the Board, except that no such delegation will be permitted with respect to Insiders.

- 3.5 Agreements. Each Award granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Agreement. Each Agreement shall be subject to and incorporate, by reference or otherwise, the applicable terms and conditions of the Plan, and any other terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the Plan, as may be imposed by the Committee, including without limitation, provisions related to the consequences of termination of employment. Each Agreement shall specify the period over which the Award will vest or with respect to which any risk of substantial forfeiture will lapse. A copy of the Agreement shall be provided to the Participant, and the Committee may, but need not, require that the Participant sign (or otherwise acknowledge receipt of) a copy of the Agreement or a copy of a notice of grant. Each Participant may be required, as a condition to receiving an Award under this Plan, to enter into an agreement with the Company containing such non-compete, confidentiality, and/or non-solicitation provisions as the Committee may adopt and approve from time to time (as so modified or amended, the "Non-Compete Agreement"). The provisions of the Non-Compete Agreement may also be included in, or incorporated by reference in, the Agreement.
- 3.6 <u>Indemnification</u>. No member or former member of the Committee or the Board or person to whom the Committee has delegated responsibility under the Plan shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award granted under it. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each member and former member of the Committee and the Board against all cost or expense (including counsel fees and expenses) or liability (including any sum paid in settlement of a claim with the approval of the Board) arising out of any act or omission to act in connection with the Plan, unless arising out of such member's or former member's own willful misconduct, fraud, bad faith or as expressly prohibited by statute. Such indemnification shall be in addition (without duplication) to any rights to indemnification or insurance the member or former member may have as a director or under the by-laws of the Company or otherwise.

# ARTICLE 4. SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE PLAN

4.1 Number of Shares. As of the Effective Date, and subject to adjustment as provided in this Section 4.1 and in Section 4.3, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that are available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan is 4,000,000 shares of Common Stock, plus the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan immediately before the Effective Date (the "Share Pool"). All of the Share Pool may, but is not required to, be issued pursuant to Incentive Stock Options. If Awards are granted in substitution or assumption of awards of an entity acquired, by merger or otherwise, by the Company (or any Subsidiary), to the extent such grant shall not be inconsistent with the terms, limitations and conditions of Code section 422, Exchange Act Rule 16b-3 or applicable NASDAQ or NYSE rules, the number of shares subject to such substitute or assumed Awards shall not increase or decrease the Share Pool.

The shares issued pursuant to Awards under the Plan shall be made available from shares currently authorized but unissued or shares currently held (or subsequently acquired) by the Company as treasury shares, including shares purchased in the open market or in private transactions.

The following rules shall apply for purposes of the determination of the number of shares of Common Stock available for grants of Awards under the Plan:

- (a) Each Option shall be counted as one share subject to an Award and deducted from the Share Pool.
- (b) Each share of Restricted Stock, each Restricted Stock Unit that may be settled in shares of Common Stock, and each Other Award that may be settled in shares of Common Stock shall be counted as one share subject to an Award and deducted from the Share Pool.

  Restricted Stock Units and Other Awards that may not be settled in shares of Common Stock shall not result in a deduction from the Share Pool.
- (c) Each Performance Share that may be settled in shares of Common Stock shall be counted as one share subject to an Award, based on the number of shares that would be paid under the Performance Share for achievement of target performance, and deducted from the Share Pool. Each Annual Incentive Award and each Performance Unit that may be settled in shares of Common Stock shall be counted as a number of shares subject to an Award, based on the number of shares that would be paid under the Annual Incentive Award or Performance Unit for achievement of target performance, with the number determined by dividing the value of the Annual Incentive Award or Performance Unit at the time of grant by the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock at the time of grant, and this number shall be deducted from the Share Pool. In the event that the Award (of Performance Shares, Performance Units or an Annual Incentive Award) is later settled based on above-target performance, the additional number of shares of Common Stock corresponding to the above-target performance, calculated pursuant to the applicable methodology specified above, shall be deducted from the Share Pool at the time of such settlement; in the event that the Award is later settled based on below-target performance, the difference between the number of shares of Common Stock awarded based on the below-target performance and the number previously deducted from the Share Pool based on the target performance, calculated pursuant to the applicable methodology specified above, shall be added back to the Share Pool. Annual Incentive Awards, Performance Shares and Performance Units that may not be settled in shares of Common Stock shall not result in a deduction from the Share Pool.
- (d) Each Stock Appreciation Right that may be settled in shares of Common Stock shall be counted as one share subject to an Award and deducted from the Share Pool. Stock Appreciation Rights that may not be settled in shares of Common Stock shall not result in a reduction from the Share Pool.
- (e) If, for any reason, any shares subject to an Award under the Plan are not issued or are returned to the Company, for reasons including, but not limited to, a forfeiture of Restricted Stock or a Restricted Stock Unit, or the termination, expiration or cancellation of an Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Share, Performance Unit, or Other Award, or settlement of any Award in cash rather than shares, such shares shall again be available for Awards under the Plan and, if originally deducted from the Share Pool, shall be added back to the Share Pool.
- (f) If, for any reason, after the Record Date any shares subject to an award under the Prior Plan are not issued or are returned to the Company, for reasons including, but not limited to, a forfeiture of restricted stock or a restricted stock unit, or the termination, expiration or cancellation of an option, stock appreciation right, restricted stock, restricted stock unit, performance share, performance unit, or other award, or settlement of any award in cash rather than shares, such shares shall be available for Awards under the Plan and shall be added to the Share Pool.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything to contrary contained herein, if the Option Exercise Price, purchase price and/or tax withholding obligation under an Award is satisfied by the Company retaining shares or by the Participant tendering shares (either by actual delivery or attestation), the number of shares so

retained or tendered shall be deemed delivered for purposes of determining the Share Pool and shall not be available for further Awards under the Plan. To the extent an SAR that may be settled in shares of Common Stock is, in fact, settled in shares of Common Stock, the gross number of shares subject to such Stock Appreciation Right shall be deemed delivered for purposes of determining the Share Pool and shall not be available for further Awards under the Plan. Similarly, after the Record Date, if the option exercise price, purchase price and/or tax withholding obligation under a Prior Plan award is satisfied by the Company retaining shares or by the holder tendering shares (either by actual delivery or attestation), the number of shares so retained or tendered shall be deemed delivered for purposes of determining the Share Pool and shall not be available for further Awards under the Plan. Shares reacquired by the Company on the open market or otherwise using cash proceeds from the exercise of Options or, after the Record Date, options under any Prior Plan, shall not be added back to the Share Pool.

- 4.2 <u>Individual Limits</u>. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.3, the maximum number of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights that, in the aggregate, may be granted in any one fiscal year of the Company to any one Participant shall be one million (1,000,000). The multipliers specified in subsections (a) through (g) of Section 4.1 shall not apply for purposes of applying the foregoing individual limitation of this Section 4.2.
- 4.3 Adjustment of Shares. If any change in corporate capitalization, such as a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, or any corporate transaction such as a reorganization, reclassification, merger or consolidation or separation, including a spin-off, of the Company or sale or other disposition by the Company of all or a portion of its assets, any other change in the Company's corporate structure, or any distribution to shareholders (other than an ordinary cash dividend) results in the outstanding shares of Common Stock, or any securities exchanged therefor or received in their place, being exchanged for a different number or class of shares or other securities of the Company, or for shares of stock or other securities of any other corporation (or new, different or additional shares or other securities of the Company or of any other corporation being received by the holders of outstanding shares of Common Stock), or a material change in the value of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as a result of the change, transaction or distribution, then the Committee shall make equitable adjustments, as it determines are necessary and appropriate to prevent the enlargement or dilution of benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, in:
- (a) the number and class of stock or other securities that comprise the Share Pool as set forth in Section 4.1, including, without limitation, with respect to Incentive Stock Options;
- (b) the limitations on the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be awarded to any one Participant under various Awards as set forth in Section 4.2;
- (c) the number and class of stock or other securities subject to outstanding Awards, and which have not been issued or transferred under an outstanding Award;
- (d) the Option Exercise Price under outstanding Options, the exercise price under outstanding Stock Appreciation Rights, and the number of shares of Common Stock to be transferred in settlement of outstanding Awards; and
- (e) the terms, conditions or restrictions of any Award and Agreement, including but not limited to the price payable for the acquisition of shares of Common Stock.

It is intended that, if possible, any adjustment contemplated above shall be made in a manner that satisfies applicable legal requirements as well as applicable requirements with respect to taxation

(including, without limitation and as applicable in the circumstances, Code section 424, and Code section 409A) and accounting (so as to not trigger any charge to earnings with respect to such adjustment).

Without limiting the generality of the above, any good faith determination by the Committee as to whether an adjustment is required in the circumstances and the extent and nature of any such adjustment shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons.

#### ARTICLE 5. STOCK OPTIONS

- 5.1 Grant of Options. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee may from time to time grant Options to eligible Participants. The Committee shall have sole discretion in determining the number of shares subject to Options granted to each Participant. The Committee may grant a Participant ISOs, NQSOs or a combination thereof, and may vary such Awards among Participants; provided that the Committee may grant Incentive Stock Options only to individuals who are employees (within the meaning of Code section 3401(c)) of the Company or its subsidiaries (as defined for this purpose in Code section 424(f)). Notwithstanding anything in this Article 5 to the contrary, except for Options that are specifically designated as intended to be subject to Code section 409A, the Committee may only grant Options to individuals who provide direct services on the date of grant of the Options to the Company or another entity in a chain of entities in which the Company or another such entity has a controlling interest (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.409A-1(b)(5) (iii)(e)) in each entity in the chain.
- 5.2 Agreement. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the Option Exercise Price, the duration of the Option, the number of shares of Common Stock to which the Option pertains, the conditions upon which the Option shall become vested and exercisable and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine. The Option Agreement shall further specify whether the Award is intended to be an ISO or an NQSO. Any portion of an Option that is not designated in the Agreement as an ISO or otherwise fails or is not qualified as an ISO (even if designated as an ISO) shall be an NQSO. Dividend equivalents shall not be paid with respect to Options.
- 5.3 Option Exercise Price. The per share Option Exercise Price for each Option shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date the Option is granted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option may be granted with an Option Exercise Price lower than set forth in the preceding sentence if such Option is granted pursuant to an assumption or substitution for another Option in a manner satisfying the provisions of Code section 424(a) relating to a corporate merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization, spinoff, or liquidation; provided that the Committee determines that such Option Exercise Price is appropriate to preserve the economic benefit of the replaced award and will not impair the exemption of the Option from Code section 409A (unless the Committee clearly and expressly foregoes such exemption at the time the Option is granted).
- 5.4 <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary of its grant date. If an Agreement does not specify an expiration date, the Option's expiration date shall be the tenth (10th) anniversary of its grant date.
- 5.5 Exercise of Options. Options shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall specify, including conditions related to the employment of the Participant with the Employer or provision of services by the Participant to the Employer, which need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant. The Committee may provide in the Agreement for

automatic exercise on a certain date and/or for accelerated vesting and other rights upon the occurrence of events specified in the Agreement.

- 5.6 Payment. Options shall be exercised, in whole or in part, by the delivery of a written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company or its designated representative in the form prescribed by the Company, setting forth the number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which the Option is to be exercised and satisfying any requirements that the Committee may apply from time to time. Full payment of the Option Exercise Price for such shares (less any amount previously paid by the Participant to acquire the Option) must be made on or prior to the Payment Date, as defined below. The Option Exercise Price shall be paid to the Company in United States dollars either: (a) in cash, (b) by check, bank draft, money order or other cash equivalent approved by the Committee, (c) unless not permitted by the Committee, by tendering previously acquired shares of Common Stock (or delivering a certification or attestation of ownership of such shares) having an aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of exercise equal to the total Option Exercise Price (provided that the tendered shares must have been held by the Participant for any period required by the Committee), (d) unless not permitted by the Committee, by cashless exercise as permitted under Federal Reserve Board's Regulation T, subject to applicable securities law restrictions, (e) by any other means which the Committee determines to be consistent with the Plan's purpose and applicable law, including a net exercise; or (f) by a combination of the foregoing. "Payment Date" shall mean the date on which a sale transaction in connection with a cashless exercise (whether or not payment is actually made pursuant to a cashless exercise) would have settled in connection with the Option exercise. No certificate or cash representing a share of Common Stock shall be delivered until the full Option Exercise Price has been paid.
  - 5.7 Special Rules for ISOs. The following rules apply notwithstanding any other terms of the Plan.
    - (a) No ISOs may be granted under the Plan after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the date the Plan was approved by the Board.
- (b) In no event shall any Participant who owns (within the meaning of Code section 424(d)) stock of the Company possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any "parent" or "subsidiary" (within the meaning of Code section 424(e) or (f), respectively) be eligible to receive an ISO (i) at an Option Exercise Price less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date the ISO is granted, or (ii) that is exercisable later than the fifth (5th) anniversary date of its grant date.
- (c) The aggregate Fair Market Value of shares of Common Stock with respect to which ISOs (within the meaning of Code section 422) granted to a Participant are first exercisable in any calendar year under the Plan and all other incentive stock option plans of the Employer shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). For this purpose, Fair Market Value shall be determined with respect to a particular ISO on the date on which such ISO is granted. In the event that this One Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$100,000) limit is exceeded with respect to a Participant, then ISOs granted under this Plan to such Participant shall, to the extent and in the order required by Treasury Regulations under Code section 422, automatically become NQSOs granted under this Plan.
- (d) Solely for purposes of determining the limit on ISOs that may be granted under the Plan, the provisions of Section 4.1 that replenish the Share Pool shall only be applied to the extent permitted by Code section 422 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

# ARTICLE 6. STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

- 6.1 Grant of SARs. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee may grant SARs to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time, as the Committee shall determine. A Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the holder, within the specified period (which may not exceed 10 years), to exercise the SAR and receive in exchange therefor a payment having an aggregate value equal to the amount by which the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the exercise date exceeds the specified exercise price, times the number of shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised. The Committee may provide in the Agreement for automatic exercise on a certain date, for payment of the proceeds on a certain date, and/or for accelerated vesting and other rights upon the occurrence of events specified in the Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Article 6 to the contrary, except for SARs that are specifically designated as intended to be subject to Code section 409A, the Committee may only grant SARs to individuals who provide direct services on the date of grant of the SARs to the Company or another entity in a chain of entities in which the Company or another such entity has a controlling interest (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.409A-l(b)(5)(iii)(e)) in each entity in the chain.
- 6.2 <u>Agreement</u>. Each SAR grant shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the exercise price, the duration of the SAR, the number of shares of Common Stock to which the SAR pertains, the conditions upon which the SAR shall become vested and exercisable and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine. Dividend equivalents shall not be paid with respect to SARs.
- 6.3 <u>Duration of SARs</u>. Each SAR shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary of its grant date. If an Agreement does not specify an expiration date, the SAR's expiration date shall be the tenth (10th) anniversary of its grant date.
- 6.4 <u>Payment</u>. The Committee shall have sole discretion to determine in each Agreement whether the payment with respect to the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right will be in the form of all cash, all shares of Common Stock, or any combination thereof. Unless and to the extent the Committee specifies otherwise, such payment will be in the form of shares of Common Stock. If payment is to be made in shares, the number of shares shall be determined based on the Fair Market Value of a share on the date of exercise. The Committee shall have sole discretion to determine and set forth in the Agreement the timing of any payment made in cash or shares, or a combination thereof, upon exercise of SARs.
- 6.5 Exercise Price. The exercise price for each Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee and shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date the SAR is granted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an SAR may be granted with an exercise price lower than set forth in the preceding sentence if such SAR is granted pursuant to an assumption or substitution for another SAR in a manner satisfying the provisions of Code section 424(a) relating to a corporate merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization, or liquidation; provided that the Committee determines that such SAR exercise price is appropriate to preserve the economic benefit of the replaced award and will not impair the exemption of the SAR from Code section 409A (unless the Committee clearly and expressly foregoes such exemption at the time the SAR is granted).
- 6.6 Exercise of SARs. SARs shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall specify, including conditions related to the employment of the Participant with the Employer or provision of services by the Participant to the Employer, which need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant. The Committee may provide in the Agreement for automatic accelerated vesting and other rights upon the occurrence of events specified in the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 7. RESTRICTED STOCK AND RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

- 7.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units</u>. Subject to provisions of the Plan, the Committee may from time to time grant Awards of Restricted Stock and RSUs to Participants. Awards of Restricted Stock and RSUs may be made either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan.
- 7.2 Agreement. The Restricted Stock or RSU Agreement shall set forth the terms of the Award, as determined by the Committee, including, without limitation, the number of shares of Restricted Stock or the number of RSUs granted; the purchase price, if any, to be paid for such Restricted Stock or RSUs, which may be equal to or less than Fair Market Value of a share and may be zero, subject to such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law; any restrictions applicable to the Restricted Stock or RSU such as continued service or achievement of performance objectives; the length of the Restriction Period, if any, and any circumstances that will shorten or terminate the Restriction Period; and rights of the Participant to vote with respect to the shares during the Restriction Period. The Restriction Period may be of any duration and the Agreement may provide for lapse of the Restriction Period in monthly or longer installments over the course of the Restriction Period, as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall have sole discretion to determine and specify in each RSU Agreement whether the RSUs will be settled in the form of all cash, all shares of Common Stock, or any combination thereof. Unless and to the extent the Committee specifies otherwise, such settlement will be in the form of shares of Common Stock. Any right to receive dividends or dividend equivalents shall be subject be subject to the same restrictions on vesting and payment as the underlying Award.
- 7.3 Certificates. Upon an Award of Restricted Stock to a Participant, shares of restricted Common Stock shall be registered in the Participant's name. Certificates, if issued, may either (i) be held in custody by the Company until the Restriction Period expires or until restrictions thereon otherwise lapse, and/or (ii) be issued to the Participant and registered in the name of the Participant, bearing an appropriate restrictive legend and remaining subject to appropriate stop-transfer orders. If required by the Committee, the Participant shall deliver to the Company one or more stock powers endorsed in blank relating to the Restricted Stock. Upon settlement of an RSU in shares, and, with respect to Restricted Stock, if and when the Restriction Period expires without a prior forfeiture of the Restricted Stock subject to such Restriction Period, unrestricted certificates for such shares shall be delivered to the Participant or registered in the Participant's name on the Company's or transfer agent's records; provided, however, that the Committee may cause such legend or legends to be placed on any such certificates as it may deem advisable under the terms of the Plan and the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable federal or state law. Concurrently with the settlement of RSUs by the delivery of shares and with the lapse of any risk of forfeiture applicable to the Restricted Stock, the Participant shall be required to pay to the Company an amount necessary to satisfy any applicable federal, state and local tax requirements as set out in Article 15 below.
- 7.4 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. Except as provided in this Article 7 or in the applicable Agreement, a Participant who receives a Restricted Stock Award shall have (during and after the Restriction Period), with respect to such Restricted Stock Award, all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company, including the right to vote the shares and the right to receive dividends and other distributions to the extent, if any, such shares possess such rights; provided, however, the Committee will require that any dividends on such shares of Restricted Stock (during the Restriction Period) be automatically deferred and reinvested in additional Restricted Stock subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Award, or instead require that dividends and other distributions on Restricted Stock (during the Restriction Period) be paid to the Company for the account of the Participant and held pending and subject to the same

restrictions on vesting as the underlying Award; provided, however that to the extent that any dividends are deferred, reinvested or otherwise not paid when such dividends would otherwise normally be paid (i) all terms and conditions for such delayed payment shall be included in the Agreement, and (ii) such deferral, reinvestment or delay in payment of the dividends shall only be allowed to the extent it complies with, or is exempt from, the requirements of Code section 409A. The Committee shall determine whether interest shall be paid on such amounts, the rate of any such interest, and the other terms applicable to such amounts (again, provided that all such terms shall, to the extent required, comply with Code section 409A). A Participant receiving a Restricted Stock Unit Award shall not possess voting rights and shall accrue dividend equivalents on such Units only to the extent provided in the Agreement relating to the Award; provided, however, that rights to dividend equivalents shall only be allowed to the extent they comply with, or are exempt from, Code section 409A. The Committee shall require that any such dividend equivalents be subject to the same restrictions on vesting and payment as the underlying Award.

## ARTICLE 8. PERFORMANCE SHARES AND UNITS

- 8.1 <u>Grant of Performance Shares and Performance Units</u>. The Committee may grant Performance Shares and Performance Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time, as the Committee shall determine.
- 8.2 Agreement. The Performance Share or Performance Unit Agreement shall set forth the terms of the Award, as determined by the Committee, including, without limitation, the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units granted; the purchase price, if any, to be paid for such Performance Shares or Performance Units, which may be equal to or less than Fair Market Value of a share and may be zero, subject to such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law; the performance objectives applicable to the Performance Shares or Performance Units; and any additional restrictions applicable to the Performance Shares or Performance Units such as continued service. Unless provided otherwise at the time of grant, each Performance Share or Performance Unit shall have a Performance Period of at least one year except that, if any Award is made at the time of the Participant's commencement of employment with the Employer or on the occasion of a promotion, then the Performance Period may be less than one year. The Committee shall have sole discretion to determine and specify in each Performance Shares or Performance Units Agreement whether the Award will be settled in the form of all cash, all shares of Common Stock, or any combination thereof. Unless and to the extent the Committee specifics otherwise, such settlement will be in the form of shares of Common Stock. Any such shares may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 8.3 <u>Value of Performance Shares and Performance Units</u>. Each Performance Unit shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant. Each Performance Share shall have an initial value equal to the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. In addition to any non-performance terms applicable to the Award, the Committee shall set performance objectives in its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or value of Performance Shares, Performance Units or both, as applicable, that will be paid out to the Participant. For purposes of this Article 8, the time period during which the performance objectives must be met shall be called a "<u>Performance Period</u>."
- 8.4 <u>Earning of Performance Shares and Performance Units</u>. Subject to the terms of this Plan, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of the Performance Shares or Performance Units shall be entitled to receive a payout of the number and value of Performance Shares or Performance Units, as applicable, earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, if any, to be determined as a

function of the extent to which the corresponding performance objectives have been achieved and any applicable nonperformance terms have been met.

8.5 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. A Participant receiving Performance Shares or Performance Units shall not possess voting rights. A Participant receiving Performance Shares or Performance Units or any other Award that is subject to performance conditions shall accrue dividend equivalents on such Award only to the extent provided in the Agreement relating to the Award; provided, however, that rights to dividend equivalents shall only be allowed to the extent they comply with, or are exempt from, Code section 409A. Any rights to dividends or dividend equivalents on Performance Shares or Performance Units or any other Award subject to performance conditions shall be subject to the same restrictions on vesting and payment as the underlying Award.

# **ARTICLE 9. OTHER AWARDS**

The Committee shall have the authority to specify the terms and provisions of other forms of equity-based or equity-related awards not described in Articles 5 through 8 or Article 10 of this Plan that the Committee determines to be consistent with the purpose of the Plan and the interests of the Company ("Other Awards"). Other Awards may include awards of, or the right to acquire, shares of Common Stock that are not subject to forfeiture or other restrictions, which may be awarded in payment of Non-Employee Director fees, in lieu of cash compensation, in exchange for cancellation of a compensation right, as a bonus, or upon the attainment of a performance goal, or otherwise. Other Awards may also provide for cash payments based in whole or in part on the value or future value of shares of Common Stock, for the acquisition or future acquisition of shares of Common Stock, or any combination of the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the value of an Other Award is based on the difference in the value of a share of Common Stock at different points in time, the grant or exercise price shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant unless the Other Award is granted in replacement for an award previously granted by an entity that is assumed by the Company in a business combination, provided that the Committee determines that the Other Award preserves the economic benefit of the replaced award and is either exempt from or in compliance with the requirements of Code section 409A.

## ARTICLE 10. ANNUAL INCENTIVE AWARDS

The Committee may grant Annual Incentive Awards to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine. The Committee may specify the terms and conditions of Annual Incentive Awards in individual Agreements or through the timely adoption of plan rules or other Annual Incentive Award plan documentation. Unless provided otherwise at the time of grant, Annual Incentive Awards shall have a Performance Period of one fiscal year except that, if any Annual Incentive Award is made at the time of the Participant's commencement of employment with the Employer or on the occasion of a promotion, then the Performance Period may be less than one fiscal year. Unless provided otherwise at the time of grant, Annual Incentive Awards (i) shall be payable in cash, and (ii) are intended to be exempt from Code section 409A as short-term deferrals, and, thus, will be payable no later than 2 1/2 months after the end of the Company's fiscal year to which the Award relates.

# ARTICLE 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

11.1 <u>In General</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, include performance objectives in any Award. The performance objectives may include, but are not limited to, levels of, or growth or changes in, or

other objective specification of performance with respect to one or more of the following performance criteria:

earnings, earnings before income taxes; earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and rent (EBITDAR); gross margin; operating margin; profit margin; market value added; market share; revenue growth; return measures (including but not limited to return on equity, return on shareholders' equity, return on investment, return on assets, return on net assets, return on capital, return on sales, and return on invested capital); total shareholder return (either in absolute terms or relative to that of a peer group determined by the Committee); profit; economic profit; capitalized economic profit; operating profit; after-tax profit; net operating profit after tax (NOPAT); pre-tax profit; cash; cash flow measures (including but not limited to operating cash flow; free cash flow; cash flow return; cash flow per share; and free cash flow per share); earnings per share (EPS); consolidated pre-tax earnings; net earnings; operating earnings; segment income; economic value added; net income; net income from continuing operations available to common shareholders excluding special items; operating income; adjusted operating income; assets; sales; net sales; sales volume; sales growth; net sales growth; comparable store sales; sales per square foot; inventory turnover; inventory turnover ratio; productivity ratios; number of active stores/sites (including but not limited to Company-owned stores, franchised stores, and/or retail or merchant stores at which the Company has entered into lease-to-own arrangements during a specified time period); number of customers; invoice volume; debt/capital ratio; return on total capital; cost; unit cost; cost control; expense targets or ratios, charge off levels; operating efficiency; operating expenses; customer satisfaction; improvement in or attainment of expense levels; working capital; working capital targets; improvement in or attainment of working capital levels; debt to equity ratio; debt reduction; capital targets; capital expenditures; price/earnings growth ratio; acquisitions, dispositions, projects or other specific events, transactions or strategic milestones; the Company's common stock price (and stock price appreciation, either in absolute terms or in relationship to the appreciation among members of a peer group determined by the Committee); and book value per share. All criteria may be measured on a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") basis, adjusted GAAP basis, or non-GAAP basis. The Committee may provide for a threshold level of performance below which no amount of compensation will be paid, and it may provide for the payment of differing amounts of compensation for different levels of performance. The performance objective for an Award may be described in terms of Company-wide objectives or objectives that are related to a specific division, subsidiary, Employer, department, region, or function in which the participant is employed or as some combination of these (as alternatives or otherwise). A performance objective may be measured on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, results for a previous year, the performance of other corporations, or a stock market or other index. If the Committee specifies more than one individual performance objective for a particular Award, the Committee shall also specify, in writing, whether one, all or some other number of such objectives must be attained.

The Committee may specify such other conditions and criteria as it chooses, and may specify that it can us its negative discretion to decrease the amount that would otherwise be payable under an Award based on the attainment or failure to attain such other conditions and criteria.

11.2 <u>Determinations of Performance</u>. For each Award that has been made subject to a performance objective, within ninety (90) days following the end of each Performance Period, the Committee shall determine whether the performance objective for such Performance Period has been satisfied. When applicable, prior to paying out an Award, the Committee shall also determine whether any performance objective or other conditions or criteria specified to guide the exercise of its negative discretion were satisfied, and thereby make a final determination with respect to the Award. If a performance objective

applicable for a Performance Period is not achieved, the Committee in its sole discretion may pay all or a portion of that Award based on such criteria as the Committee deems appropriate, including without limitation individual performance, Company-wide performance or the performance of the specific division, subsidiary, Employer, department, region, or function employing the Participant.

11.3 Adjustments and Exclusions. In determining whether any performance objective has been satisfied, the Committee may include or exclude the effect of any or all extraordinary items and/or other items that are unusual or non-recurring, including but not limited to (i) charges, costs, benefits, gains or income associated with reorganizations or restructurings of the Employer, discontinued operations, goodwill, other intangible assets, long-lived assets (non-cash), real estate strategy (e.g., costs related to lease terminations or facility closure obligations), litigation or the resolution of litigation (e.g., attorneys' fees, settlements or judgments), or currency or commodity fluctuations; and (ii) the effects of changes in applicable laws, regulations or accounting principles. In addition, the Committee may adjust any performance objective for a Performance Period as it deems equitable to recognize unusual or non-recurring events affecting the Employer, changes in tax laws or regulations or accounting procedures, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, or any other factors as the Committee may determine. To the extent that a performance objective is based on the price of the Company's common stock, then in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination of shares, recapitalization or other change in the capital structure of the Company, any merger, consolidation, spin-off, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation or other distribution of assets (other than a normal cash dividend), issuance of rights or warrants to purchase securities or any other corporate transaction having an effect similar to any of the foregoing, the Committee shall make or provide for such adjustments in such performance objective as the Committee in its sole discretion may in good faith determine to be equitably required in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants.

# **ARTICLE 12. CHANGE IN CONTROL**

Unless provided otherwise in an Award Agreement, upon a Change in Control of the Company, each outstanding Option, SAR, Restricted Stock and RSU shall vest as of or immediately prior to the Change in Control if such Award is not assumed or continued or replaced with an Award that constitutes a Replacement Award. "Replacement Award" means an award (A) of the same type (e.g., option, RSU, etc.) as the Award, (B) that has a value at least equal to the value of the Award, (C) that relates to publicly traded equity securities of the Company or its successor in the Change in Control or another entity that is affiliated with the Company or its successor following the Change in Control or is payable solely in cash, and (D) the other terms and conditions of which are not less favorable to the Participant than the terms and conditions of the Award (including the provisions that would apply in the event of a subsequent Change in Control). A Replacement Award may be granted only to the extent it does not result in the Award or Replacement Award failing to comply with or be exempt from Code section 409A. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Replacement Award may take the form of a continuation of the Award if the requirements of the two preceding sentences are satisfied.

Unless provided otherwise in an Award Agreement, if the Participant receives a Replacement Award in connection with a Change in Control, and the Participant's employment is terminated without Cause within two years following the consummation of a Change in Control, outstanding Options, SARs, Restricted Stock and RSUs held by such Participant shall vest on the Participant's termination date.

With respect to Awards that are subject to one or more performance objectives, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that any such full or prorated Award will be paid under the provisions of this

Article 12 prior to when any or all such performance objectives are certified (or without regard to whether they are certified) or may make necessary and appropriate adjustments in the performance objectives.

# **ARTICLE 13. BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

To the extent permitted by the Committee, each Participant may, from time to time, name any beneficiary or beneficiaries (who may be named contingently or successively) to whom any vested but unpaid Award is to be paid in case of the Participant's death. Each such designation shall revoke all prior designations by the same Participant, shall be in a form prescribed by the Company, and will be effective only when filed by the Participant in writing (including electronically if permitted by the Company) with the Company or its designee during the Participant's lifetime. In the absence of any such designation, benefits remaining unpaid at the Participant's death shall be paid to the Participant's spouse, and if the Participant has no surviving spouse, to the Participant's estate.

# **ARTICLE 14. DEFERRALS**

The Committee may permit a Participant to defer such Participant's receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of shares that would otherwise be due to such Participant by virtue of the lapse or waiver of restrictions with respect to RSUs and Other Awards, or the satisfaction of any requirements or objectives with respect to Performance Shares and Performance Units. If any such deferral election is permitted or required, the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, establish rules and procedures for such payment deferrals, which rules and procedures shall comply with Code section 409A. The deferral of Option and SAR gains is prohibited.

#### ARTICLE 15. WITHHOLDING TAXES

- 15.1 <u>Tax Withholding</u>. The Company shall 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, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of or in connection with this Plan or any Award.
  - 15.2 Share Withholding. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee or provided in the Agreement corresponding to an Award:
- (a) With respect to withholding required upon the exercise of Options or SARs, upon the lapse of restrictions on Restricted Stock, the settlement of Restricted Stock Units or Other Awards, upon the achievement of performance objectives related to Annual Incentive Awards, Performance Shares or Performance Units, or upon any other taxable event arising as a result of or in connection with an Award granted hereunder that is settled in shares of Common Stock, unless other arrangements are made with the consent of the Committee, Participants shall satisfy the withholding requirement by having the Company withhold shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date the tax is to be determined equal to not more than the amount necessary to satisfy the Company's withholding obligations at the minimum statutory withholding rates (or at any greater rate as may be permitted under accounting standards without resulting in adverse accounting treatment, as determined by the Committee). All such withholding arrangements shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.
- (b) A Participant may elect to deliver shares of Common Stock to satisfy, in whole or in part, the withholding requirement. Such an election must be made on or before the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. Once made, the election shall be irrevocable. The Fair Market Value of the shares

to be delivered will be determined as of the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. Such delivery must be made subject to the conditions and pursuant to the procedures established by the Committee with respect to the delivery of shares of Common Stock in payment of the corresponding Option Exercise Price.

(c) A Participant who is subject to the Company's securities Insider Trading Policy relative to disclosure and trading on inside information, at the time the tax withholding requirement arises with respect to his or her Restricted Stock or, to the extent settled in shares of Common Stock, his or her Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Other Awards, Options or SARs, may elect to satisfy such withholding requirement by delivering payment of the tax required to be withheld in cash or by check on the date on which the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. Once made, the election shall be irrevocable.

# ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 16.1 <u>Amendment or Termination of Plan</u>. The Board or the Committee may at any time terminate and from time to time amend the Plan in whole or in part, but no such action shall materially adversely affect any rights or obligations with respect to any Awards previously granted under the Plan, unless such action is required by applicable law or any listing standards applicable to the Common Stock or the affected Participants consent in writing. To the extent required by Code section 422, other applicable law, and/or any such listing standards, no amendment shall be effective unless approved by the shareholders of the Company.
- 16.2 Amendment of Agreement. The Committee may, at any time, amend outstanding Agreements in a manner not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan; provided, however, except as expressly permitted or provided for in the Plan or in the Agreement, if such amendment is materially adverse to the Participant, as determined by the Committee, the amendment shall not be effective unless and until the Participant consents, in writing, to such amendment. To the extent not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, the Committee may, at any time, amend an outstanding Agreement in a manner that is not unfavorable to the Participant (as determined by the Committee) without the consent of such Participant. Except for adjustments as provided in Sections 4.3 or in connection with a Change in Control, the terms of outstanding Awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of outstanding Awards or cancel outstanding Options or SARs with per share exercise prices that are more than the Fair Market Value at the time of such cancellation in exchange for cash, other awards, or Options or SARs with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or SARs without shareholder approval.
- 16.3 <u>Clawback</u>. All Awards under the Plan (and payments and shares in settlement of Awards) shall be subject to clawback by the Company to the extent provided in any policy adopted by the Board including any policy adopted to comply with the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- 16.4 <u>Cancellation of Awards for Detrimental Activity</u>. The Committee may provide in the applicable Agreement or a separate policy that if a Participant engages in detrimental activity, as defined in such Agreement or separate policy, the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Plan to the contrary, cancel, rescind, suspend, withhold or otherwise restrict or limit any unexpired, unexercised, unpaid or deferred Award as of the first date the Participant engages in the detrimental activity, unless sooner terminated by operation of another term of this Plan or any other agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agreement or separate policy may also provide that if the Participant exercises an Option or SAR, receives an RSU, Performance Share, Performance Unit, Annual Incentive

Award or Other Award payout, or receives or vests in shares of Common Stock under an Award at any time during the time specified in such Agreement or separate policy, the Participant shall be required to pay to the Company the excess of the then fair market value of the shares that were received with respect to the Award (or if the Participant previously disposed of such shares, the fair market value of such shares at the time of the disposition) over the total price paid by the Participant for such shares.

# 16.5 <u>Assumption or Cancellation of Awards Upon a Corporate Transaction</u>.

- (a) In the event of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets or stock of the Company, a spinoff, the merger of the Company with or into another corporation such that shareholders of the Company immediately prior to the merger exchange their shares of stock in the Company for cash and/or shares of another entity or any other corporate transaction to which the Committee deems this provision applicable (any such event is referred to as a "Corporate Transaction"), all Awards will be subject to the agreement of merger or consolidation or applicable transaction agreement.
- (b) The Committee may, in its discretion, cause each Award to be assumed or for an equivalent Award to be substituted by the successor or spun-off corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation and adjusted as appropriate.
- (c) In addition or in the alternative, the Committee, in its discretion, may cancel all or certain types of outstanding Awards at or immediately prior to the time of the Corporate Transaction provided that the Committee either (i) provides that the Participant is entitled to a payment (in cash or shares) equal to the value of the Award, as determined below and to the extent there is any such value, or (ii) at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Corporate Transaction (or, if not feasible to provide fifteen (15) days' notice, within a reasonable period prior to the Corporate Transaction), notifies the Participant that, subject to rescission if the Corporate Transaction is not successfully completed within a certain period, the Award will be terminated and provides the Participant the right to exercise the Option or other Award as to all shares, including shares that would not otherwise be exercisable (or with respect to Restricted Stock, RSUs, Performance Shares, Performance Units, or Other Awards, provides that all restrictions shall lapse) prior to the Corporate Transaction.
- (d) For purposes of this provision, the value of the Award shall be measured as of the date of the Corporate Transaction and shall equal the value of the cash, shares or other property that would be payable to the Participant upon exercise or vesting of the Award, as applicable, less the amount of any payment required to be tendered by the Participant upon such exercise. The Committee may adopt such valuation methodologies for outstanding Awards as it deems reasonable in the event of a cash settlement and, in the case of Options, SARs or similar rights, but without limitation on other methodologies, may base such settlement solely upon the excess (if any) of the per share amount payable upon or in respect of such event over the exercise price of such Option or SAR and may cancel each Option or SAR with an exercise price greater than the per share amount payable upon or in respect of such event without any payment to the person holding such Option or SAR. For example, under this provision, in connection with a Corporate Transaction, the Committee can cancel all outstanding Options under the Plan in consideration for payment to the holders thereof of an amount equal to the portion of the consideration that would have been payable to such holders pursuant to the Corporate Transaction if their Options had been fully exercised immediately prior to such Corporate Transaction, less the aggregate Option Exercise Price that would have been payable therefor, or if the amount that would have been payable to the Option holders pursuant to such Corporate Transaction if their Options had been fully exercised immediately prior thereto would be less than the aggregate Option Exercise Price that would have been payable therefor, the Committee can cancel any or all such Options for no consideration or payment of any kind.

Payment of any amount payable pursuant to this cancellation provision may be made in cash or, in the event that the consideration to be received in such transaction includes securities or other property, in cash and/or securities or other property in the Committee's discretion.

(e) Any actions taken under this Section 16.5 shall be valid with respect to a 409A Award only to the extent that such action complies with Code section 409A.

#### **ARTICLE 17. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

17.1 Restrictions on Shares. If the Committee determines that the listing, registration or qualification upon any securities exchange or under any law of shares subject to any Award is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of same or the issue or purchase of Shares thereunder, no such Award may be exercised in whole or in part (as applicable), no such Award may be paid out (as applicable) and no shares may be issued pursuant to such Award (as applicable) unless such listing, registration or qualification is effected free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee. All certificates for shares of Common Stock delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any listing standards applicable to the Common Stock and any applicable federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be placed on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions. In making such determination, the Committee may rely upon an opinion of counsel for the Company.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Company shall have no liability to deliver any shares under the Plan or make any other distribution of the benefits under the Plan unless such delivery or distribution would comply with all applicable state, federal and foreign laws (including, without limitation and if applicable, the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933), and any applicable requirements of any securities exchange or similar entity.

17.2 <u>Rights of a Shareholder</u>. Except as provided otherwise in the Plan or in an Agreement, no Participant awarded an Option, SAR, RSU, Performance Share, Performance Unit or Other Award shall have any right as a shareholder with respect to any shares covered by such Award prior to the date of issuance to him or her or his or her delegate of a certificate or certificates for such shares or the date the Participant's name is registered on the Company's books as the shareholder of record with respect to such shares.

17.3 <u>Transferability</u>. No ISO granted under the Plan may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the Participant's death, to a beneficiary in accordance with Article 13 or by will or the laws of descent and distribution. If permitted by the Committee, a Participant may transfer NQSOs to a Permitted Transferee in accordance with procedures approved by the Committee. Except for a permitted transfer of NQSOs by a Participant to a Permitted Transferee, unless the Committee determines otherwise consistent with securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, (i) no Award granted under the Plan shall be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated by a Participant other than upon the Participant's death, to a beneficiary in accordance with Article 13 or by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and (ii) each Option and SAR outstanding to a Participant may be exercised during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant or his or her guardian or legal representative (provided that Incentive Stock Options may be exercised by such guardian or legal representative only if permitted by the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder). In the event of a transfer to a Permitted Transferee as permitted under this Section 17.3 or by the Committee, appropriate evidence of any transfer to the Permitted

Transferee shall be delivered to the Company at its principal executive office. If all or part of an Award is transferred to a Permitted Transferee, the Permitted Transferee's rights thereunder shall be subject to the same restrictions and limitations with respect to the Award as the Participant. For the avoidance of doubt, any permitted transfer of an Award will be without payment of consideration by the Permitted Transferee.

- 17.4 <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. Unless provided otherwise in the Agreement applicable to an Award, no fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and any fractional share otherwise payable pursuant to an Award shall be forfeited unless the Agreement provides for payment of cash for such fractional share.
- 17.5 No Implied Rights. Nothing in the Plan or any Agreement shall confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the employ or service of the Employer, or to serve as a Non-Employee Director thereof, or interfere in any way with the right of the Employer to terminate the Participant's employment or other service relationship at any time and for any reason. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, no Award granted under the Plan shall be deemed salary or compensation for the purpose of computing benefits under any employee benefit plan, severance program, or other arrangement of the Employer for the benefit of its employees. No Participant shall have any claim to an Award until it is actually granted under the Plan. An Award of any type made in any one year to an eligible Participant shall neither guarantee nor preclude a further grant of that or any other type of Award to such Participant in that year or any subsequent year. To the extent that any person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such right shall, except as otherwise provided by the Committee, be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company.
- 17.6 <u>Transfer of Employee</u>. The transfer of an Employee from the Company to a Subsidiary, from a Subsidiary to the Company, or from one Subsidiary to another shall not be considered a termination of employment; nor shall it be considered a termination of employment if an Employee is placed on military, disability or sick leave or such other leave of absence which is considered by the Committee as continuing intact the employment relationship. If an Employee's employment or other service relationship is with a Subsidiary and that entity ceases to be a Subsidiary of the Company, a termination of employment shall be deemed to have occurred when the entity ceases to be a Subsidiary unless the Employee transfers his or her employment or other service relationship to the Company or its remaining Subsidiaries.
- 17.7 Expenses of the Plan. The expenses of the Plan shall be borne by the Company. The Company shall not be required to establish any special or separate fund or make any other segregation of assets to assume the payment of any Award under the Plan.

# 17.8 Compliance with Laws.

- (a) The Plan and the grant of Awards shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations and to such approvals by any United States government or regulatory agency as may be required. It is the intent of the Company that the awards made hereunder comply in all respects with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and that any ambiguities or inconsistencies in construction of the Plan be interpreted to give effect to such intention. Any provision herein relating to compliance with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act shall not be applicable with respect to participation in the Plan by Participants who are not Insiders.
- (b) <u>Grandfathered Performance-Based Awards</u>. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee shall administer any Awards in effect on November 2, 2017 which qualify as

"performance-based compensation" under Code section 162(m), as amended the by Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"), in accordance with the "grandfathering" transition rules applicable to written binding contracts in effect on November 2, 2017 and shall have the discretion to amend the Plan to conform to the TCJA, all without obtaining further approval from the Company's shareholders (unless otherwise required by applicable law). Further, this amended and restated Plan is not intended, and shall not be deemed as amending, any such Awards to the extent it would result in the loss of deductibility under the TCJA's Code section 162(m) "grandfathering" rules.

- 17.9 Successors. The terms of the Plan and outstanding Awards shall be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.
- 17.10 <u>Tax Elections</u>. Each Participant agrees to give the Committee prompt written notice of any election made by such Participant under Code section 83(b) or any similar provision thereof. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Committee may condition any Award on the Participant's not making an election under Code section 83(b).
- 17.11 <u>Uncertificated Shares</u>. To the extent that the Plan provides for issuance of certificates to reflect the transfer of shares of Common Stock, the transfer of such shares may be effected on a non-certificated basis, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange on which shares of Common Stock are traded.
- 17.12 Compliance with Code Section 409A. At all times, this Plan shall be interpreted and operated (i) with respect to 409A Awards in accordance with the requirements of Code section 409A, and (ii) to maintain the exemptions from Code section 409A of Options, SARs and Restricted Stock and any Awards designed to meet the short-term deferral exception under Code section 409A. To the extent there is a conflict between the provisions of the Plan relating to compliance with Code section 409A and the provisions of any Agreement issued under the Plan, the provisions of the Plan control. Moreover, any discretionary authority that the Committee may have pursuant to the Plan shall not be applicable to a 409A Award to the extent such discretionary authority would conflict with Code section 409A. In addition, to the extent required to avoid a violation of the applicable rules under Code section 409A by reason of Code section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i), any payment under an Award shall be delayed until the earliest date of payment that will result in compliance with the rules of Code section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) (regarding the required six (6) month delay for distributions to specified employees that are related to a separation from service). To the extent that a 409Å Award provides for payment upon the recipient's termination of employment as an Employee or cessation of service as a Non-Employee Director or Non-Employee, the 409A Award shall be deemed to require payment upon the individual's "separation from service" within the meaning of Code section 409A. To the extent any provision of this Plan or an Agreement would cause a payment of a 409A Award to be made because of the occurrence of a change in control, then such payment shall not be made unless such change in control also constitutes a "change in ownership", "change in effective control" or "change in ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets" within the meaning of Code section 409A. Any payment that would have been made except for the application of the preceding sentence shall be made in accordance with the payment schedule that would have applied in the absence of a change in control. To the extent an Award is a 409A Award and is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture within the meaning of Code section 409A (or will be granted upon the satisfaction of a condition that constitutes such a substantial risk of forfeiture), any compensation due under the Award (or pursuant to a commitment to grant an Award) shall be paid in full not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following the date on which there is no longer such a substantial risk of forfeiture with respect to the Award (and the Participant shall have no right to designate the year of the payment), unless the Committee shall clearly and expressly provide otherwise at the time of granting the

Award. In the event that an Award shall be deemed not to comply with Code section 409A, then neither the Company, the Board, the Committee nor its or their designees or agents, nor any of their affiliates, assigns or successors (each a "protected party") shall be liable to any Award recipient or other person for actions, inactions, decisions, indecisions or any other role in relation to the Plan by a protected party.

# 17.13 <u>Legal Construction</u>.

- (a) If any provision of this Plan or an Agreement is or becomes or is deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or would disqualify the Plan or any Agreement under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Agreement, it shall be stricken and the remainder of the Plan or the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- (b) Where the context admits, words in any gender shall include the other gender, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.
- (c) To the extent not preempted by federal law, the Plan and all Agreements hereunder shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement, the recipient of an Award is deemed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Federal and state courts of Georgia to resolve any and all issues that may arise out of or relate to the Plan or such Agreement.

# PROG HOLDINGS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED

# SECTION 1 PURPOSE, SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

- 1.1 <u>Establishment of Plan</u>. The Board of Directors of PROG Holdings, Inc. hereby amends and restates the PROG Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as it may be amended from time to time, the "<u>Plan</u>") to increase the number of available shares.
- 1.2 <u>Purpose and Scope</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to assist employees of the Company and its Designated Subsidiaries in acquiring a stock ownership interest in the Company pursuant to a plan which is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code and to help such employees provide for their future security and to encourage them to remain in the employment of the Company and its Designated Subsidiaries.

# SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following terms are used in the Plan, they shall have the meaning specified below unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary. The singular pronoun shall include the plural where the context so indicates.

- 2.1 "Agent" means the brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution, entity or person(s), if any, engaged, retained, appointed or authorized to act as the agent of the Company or an agent of an Employee with regard to the Plan.
- 2.2 "<u>Administrator</u>" shall mean the Committee, or such individuals to which authority to provide administrative services under this Plan has been delegated under <u>Section 7.1</u> hereof.
  - 2.3 "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - 2.4 "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
  - 2.5 "Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board.
  - 2.6 "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, of the Company.
  - 2.7 "Company" shall mean PROG Holdings, Inc., a Georgia corporation, and its successors and assigns.
- 2.8 "Compensation" of an Employee shall mean the base salary and wages paid to the Employee from the Company or any Designated Subsidiary on each Payday as compensation for services to the Company or any Designated Subsidiary, before deduction for any deferral contributions made by the Employee to any tax-qualified or nonqualified deferred compensation plan, but excluding bonuses, commissions, military pay, education or tuition reimbursements, imputed income arising under any group insurance or benefit program, travel expenses, business and moving reimbursements, income received in connection with any stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares or other compensatory equity or equity-based awards and all contributions made by the Company or any Designated Subsidiary

for the Employee's benefit under any employee benefit plan now or hereafter established. Such Compensation shall be calculated before deduction of any income or employment tax withholdings but shall be withheld from the Employee's net income.

- 2.9 "<u>Designated Subsidiary</u>" shall mean each Subsidiary that has been designated by the Board or the Committee from time to time in its sole discretion as eligible to participate in the Plan, including any Subsidiary in existence on the Effective Date and any Subsidiary formed or acquired following the Effective Date, in accordance with <u>Section 7.2</u> hereof.
- 2.10 "Effective Date" shall mean April 24, 2022, the date the Plan, as amended and restated herein, was adopted by the Board, contingent upon approval by the Company's shareholders. The Plan was originally effective March 2, 2018.
- 2.11 "Eligible Employee" shall mean an Employee who (i) has been employed by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary for at least six (6) months and (ii) customarily works more than twenty (20) hours per week. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may exclude from participation in the Plan as an Eligible Employee (x) any Employee who is a "highly compensated employee" of the Company or any Designated Subsidiary (within the meaning of Section 414(q) of the Code), or who is such a "highly compensated employee" (A) with compensation above a specified level and/or (B) who is an officer, and/or (y) any Employee who is a citizen or resident of a foreign jurisdiction (without regard to whether such Employee is also a citizen of the United States or a resident alien (within the meaning of Section 7701(b)(1)(A) of the Code)) if either (i) the grant of the Option is prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction governing such Employee, or (ii) compliance with the laws of the foreign jurisdiction would cause the Plan or the Option to violate the requirements of Section 423 of the Code; provided that any exclusion in clauses (x) and/or (y) shall be applied in an identical manner under each Offering Period to all Employees of the Company and all Designated Subsidiaries, in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(e).
- 2.12 "Employee" shall mean any person who renders services to the Company or a Designated Subsidiary as an "employee" within the meaning of Section 3401(c) of the Code pursuant to an employment relationship with such employer. For purposes of the Plan, the employment relationship shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on military leave, sick leave or other leave of absence approved by the Company or Designated Subsidiary that meets the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2). Where the period of leave exceeds three (3) months, or such other period specified in Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2), and the individual's right to re-employment is not guaranteed either by statute or by contract, the employment relationship shall be deemed to have terminated on the first day immediately following such three (3)-month period, or such other period specified in Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2).
  - 2.13 "Enrollment Date" shall mean the first date of each Offering Period.
  - 2.14 "Exercise Date" shall mean the last Trading Day of each Offering Period, except as provided in Section 5.3 hereof.
  - 2.15 "Exchange Act" shall mean the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
  - 2.16 "Fair Market Value" shall mean, as of any date, the value of Common Stock determined as follows:

- (a) If the Common Stock is (i) listed on any national securities exchange, (including, without limitation, the New York Stock Exchange), (ii) listed on any national market system, or (iii) listed, quoted or traded on any automated quotation system, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for a share of Common Stock as quoted on such exchange or system for such date or, if there are no sales for a share of Common Stock reported on the date in question, the closing sales price for a share of Stock on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;
- (b) If the Common Stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, national market system, or automated quotation system, but the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be the mean of the high bid and low asked prices for such date or, if there are no high bid and low asked prices for a share of Common Stock on such date, the high bid and low asked prices for a share of Common Stock on the last preceding date for which such information exists, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or
- (c) If the Common Stock is neither listed on a national securities exchange, national market system, or automated quotation system, nor regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, its Fair Market Value shall be established by the Administrator in good faith.
  - 2.17 "Grant Date" shall mean the first Trading Day of an Offering Period.
  - 2.18 "New Exercise Date" shall have such meaning as set forth in Section 5.3(b) hereof.
- 2.19 "Offering Period" shall mean such period of time commencing on such date(s) as determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and with respect to which Options shall be granted to Participants. The duration and timing of Offering Periods may be established or changed by the Administrator at any time, in its sole discretion; provided, that unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, each Offering Period shall be six (6) months in duration and the first day of each such Offering Period shall be the first Trading Day of such six (6) month period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may an Offering Period exceed twenty-seven (27) months.
  - 2.20 "Option" shall mean the right to purchase shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan during each Offering Period.
  - 2.21 "Option Price" shall mean the purchase price of a share of Common Stock hereunder as provided in Section 4.2 hereof.
  - 2.22 "Participant" shall mean any Eligible Employee who elects to participate in the Plan.
- 2.23 "Parent" shall mean any entity that is a parent corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 2.24 "Payday" shall mean the regular and recurring established day for payment of Compensation to an Employee of the Company or any Designated Subsidiary.
  - 2.25 "Plan" shall have such meaning as set forth in Section 1.1 hereof.
  - 2.26 "Plan Account" shall mean a bookkeeping account established and maintained by the Company in the name of each Participant.

- 2.27 "Restricted Period" shall mean the one (1) year period from the Exercise Date.
- 2.28 "<u>Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any entity that is a subsidiary corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. In addition, with respect to any sub-plans adopted under <u>Section 7.1(d)</u> hereof which are designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code, Subsidiary shall include any corporate or noncorporate entity in which the Company has a direct or indirect equity interest or significant business relationship.
- 2.29 "<u>Trading Day</u>" shall mean a day on which the principal securities exchange, national market system, or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed is open for trading or, if the Common Stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, shall mean a business day, as determined by the Administrator in good faith.
  - 2.30 "Withdrawal Election" shall have such meaning as set forth in Section 6.1(a) hereof.

# SECTION 3 PARTICIPATION

### 3.1 Eligibility.

- (a) Any Eligible Employee who shall be employed by the Company or a Designated Subsidiary on a given Enrollment Date for an Offering Period shall be eligible to participate in the Plan during such Offering Period, subject to the requirements of <u>Sections 4</u> and <u>5</u> hereof, and the limitations imposed by Section 423(b) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Eligible Employee shall be granted an Option under the Plan (i) to the extent that, immediately after the grant of the Option, such Eligible Employee (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Eligible Employee pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own stock of the Company or any Parent or any Subsidiary and/or hold outstanding options to purchase stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of the stock of the Company or any Parent or any Subsidiary, or (ii) to the extent that his or her rights to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans (within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code) of the Company or any Parent or any Subsidiary accrues (within the meaning of Section 423(b)(8) of the Code) at a rate that exceeds twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the Fair Market Value of such stock (determined at the time the Option is granted) for each calendar year in which such Option is outstanding at any time, as determined in accordance with Section 423 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

# 3.2 Election to Participate; Payroll Deductions.

- (a) An Eligible Employee may become a Participant in the Plan only by means of payroll deduction. Each individual who is an Eligible Employee as of an Offering Period's Enrollment Date may elect to participate in such Offering Period and the Plan by properly completing a payroll deduction authorization and submitting it to the Company, in accordance with the enrollment procedures established by the Administrator, in its sole discretion.
- (b) Subject to Section 3.1(b) hereof, by submitting a payroll deduction authorization, the Eligible Employee authorizes payroll deductions in an amount (i) equal to at least one percent (1%) of the Participant's Compensation as of each Payday of the Offering Period following the Enrollment Date, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the Participant's Compensation as of each Payday of the Offering

Period following the Enrollment Date (or such other maximum percentage as the Committee may establish from time to time before an Offering Period begins); and (ii) that shall be expressed as a whole number percentage. Amounts deducted from a Participant's Compensation with respect to an Offering Period pursuant to this <u>Section 3.2</u> shall be deducted each Payday through payroll deduction and credited to the Participant's Plan Account.

- (c) During an Offering Period, a Participant may decrease (to as low as zero) the amount deducted from such Participant's Compensation, but only once during such Offering Period. To make such a change, the Participant must submit a new payroll deduction authorization authorizing the new rate of payroll deductions at least 10 calendar days before the Exercise Date for such Offering Period. For the avoidance of doubt, a Participant may not increase the amount deducted from such Participant's Compensation during an Offering Period.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the termination of an Offering Period, each Participant in such Offering Period shall automatically participate in the immediately following Offering Period at the same payroll deduction percentage as in effect at the termination of the prior Offering Period, unless such Participant delivers to the Company a different election with respect to the successive Offering Period in accordance with Section 3.2(a) hereof, or unless pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof, such Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Employee.
- (e) No payroll deduction authorization shall become binding upon the Company until it has been accepted by the Administrator. Only the Administrator is authorized to accept payroll deduction authorizations and the actions of any person other than the Administrator (subject to the Committee's right to delegate pursuant to Section 7.1(a) hereof) shall be of no effect. The Administrator shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any payroll deduction authorization that (i) does not comply with the requirements of this Plan or the deadlines, forms or procedures developed by the Administrator, or (ii) is submitted by a person who is not an Eligible Employee or whose status as Eligible Employee is suspended or revoked. Such rejection may be effected by not making payroll deductions under this Plan or, if such deductions have been made, by returning, without interest, such amounts to the person for whose benefit such deductions were made. The rejection of a payroll deduction authorization for one or more Offering Periods shall not affect the ability or right of the Administrator to accept or reject a payroll deduction authorization for any subsequent Offering Period.

# SECTION 4 PURCHASE OF SHARES

4.1 <u>Grant of Option</u>. Each Participant shall be granted an Option with respect to an Offering Period on the applicable Grant Date. Subject to adjustment in accordance with <u>Section 5.3</u> hereof and the limitations of <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> hereof, the number of shares of Common Stock subject to a Participant's Option shall be determined by dividing (a) such Participant's payroll deductions accumulated prior to such Exercise Date and retained in the Participant's Plan Account on such Exercise Date by (b) the applicable Option Price; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall a Participant be permitted to purchase during each Offering Period more than five hundred (500) shares of Common Stock. The Committee may, for future Offering Periods, increase or decrease, in its sole discretion, the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that a Participant may purchase during such future Offering Periods. Each Option shall expire on the Exercise Date for the applicable Offering Period immediately after the automatic exercise of the Option in accordance with <u>Section 4.3</u> hereof, unless such Option terminates earlier in accordance with Section 6 hereof.

4.2 <u>Option Price</u>. The "Option Price" per share of Common Stock to be paid by a Participant upon exercise of the Participant's Option on the applicable Exercise Date for an Offering Period shall be equal to eighty five percent (85%) of the lesser of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on (a) the applicable Grant Date and (b) the applicable Exercise Date; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall the Option Price per share of Common Stock be less than the par value per share of the Common Stock.

#### 4.3 Purchase of Shares.

- (a) On the applicable Exercise Date for an Offering Period, each Participant shall automatically and without any action on such Participant's part be deemed to have exercised his or her Option to purchase at the applicable per share Option Price the largest number of whole shares of Common Stock which can be purchased with the amount in the Participant's Plan Account. Any balance less than the per share Option Price that is remaining in the Participant's Plan Account (after exercise of such Participant's Option) as of the Exercise Date shall be carried forward to the next Offering Period, unless the Participant has elected to withdraw from the Plan pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof or, unless pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof, such Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Employee. Any balance not carried forward to the next Offering Period in accordance with the prior sentence promptly shall be refunded to the applicable Participant without interest. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall an amount greater than or equal to the per share Option Price as of an Exercise Date be carried forward to the next Offering Period.
- (b) As soon as practicable following the applicable Exercise Date, the number of shares of Common Stock purchased by such Participant pursuant to Section 4.3(a) hereof shall be delivered (either in share certificate or book entry form), in the Committee's sole discretion, to either (i) the Participant or (ii) an account established in the Participant's name at a stock brokerage or other financial services firm designated by the Company. If the Company is required to obtain from any commission or agency authority to issue any such shares of Common Stock, the Company shall seek to obtain such authority. Inability of the Company to obtain from any such commission or agency authority which counsel for the Company deems necessary for the lawful issuance of any such shares shall relieve the Company from liability to any Participant except to refund to the Participant such Participant's Plan Account balance, without interest thereon.
- (c) If the Company is prevented by applicable securities laws from selling stock as of any date, no purchase shall be made on such date and Options shall remain in effect unless withdrawn and the purchases shall occur as soon as practicable after the Administrator determines that restrictions preventing the sale of stock have been removed or otherwise cease to exist; <u>provided</u>, that such Options shall expire and may not be exercised after the expiration of the twenty-seven (27) month period starting on the Grant Date applicable to such Options.
- 4.4 <u>Transferability of Rights</u>. An Option granted under the Plan shall not be transferable, other than by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution and is exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant. No option or interest or right to the Option shall be available to pay off any debts, contracts or engagements of the Participant or his or her successors in interest or shall be subject to disposition by pledge, encumbrance, assignment or any other means whether such disposition be voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law by judgment, levy, attachment, garnishment or any other legal or equitable proceedings (including bankruptcy), and any attempt at disposition of the option shall have no effect.

# SECTION 5 PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMMON STOCK

- 5.1 Common Stock Reserved. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5.3 hereof, a total of five hundred thousand (500,000) shares of Common Stock shall be made available for sale under the Plan as of the Effective Date. Effective on the Effective Date, shares of Common Stock equal to the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan immediately before the Effective Date are also available for issuance under the Plan. Shares of Common Stock made available for sale under the Plan may be authorized but unissued shares, treasury shares of Common Stock, reacquired shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan, or shares of Common Stock acquired on the open market.
- 5.2 Restrictions on Sale. Any shares of Common Stock purchased under the Plan may not be sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of by a Participant (or their legal representative or estate, as applicable) for the Restricted Period. The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, place additional restrictions on the sale or transfer of shares of Common Stock purchased under the Plan during any Offering Period (including the designation of a new Restricted Period) by notice to all Participants of the nature of such restrictions given in advance of the commencement of such Offering Period. Any certificate issued for shares of Common Stock or book entry evidencing shares of Common Stock pursuant to Section 7.13 hereof that are restricted, shall, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, contain a legend disclosing the nature and duration of the restriction (including a description of the Restricted Period). Any such restrictions and exceptions determined by the Administrator shall be applicable equally to all shares of Common Stock purchased during the Offering Period for which the restrictions are first applicable. In addition, the Restricted Period and such other restrictions and exceptions applicable to the Common Stock shall remain applicable during subsequent Offering Periods unless otherwise determined by the Administrator. If the Administrator should change or eliminate any restrictions for a subsequent Offering Period, notice of such action shall be given to all Participants, in such time and manner as the Administrator deems appropriate.
  - 5.3 Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization, Dissolution, Liquidation, Corporate Transaction.
- (a) <u>Changes in Capitalization</u>. In the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Common Stock, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Common Stock or other securities of the Company, or other change in the Company's structure affecting the Common Stock occurs, then in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, the Committee will, in such manner as it deems equitable, adjust the number of shares and class of Common Stock that may be delivered under the Plan, the Purchase Price per share and the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each outstanding option under the Plan, and the numerical limits of Sections 4.1 and 5.1 hereof.
- (b) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Offering Period then in progress shall be shortened by setting a new Exercise Date (the "<u>New Exercise Date</u>"), and shall terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed dissolution or liquidation, unless provided otherwise by the Committee. The New Exercise Date shall be before the date of the Company's proposed dissolution or liquidation. The Administrator shall notify each Participant in writing, at least ten 10 business days prior to the New Exercise Date, that the Exercise Date for the Participant's Option has been changed to the New Exercise Date and that the Participant's Option shall be exercised automatically on the New Exercise Date, unless prior to such date the Participant has

elected to withdraw from the Plan pursuant to <u>Section 6.1</u> hereof or, pursuant to <u>Section 6.2</u> hereof, such Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Employee.

- (c) <u>Corporate Transaction</u>. In the event of the occurrence of a merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization or other corporate event described in Section 424 of the Code with respect to the Company, each outstanding Option shall be assumed or an equivalent option substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Option, any Offering Periods then in progress shall be shortened by setting a New Exercise Date and any Offering Periods then in progress shall end on the New Exercise Date. The New Exercise Date shall be before the date of the Company's proposed sale or merger. The Administrator shall notify each Participant in writing, at least ten (10) business days prior to the New Exercise Date, that the Exercise Date for the Participant's Option has been changed to the New Exercise Date and that the Participant's Option shall be exercised automatically on the New Exercise Date, unless prior to such date the Participant has elected to withdraw from the Plan pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof or, pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof, such Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Employee.
- 5.4 <u>Insufficient Shares</u>. If the Administrator determines that, on a given Exercise Date, the number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which Options are to be exercised would exceed the number of shares of Common Stock remaining available for sale under the Plan on such Exercise Date, the Administrator shall make a pro rata allocation of the shares of Common Stock available for issuance on such Exercise Date in as uniform a manner as shall be practicable and as the Administrator shall determine in its sole discretion to be equitable among all Participants exercising Options to purchase Common Stock on such Exercise Date, and unless additional shares are authorized for issuance under the Plan, no further Offering Periods shall take place and the Plan shall terminate pursuant to <u>Section 7.5</u> hereof. If the Plan is so terminated, then the balance of the amount credited to the Participant's Plan Account which has not been applied to the purchase of shares of Common Stock shall be paid to such Participant in one lump sum in cash within thirty (30) calendar days after such Exercise Date, without any interest thereon.
- 5.5 <u>Rights as Stockholders</u>. With respect to shares of Common Stock subject to an Option, a Participant shall not be deemed to be a stockholder of the Company and shall not have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder. A Participant shall have the rights and privileges of a stockholder of the Company when, but not until, shares of Common Stock have been delivered to the Participant or deposited in the designated brokerage account following exercise of his or her Option.

# SECTION 6 TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION

- 6.1 Cessation of Contributions; Voluntary Withdrawal.
- (a) A Participant may elect to withdraw from the Plan by delivering written notice of such election to the Company in such form and at such time prior to the Exercise Date for the then-current Offering Period as may be established by the Administrator (a "Withdrawal Election"). A Participant electing to withdraw from the Plan may withdraw all, but not less than all, of the funds then credited to the Participant's Plan Account as of the date on which the Withdrawal Election is received by the Company (or its designee), in which case amounts credited to such Plan Account shall be returned to the Participant in one (1) lump-sum payment in cash within thirty (30) calendar days after such election is received by the Company (or its designee), without any interest thereon, and the Participant shall cease to

participate in the Plan and the Participant's Option for such Offering Period shall automatically terminate. Upon receipt of a Withdrawal Election, the Participant's payroll deduction authorization and his or her Option to purchase under the Plan shall terminate. If a Participant withdraws from the Offering Period, payroll deductions will not resume at the beginning of the succeeding Offering Period, unless the Participant re-enrolls in the Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.

- (b) A participant's withdrawal from the Plan shall not have any effect upon his or her eligibility to participate in any similar plan which may hereafter be adopted by the Company or in succeeding Offering Periods which commence after the termination of the Offering Period from which the Participant withdraws.
- (c) A Participant who ceases contributions to the Plan during any Offering Period shall not be permitted to resume contributions to the Plan during that Offering Period.
- 6.2 <u>Termination of Eligibility</u>. Upon a Participant's ceasing to be an Eligible Employee, for any reason, such Participant's Option for the applicable Offering Period shall automatically terminate, he or she shall be deemed to have elected to withdraw from the Plan, and such Participant's Plan Account shall be paid to such Participant or, in the case of his or her death, to the person or persons entitled thereto pursuant to applicable law, within thirty (30) calendar days after such cessation of being an Eligible Employee, without any interest thereon.

## SECTION 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 7.1 Administration.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall be composed of members of the Board. The Committee may delegate administrative tasks under the Plan to the Administrator to assist in the administration of the Plan, including establishing and maintaining an individual securities account under the Plan for each Participant. Any person to whom the duty to perform an administrative function is delegated shall act on behalf of and shall be responsible to the Committee for such function.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Administrator to conduct the general administration of the Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. The Administrator shall have the power, subject to, and within the limitations of, the express provisions of the Plan:
  - (i) To establish Offering Periods;
- (ii) To determine when and how Options shall be granted and the provisions and terms of each Offering Period (which need not be identical);
  - (iii) To select Designated Subsidiaries in accordance with <u>Section 7.2</u> hereof;
- (iv) To develop such forms and procedures as the Administrator in its discretion deems necessary or helpful to the orderly administration of this Plan; and
- (v) To construe and interpret the Plan, the terms of any Offering Period and the terms of the Options and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan as are consistent therewith and to interpret, amend or revoke any such rules. The Administrator, in the exercise of this power, may correct any defect, omission or inconsistency in the Plan, any Offering Period or any

Option, in a manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or expedient to make the Plan fully effect, subject to Section 423 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

- (c) The Administrator may adopt rules or procedures relating to the operation and administration of the Plan to accommodate the specific requirements of local laws and procedures. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrator is specifically authorized to adopt rules and procedures regarding handling of participation elections, payroll deductions, payment of interest, conversion of local currency, payroll tax, withholding procedures and handling of stock certificates which vary with local requirements. In its sole discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Committee or the Administrator under the Plan.
- (d) The Committee may adopt sub-plans applicable to particular Designated Subsidiaries or locations, which sub-plans may be designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code. The rules of such sub-plans may take precedence over other provisions of this Plan, with the exception of Section 5.1 hereof, but unless otherwise superseded by the terms of such sub-plan, the provisions of this Plan shall govern the operation of such sub-plan.
- (e) All expenses and liabilities incurred by the Administrator in connection with the administration of the Plan shall be borne by the Company. The Administrator may, with the approval of the Committee, employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, appraisers, brokers or other persons. The Committee, the Administrator, the Company and its officers and directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or valuations of any such persons. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Administrator in good faith shall be final and binding upon all Participants, the Company and all other interested persons. No member of the Board, the Committee or the Administrator shall be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made in good faith with respect to the Plan or the options, and all members of the Board, the Committee and the Administrator shall be fully protected by the Company in respect to any such action, determination, or interpretation.
- (f) All communications from an Eligible Employee to the Administrator under, or in connection with, this Plan shall be deemed to have been filed with the Administrator when actually received in the form specified by the Administrator at the location, or by the person, designated by the Administrator for the receipt of such communications. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may accept or reject communications not complying with the forms and procedures developed by the Administrator.
- (g) In the event that payroll deductions are made or shares of Common Stock are purchased in error, the Administrator shall take such action as the Administrator in its sole discretion deems necessary or appropriate to correct such error as soon as practicable after the Administrator has knowledge of the error.
- 7.2 <u>Designation of Subsidiary Corporations</u>. The Board or the Committee shall designate from among the Subsidiaries, as determined from time to time, the Subsidiary or Subsidiaries that shall constitute Designated Subsidiaries. The Board or the Committee may designate a Subsidiary, or terminate the designation of a Subsidiary, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company.
- 7.3 <u>Reports</u>. Individual accounts shall be maintained by the Administrator for each Participant in the Plan. Statements of Plan Accounts shall be given by the Administrator to Participants at least annually, which statements shall set forth the amounts of payroll deductions, the Option Price, the number of shares purchased and the remaining cash balance, if any.

7.4 No Right to Employment. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to give any person (including any Participant) the right to remain in the employ of the Company, a Parent, or a Subsidiary or to affect the right of the Company, any Parent, or any Subsidiary to terminate the employment of any person (including any Participant) at any time, with or without cause, which right is expressly reserved.

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

- (a) The Board or the Committee may, in its sole discretion, amend, suspend, or terminate the Plan at any time and for any reason; provided, however, that without approval of the Company's stockholders given within twelve (12) months before or after action by the Board or the Committee, the Plan may not be amended to increase the maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Plan or change the designation or class of Eligible Employees; and provided, further, that without approval of the Company's stockholders, the Plan may not be amended in any manner that would cause the Plan to no longer be an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423(b) of the Code.
- (b) In the event the Administrator determines that the ongoing operation of the Plan may result in unfavorable financial accounting consequences, the Administrator may, to the extent permitted under Section 423 of the Code, in its discretion and, to the extent necessary or desirable, modify or amend the Plan to reduce or eliminate such accounting consequence including, but not limited to:
- (i) altering the Option Price for any Offering Period including an Offering Period underway at the time of the change in Option Price;
- (ii) shortening any Offering Period so that the Offering Period ends on a new Exercise Date, including an Offering Period underway at the time of the Administrator action; and
  - (iii) allocating shares of Common Stock.

Such modifications or amendments shall not require stockholder approval or the consent of any Participant.

- (c) If the Plan is terminated, the Administrator may elect to terminate all outstanding Offering Periods either immediately or once shares of Common Stock have been purchased on the next Exercise Date (which may, in the sole discretion of the Administrator, be accelerated). If any Offering Period is terminated before its scheduled expiration, all amounts that have not been used to purchase shares of Common Stock will be returned to Participants (without interest, except as otherwise required by law) as soon as administratively practicable.
- 7.6 <u>Use of Funds</u>; No Interest Paid. All funds received by the Company by reason of purchase of Common Stock under the Plan shall be included in the general funds of the Company free of any trust or other restriction and may be used for any corporate purpose to the extent permitted by applicable law. No interest shall be paid to any Participant or credited under the Plan, except as otherwise required by law.
  - 7.7 <u>Term.</u> No Option may be granted during any period of suspension of the Plan or after termination of the Plan.
- 7.8 Effect Upon Other Plans. The adoption of the Plan shall not affect any other compensation or incentive plans in effect for the Company, any Parent, or any Subsidiary. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company, any Parent, or any Subsidiary (a) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for Employees of the Company or any Parent or any Subsidiary, or (b) to

grant or assume Options otherwise than under the Plan in connection with any proper corporate purpose, including, but not by way of limitation, the grant or assumption of Options in connection with the acquisition, by purchase, lease, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of the business, stock or assets of any corporation, firm or association.

- 7.9 Notice of Disposition of Shares. Each Participant shall give the Company prompt written notice of any disposition or other transfer of any shares of Common Stock, acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option, if such disposition or transfer is made (a) within two (2) years after the applicable Grant Date or (b) within one (1) year after the transfer of such shares of Common Stock to such Participant upon exercise of such Option. The Company may direct that any certificates evidencing shares acquired pursuant to the Plan refer to such requirement.
- 7.10 <u>Tax Withholding</u>. The Company or any Parent or any Subsidiary shall be entitled to require payment in cash or deduction from other compensation payable to each Participant of any sums required by federal, state or local tax law to be withheld with respect to any purchase of shares of Common Stock under the Plan or any sale of such shares.
- 7.11 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and all rights and obligations thereunder shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 7.12 <u>Notices</u>. All notices or other communications by a participant to the Company under or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form specified by the Company at the location, or by the person, designated by the Company for the receipt thereof.

### 7.13 Conditions To Issuance of Shares.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificates or make any book entries evidencing shares of Common Stock pursuant to the exercise of an Option by a Participant, unless and until the Committee or the Administrator has determined, with advice of counsel, that the issuance of such shares of Common Stock is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations of governmental authorities and, if applicable, the requirements of any securities exchange, national market system, or automated quotation system on which the shares of Common Stock are listed or traded. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Committee or the Administrator may require that a Participant make such reasonable covenants, agreements, and representations as the Committee or the Administrator, in its discretion, deems advisable in order to comply with any such laws, regulations, or requirements.
- (b) All certificates for shares of Common Stock delivered pursuant to the Plan and all shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to book entry procedures are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with federal, state, or foreign securities or other laws, rules and regulations and the rules of any securities exchange, national market system, or automated quotation system on which the shares of Common Stock are listed, quoted, or traded. The Administrator may place legends on any certificate or book entry evidencing shares of Common Stock to reference restrictions applicable to the shares of Common Stock (including the restrictions provided in Section 5.2 hereof).
- (c) The Administrator shall have the right to require any Participant to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement, distribution or exercise of any Option, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the sole discretion of the Administrator

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by any applicable law, rule or regulation, the Company may, in lieu of delivering to any Participant certificates evidencing shares of Common Stock issued in connection with any Option, record the issuance of shares of Common Stock in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator).
- 7.14 Equal Rights and Privileges. Except with respect to sub-plans designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code, all Eligible Employees shall have equal rights and privileges under this Plan to the extent required under Section 423 of the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder so that this Plan qualifies as an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder. Any provision of this Plan that is inconsistent with Section 423 of the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder shall, without further act or amendment by the Company or the Board, be reformed to comply with the equal rights and privileges requirement of Section 423 of the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 7.15 <u>Limitation on Liability</u>. Neither the Company nor any affiliate or anyone acting on the behalf of the Company or an affiliate shall be responsible in whole or in part for any act done in good faith or any good faith omission to act. Without limiting the first sentence, such entities shall not be responsible for any prices at which shares of Stock are purchased or sold, the time at which any purchase or sale is made under this Plan, or the change in value of any class of stock of the Company.
- 7.16 <u>Plan Document Controls</u>. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Plan and any other document or communication, this Plan shall control, and the conflicting provisions of such other document or communication shall be null and void ab initio.
- 7.17 <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision of this Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Plan, and this Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.