UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 8, 2022

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

> 2525 East El Segundo Boulevard, El Segundo, California

(Address of principal executive office)

000-49850 (Commission File Number) 95-4388794 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

90245 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 536-0611

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	BGFV	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the "Company") held on June 8, 2022 (the "Annual Meeting"), the Company's stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Company's 2019 Equity Incentive Plan ("2019 Equity Plan"), to increase the number of shares available for grant under the 2019 Equity Plan by 3,300,000 and to implement certain technical enhancements and updates to the 2019 Equity Plan.

A summary of the 2019 Equity Plan and the amendments adopted at the Annual Meeting is contained in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A (filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2022) in connection with the Annual Meeting ("Proxy Statement") under the heading "Proposal No. 4 - Approval of Amended and Restated 2019 Equity Incentive Plan" and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing summary is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2019 Equity Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

At the Annual Meeting, the following matters were submitted to the vote of the stockholders, with the results of voting on each such matter as set forth below.

1. The Company's stockholders approved a proposal to re-elect the following two Class B directors to the Company's Board of Directors, each to hold office until the 2025 annual meeting of stockholders (and until each such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified), with voting results as follows:

	Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
Lily W. Chang	7,243,507	295,528	93,524	5,751,016
Van B. Honeycutt	7,095,265	415,205	122,089	5,751,016

2. The Company's stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in the Company's Proxy Statement, with voting results as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstaining	Broker Non-Votes
6,202,558	844,889	585,112	5,751,016

3. The Company's stockholders approved a proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2022, with voting results as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstaining	Broker Non-Votes
13,084,877	146,498	152,200	_

4. The Company's stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Company's 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, with voting results as follows:

Votes For	Votes Against	Votes Abstaining	Broker Non-Votes
5,488,518	1,963,965	180,076	5,751,016

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	2019 Equity Incentive Plan of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation as Amended and Restated as of April 14, 2022
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURE

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

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: June 13, 2022

/s/ Barry D. Emerson

Barry D. Emerson Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION 2019 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (Amended and Restated as of April 14, 2022)

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "**Company**"), originally established and adopted this 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, effective as of April 11, 2019, and adopted an amendment and restatement of this plan as of April 14, 2022 (the "**Plan**"). Certain capitalized terms used in the Plan are defined in <u>Article II</u>.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company desires to encourage high levels of performance by those individuals who are key to the success of the Company, to attract new individuals who are highly motivated and who are expected to contribute to the success of the Company and to encourage such individuals to remain as directors, employees, consultants and/or advisors of the Company and its Affiliates by increasing their proprietary interest in the Company's growth and success; and

WHEREAS, to attain these ends, the Company has established this Plan to authorize the granting of Awards to Participants whose judgment, initiative and efforts are or have been or are expected to be responsible for the success of the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby adopts and agrees to the following provisions:

ARTICLE I PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

1.1 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to assist the Company and its Affiliates in attracting and retaining selected individuals to serve as directors, employees, consultants and/or advisors of the Company who are expected to contribute to the Company's success and to achieve long-term objectives which will inure to the benefit of all stockholders of the Company through the additional incentives inherent in the Awards hereunder.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

2.1 "Affiliate" shall mean (i) any person or entity that directly, or through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company (including any Parent or Subsidiary) or (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, as determined by the Committee.

2.2 "**Applicable Laws**" means the legal requirements relating to the administration of and issuance of securities under stock incentive plans, including, without limitation, the requirements of state corporations law, federal and state securities law, federal and state tax law, and the requirements of any stock exchange or quotation system upon which the Shares may then be listed or quoted. For all purposes of this Plan, references to statutes and regulations shall be deemed to include any successor statutes and regulations, to the extent reasonably appropriate as determined by the Committee.

2.3 "Award" shall mean any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock Award, Dividend Equivalent, Other Stock Unit Award or any other right, interest or option relating to Shares or other property (including cash) granted pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

2.4 "Award Agreement" shall mean any written agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing any Award granted by the Committee hereunder.

2.5 "Board" shall mean the board of directors of the Company.

2.6 "**Cause**" shall have the meaning set forth in a Participant's employment or consulting agreement with the Company (if any), or if not defined therein, shall mean (i) acts or omissions by the Participant which constitute intentional material misconduct or a knowing violation of a material policy of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the Participant personally receiving a benefit in money, property or services from the Company or any of its subsidiaries or from another person dealing with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, in material violation of applicable law or Company policy, (iii) an act of fraud, conversion, misappropriation, or embezzlement by the Participant or his conviction of, or entering a guilty plea or plea of no contest with respect to, a felony, or the equivalent thereof (other than DUI), or (iv) any deliberate and material misuse or improper disclosure of confidential or proprietary information of the Company.

2.7 "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) The direct or indirect acquisition by an unrelated "Person" or "Group" of "Beneficial Ownership" (as such terms are defined below) of more than 50% of the voting power of the Company's issued and outstanding voting securities in a single transaction or a series of related transactions;

(ii) The direct or indirect sale or transfer by the Company of substantially all of its assets to one or more unrelated Persons or Groups in a single transaction or a series of related transactions;

(iii) The merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company with or into another corporation or other entity in which the Beneficial Owners of more than 50% of the voting power of the Company's issued and outstanding voting securities immediately before such merger or consolidation do not own more than 50% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding voting securities of the surviving corporation or other entity immediately after such merger, consolidation or reorganization (or, if applicable, the ultimate parent corporation that directly or indirectly has Beneficial Ownership of 100% of the voting securities eligible to elect directors of the surviving corporation); or

(iv) During any consecutive two-year period, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of the Company (together with any new Directors whose election to such Board or whose nomination for election by the stockholders of the Company was approved by a vote of a majority of the Directors of the Company then still in office who were either Directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of the Company then in office.

None of the foregoing events, however, shall constitute a Change of Control if such event is not a "Change in Control Event" under Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-3(i)(5). For purposes of determining whether a Change of Control has occurred, the following Persons and Groups shall not be deemed to be "unrelated": (A) such Person or Group directly or indirectly has Beneficial Ownership of more than 50% of the issued and outstanding voting power of the Company's voting securities immediately before the transaction in question, (B) the Company has Beneficial Ownership of more than 50% of the issued and outstanding voting securities of such Person or Group, or (C) more than

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50% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding voting securities of such Person or Group are owned, directly or indirectly, by Beneficial Owners of more than 50% of the issued and outstanding voting power of the Company's voting securities immediately before the transaction in question. The terms "Person," "Group," "Beneficial Owner," and "Beneficial Ownership" shall have the meanings used in the Exchange Act.

2.8 "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor thereto.

2.9 "Committee" shall mean the Committee constituted under Section 4.2 to administer this Plan.

2.10 "Company" has the meaning set forth in introductory paragraph of the Plan.

2.11 "**Consultant**" means any person, including an advisor, who (i) is a natural person, (ii) provides bona fide services to the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary, and (iii) provides services that are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction, and that do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the securities of the Company; provided that the term 'Consultant' does not include (i) Employees or (ii) Directors who are paid only a director's fee by the Company or who are not compensated by the Company for their services as Directors.

2.12 "**Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant**" means that the employment, director or consulting relationship is not interrupted or terminated by the Company, any Parent or Subsidiary, or by the Employee, Director or Consultant. Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant will not be considered interrupted in the case of: (i) any leave of absence approved by the Board, including sick leave, military leave, or any other personal leave, provided, that for purposes of Incentive Stock Options, any such leave may not exceed three months, unless reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract (including certain Company policies) or statute; (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, its Subsidiaries or its successor; or (iii) in the case of an Award other than an Incentive Stock Option, the ceasing of a person to be an Employee while such person remains a Director or Consultant, the ceasing of a person to be a Director. However, if the corporation for which a Participant is rendering service ceases to qualify as a Parent or Subsidiary, as determinated on the date such corporation ceases to qualify as a Parent or Subsidiary, respectively.

2.13 "Director" shall mean a non-employee member of the Board or a non-employee member of the board of directors of a Parent or Subsidiary.

2.14 "Disability" shall mean total and permanent disability as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

2.15 "Dividend Equivalents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.5.

2.16 "Employee" shall mean any employee of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary.

2.17 "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder, as amended.

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2.18 **"Fair Market Value"** shall mean, with respect to any property other than Shares, the market value of such property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee. The Fair Market Value of Shares as of any date shall be determined as follows:

(i) If the Shares are listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation, the Nasdaq Stock Market, the Fair Market Value of a Share will be the closing sales price for such Shares (or the closing bid, if no sales are reported) as quoted on that exchange or system (or the exchange or system with the greatest volume of trading in Shares) on the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or any other source the Committee considers reliable. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, if there is no closing sales price (or closing bid if no sales are reported) for the Shares on the day of determination, then the Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price (or closing bid if no sales were reported) for the Shares on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists.

(ii) If the Shares are not listed on an established stock exchange or a national market system, the Fair Market Value of a Share will be determined in good faith by the Committee with reference to the earnings history, book value and prospects of the Company in light of market conditions generally, and any other factors the Committee considers appropriate, such determination by the Committee to be final, conclusive and binding.

2.19 "Family Member" means any child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, former spouse, sibling, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, including adoptive relationships, any person sharing the Participant's household (other than a tenant or employee), a trust in which these persons (or the Participant) have more than 50 percent of the beneficial interest, a foundation in which these persons control the management of assets, and any other entity in which these persons (or the Participant) own more than 50 percent of the voting interests.

2.20 "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option which qualifies as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

2.21 "**Option**" shall mean any right granted to a Participant under the Plan allowing such Participant to purchase Shares at such price or prices and during such period or periods as the Committee shall determine.

2.22 "Other Stock Unit Award" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1.

2.23 "Parent" means a "parent corporation" with respect to the Company, whether now or later existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

2.24 "Participant" shall mean an Employee, Director or Consultant who is selected by the Committee to receive an Award under the Plan.

2.25 "Payee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.

2.26 "**Prior Plan**" means the Company's 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended and restated prior to the original April 11, 2019 effective date of this Plan.

2.27 "**Restricted Stock**" shall mean any Share issued with the restriction that the holder may not sell, transfer, pledge or assign such Share and with such other restrictions as the Committee, in its sole discretion, may impose (including any restriction on the right to vote such Share and the right to receive

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any dividends), which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such time or times, in installments or otherwise, as the Committee may deem appropriate.

2.28 "Restricted Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.

2.29 "Restricted Stock Award" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.

2.30 "Shares" shall mean the shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share.

2.31 "Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Article VI.

2.32 "**Subsidiary**" shall mean any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if, at the time of the granting of the Award, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.

2.33 "**Substitute Awards**" shall mean Awards granted or Shares issued by the Company in assumption of, or in substitution or exchange for, awards previously granted, or the right or obligation to make future awards, by a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines as permitted by Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c), NYSE Listed Company Manual Section 303A.08, or other applicable rule.

ARTICLE III SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

3.1 Number of Shares.

(a) Subject to adjustment as provided in <u>Section 10.2</u>, the total number of Shares authorized for grant under this Plan shall be 7,148,803 consisting of: (i) 3,848,803 Shares originally reserved for issuance under the Plan, and (ii) an additional 3,300,000 Shares subject to stockholder approval at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, plus (iii) any Shares subject to awards granted under the Prior Plan, which such awards were outstanding as of April 11, 2019 and which have subsequently been forfeited, have expired or have otherwise terminated, or which hereafter are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate, without issuance of Shares, or were or are settled for cash or otherwise did not and do not result in the issuance of Shares. Any Shares that are subject to Awards of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights shall be counted against this limit as one Share for every one Share granted, regardless of the number of shares actually delivered pursuant to such Awards. For purposes of the preceding sentence, Awards that are valued by reference to the value of Shares shall be treated and counted as though such Award constituted an award of a number of Shares equal to the number of Shares taken into account in such valuation. Any Shares that are subject to Awards other than Options or Stock Appreciation Rights (including, but not limited to, Shares delivered in satisfaction of Dividend Equivalents) shall be counted against this limit as two and one-half (2.5) Shares for every one Share granted.

(b) If any Shares subject to an Award or to an award under the Prior Plan are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate without issuance of such Shares, or any Award or award under the Prior Plan is settled for cash or otherwise does not result in the issuance of all or a portion of the Shares subject to such Award, the Shares shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration, termination, cash settlement or non-issuance, again be available for Awards under the Plan, subject to <u>Section 3.1(e)</u> below.

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(c) In the event that (i) any Option or other Award granted under this Plan or any option or award granted under the Prior Plan is exercised through the tendering of Shares (either actually, by attestation, or by the giving of instructions to a broker to remit to the Company that portion of the sales price required to pay the exercise price) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, or (ii) withholding tax liabilities arising from such Options or Awards under this Plan or options or awards under a Prior Plan are satisfied by the tendering of Shares (either actually, by attestation, or by the giving of instructions to a broker to remit to the Company that portion of the sales price required to pay the exercise price) or by the Company that portion of the sales price required to pay the exercise price) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, the the Shares so tendered or withheld shall not again be available for Awards under the Plan.

(d) Substitute Awards shall not reduce the Shares authorized for issuance under the Plan or authorized for grant to a Participant in any calendar year. Additionally, in the event that a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary, or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines, has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for issuance under the Plan; provided that Awards using such available shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were employees, directors or consultants of such acquisition or combination.

(e) Any Shares that again become available for grant pursuant to this <u>Article III</u> shall be added back as one Share if such Shares were subject to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan or options or stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan, and as two and one-half (2.5) Shares if such Shares were subject to Awards other than Options or Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan or awards other than options or stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan or awards other than options or stock appreciation rights granted under the Prior Plan.

3.2 <u>Character of Shares</u>. Any Shares issued hereunder may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares, treasury shares or shares purchased in the open market or otherwise.

ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY AND ADMINISTRATION

4.1 <u>Eligibility</u>. Any Employee, Director or Consultant shall be eligible to be selected as a Participant. Only Employees may receive awards of Incentive Stock Options.

4.2 Administration.

(a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, constituted as follows:

(i) The Committee will consist of the Board, or a committee designated by the Board, which Committee will be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws. Once appointed, a Committee will serve in its designated capacity until otherwise directed by the Board. The Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and substitute new members, fill vacancies (however caused), and remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Board expressly resolves to the contrary, while the Company is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, the Plan will be administered only by the

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Compensation Committee of the Board (or such other committee designated by the Compensation Committee of the Board), consisting of no fewer than two Directors, each of whom is (A) a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 (or any successor rule) of the Exchange Act, and (B) an "independent director" for purpose of the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Stock Market or other exchange or quotation system on which the Shares are principally traded.

(ii) The Plan may be administered by different bodies with respect to Directors, officers who are not Directors, and Employees and Consultants who are neither Directors nor officers.

(b) The Committee shall have full discretion, power and authority, subject to the provisions of the Plan and subject to such orders or resolutions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, to: (i) select the Employees, Consultants and Directors to whom Awards may from time to time be granted hereunder; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, to be granted to each Participant hereunder; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Award granted hereunder; (iv) determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder and the form and content of any Award Agreement; (v) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances awards may be settled in cash, Shares or other property, subject to the provisions of the Plan; (vi) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances any Award shall be modified, amended, canceled or suspended; (viii) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement entered into under or in connection with the Plan, including any Award Agreement; (viii) correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Award in the manner and to the extent that the Committee shall deem desirable to carry it into effect; (ix) establish such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; (x) subject to <u>Section 10.5</u>, determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, Shares, or other property payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the Participant; provided that the Committee shall use good faith efforts to avoid taking an action that would subject the Participant to a penalty tax under Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code; and (xii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems neces

(c) Decisions of the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons or entities, including the Company, any Participant, any stockholder and any Employee or any Affiliate. A majority of the members of the Committee may determine its actions and fix the time and place of its meetings.

(d) The Committee may delegate to a committee of one or more Directors of the Company or, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, to one or more officers or a committee of officers, the authority to grant Awards to Employees and officers of the Company who are not Directors or "officers" (as such term is defined by Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act), and to cancel or suspend Awards to Employees and officers of the Company who are not Directors or "officers" (as such term is defined by Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act).

4.3 <u>Minimum Vesting Requirements</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, Awards granted under the Plan after June 8, 2022 shall vest no earlier than the first anniversary of the date of grant of the Award (excluding, for this purpose, any (a) Substitute Awards, (b) shares delivered in lieu of fully vested cash Awards, and (c) Awards to Directors that vest on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of stockholders (but not less than 50 weeks)); provided, that, the Committee may grant Awards without regard to the foregoing minimum vesting requirement with respect to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the available share reserve authorized for issuance under the

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Plan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(a)</u> (subject to adjustment under <u>Section 10.2</u>); provided, further, for the avoidance of doubt, that the foregoing restriction does not apply to the Committee's discretion to provide for accelerated exercisability or vesting of any Award, including in cases of retirement, death, Disability or a Change of Control (in accordance with <u>Article IX</u>), in the terms of the Award or otherwise.

ARTICLE V OPTIONS

5.1 <u>Grant of Options</u>. Options may be granted hereunder to Participants either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. Any Option shall be subject to the terms, restrictions and conditions of this <u>Article V</u> and to such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable.

5.2 <u>Award Agreements</u>. All Options granted pursuant to this <u>Article V</u> shall be evidenced by a written Award Agreement in such form and containing such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan. Granting of an Option pursuant to the Plan shall impose no obligation on the recipient to exercise such Option. Any individual who is granted an Option pursuant to this <u>Article V</u> may hold more than one Option granted pursuant to the Plan at the same time.

5.3 <u>Option Price</u>. Other than in connection with Substitute Awards, the option price per each Share purchasable under any Option granted pursuant to this <u>Article V</u> shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Share on the date of grant of such Option. Other than pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>, the Committee shall not be permitted to (a) lower the option price per Share of an Option after it is granted, (b) cancel an Option when the option price per Share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares in exchange for cash or for another Award (other than in connection with Substitute Awards), and (c) take any other action with respect to an Option that may be treated as a repricing under the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq Stock Market or other exchange or quotation system on which the Shares are principally traded.

5.4 Option Period. The term of each Option shall be fixed by the Committee in its sole discretion; provided that no Option shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from the date the Option is granted.

5.5 Exercise of Options. Vested Options granted under the Plan shall be exercised by the Participant or by a Permitted Assignee thereof (or by the Participant's executors, administrators, guardian, beneficiary, or legal representative, or Family Members, as may be provided in an Award Agreement) as to all or part of the Shares covered thereby, by the giving of written notice of exercise to the Company or its designated agent, specifying the number of Shares to be purchased, accompanied by payment of the full purchase price for the Shares being purchased. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, full payment of such purchase price shall be made at the time of exercise and shall be made (a) in cash or by certified check or bank check or wire transfer of immediately available funds, (b) with the consent of the Committee, by tendering previously acquired Shares (either actually or by attestation, valued at their then Fair Market Value), (c) with the consent of the Committee, by delivery of other consideration (including, where permitted by law and the Committee, other Awards) having a Fair Market Value on the exercise date equal to the total purchase price, (d) with the consent of the Committee, by delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with any other documentation as the Committee and the Participant's broker, if applicable, require to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale or other proceeds (as permitted by Applicable Law) required to pay the exercise price, (f) through any other method specified in an Award Agreement, or (g) any combination of any of the foregoing. In

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connection with a tender of previously acquired Shares pursuant to clause (b) above, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may permit the Participant to constructively exchange Shares already owned by the Participant in lieu of actually tendering such Shares to the Company, provided that adequate documentation concerning the ownership of the Shares to be constructively tendered is furnished in form satisfactory to the Committee. The notice of exercise, accompanied by such payment, shall be delivered to the Company at its principal business office or such other office as the Committee may from time to time direct, and shall be in such form, containing such further provisions consistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee may from time to time prescribe. In no event may any Option granted hereunder be exercised for a fraction of a Share. No adjustment shall be made for cash dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date of such issuance.

5.6 Form of Settlement. In its sole discretion, the Committee may provide, at the time of grant, that the Shares to be issued upon an Option's exercise shall be in the form of Restricted Stock or other similar securities, or may reserve the right so to provide after the time of grant.

5.7 Incentive Stock Options. With respect to the Options that may be granted by the Committee under the Plan, the Committee may grant Options intended to qualify as Incentive Stock Options to any Employee of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, subject to the requirements of Section 422 of the Code. The Award Agreement of an Option intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option shall designate the Option as an Incentive Stock Option. Notwithstanding anything in Section 3.1 to the contrary and solely for the purposes of determining whether Shares are available for the grant of Incentive Stock Options under the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options shall be 7,148,803 Shares. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an Employee who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent of the voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the per Share exercise price will be no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.4, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an Employee who, at granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent of all classes of capital stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the maximum term of the Incentive Stock Option granted to an Employee who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent of an Employee who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns stock representing more than ten percent of the voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, the per Share exercise price will be no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.4, in the case of an Incentive Stock Options (granted under all plan

5.8 Termination of Employment or Consulting Relationship or Directorship. If a Participant holds exercisable Options on the date his or her Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant terminates (other than because of termination due to Cause, but including death or Disability), the Participant may exercise the Options that were vested and exercisable as of the date of termination until the end of the original term or for the period set forth in the Award Agreement or determined by the Committee, whichever is earlier. If the Participant is not entitled to exercise his or her entire Option at the date of such termination, the Shares covered by the unexercisable portion of the Option will revert to the Plan, unless otherwise set forth in the Award Agreement or determined by the Committee. If the Participant does not exercise an Option within the time specified after termination, that Option will expire, and the Shares covered by it will revert to the Plan, except as otherwise determined by the Committee.

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ARTICLE VI STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

6.1 <u>Grant and Exercise</u>. The Committee may provide Stock Appreciation Rights either alone or in addition to other Awards upon such terms, restrictions and conditions as the Committee may establish in its sole discretion. Upon the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, the holder shall have the right to receive the excess of (i) the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise or such other amount as the Committee shall so determine at any time during a specified period before the date of exercise over (ii) the exercise price of the Stock Appreciation Right. Upon the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, payment shall be made in whole Shares or cash as determined by the Committee. Any Stock Appreciation Right shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this <u>Article VI</u> and to such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable.

6.2 <u>Award Agreements</u>. All Stock Appreciation Rights granted pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> shall be evidenced by a written Award Agreement in such form and containing such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan. Granting of a Stock Appreciation Right pursuant to the Plan shall impose no obligation on the recipient to exercise such Stock Appreciation Right. Any individual who is granted a Stock Appreciation Right pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> may hold more than one Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Plan at the same time. The provisions of Stock Appreciation Rights need not be the same with respect to each recipient.

6.3 Exercise Price. Other than in connection with Substitute Awards, the exercise price per each Share under any Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Share on the date of grant of such Stock Appreciation Right. Other than pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>, the Committee shall not be permitted to (a) lower the exercise price per Share of a Stock Appreciation Right after it is granted, (b) cancel a Stock Appreciation Right when the exercise price per Share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares in exchange for cash or for another Award (other than in connection with Substitute Awards), and (c) take any other action with respect to a Stock Appreciation Right that may be treated as a repricing under the rules and regulations of the Nasdaq National Market System or other exchange or quotation system on which the Shares are principally traded.

6.4 <u>Term of Stock Appreciation Right</u>. The term of each Stock Appreciation Right shall be fixed by the Committee in its sole discretion; provided that no Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from the date the Stock Appreciation Right is granted.

6.5 Exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights. Vested Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be exercised by the Participant or by a Permitted Assignee thereof (or by the Participant's executors, administrators, guardian, beneficiary, or legal representative, or Family Members, as may be provided in an Award Agreement) as to all or part of the Shares covered thereby, by the giving of written notice of exercise to the Company or its designated agent, specifying the number of Stock Appreciation Rights to be exercised. The notice of exercise shall be delivered to the Company at its principal business office or such other office as the Committee may from time to time direct, and shall be in such form, containing such further provisions consistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee may from time to time prescribe. In no event may any Stock Appreciation Right granted hereunder be exercised for a fraction of a Share. No adjustment shall be made for cash dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date of such issuance.

6.6 <u>Termination of Employment or Consulting Relationship or Directorship</u>. If a Participant holds exercisable Stock Appreciation Rights on the date his or her Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant terminates (other than because of termination due to Cause, but including death or

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Disability), the Participant may exercise the Stock Appreciation Rights that were vested and exercisable as of the date of termination until the end of the original term or for the period set forth in the Award Agreement or determined by the Committee, whichever is earlier. If the Participant is not entitled to exercise all of his or her Stock Appreciation Rights at the date of such termination, the Shares covered by the unexercisable portion of the Stock Appreciation Rights will revert to the Plan, unless otherwise set forth in the Award Agreement or determined by the Committee. If the Participant does not exercise a Stock Appreciation Right within the time specified after termination, that Stock Appreciation Right will expire, and the Shares covered by it will revert to the Plan, except as otherwise determined by the Committee.

ARTICLE VII RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS

7.1 <u>Grants</u>. Awards of Restricted Stock may be issued hereunder to Participants either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan (a "**Restricted Stock Award**"). A Restricted Stock Award shall be subject to terms, conditions and restrictions imposed by the Committee covering a period of time specified by the Committee (the "**Restricted Period**"). The provisions of Restricted Stock Awards need not be the same with respect to each recipient. The Committee has absolute discretion to determine whether any consideration (other than services) is to be received by the Company or any Affiliate as a condition precedent to the issuance of Restricted Stock.

7.2 <u>Award Agreements</u>. The terms of any Restricted Stock Award granted under the Plan shall be set forth in a written Award Agreement which shall contain provisions determined by the Committee and not inconsistent with the Plan.

7.3 <u>Rights of Holders of Restricted Stock</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, beginning on the date of grant of the Restricted Stock Award and subject to execution of the Award Agreement, the Participant shall become a stockholder of the Company with respect to all Shares subject to the Award Agreement and shall have all of the rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote such Shares and the right to receive distributions made with respect to such Shares; provided, however that the Award Agreement may provide that any Shares or any other property (including cash) distributed as a dividend or otherwise with respect to any Restricted Shares as to which the restrictions have not yet lapsed shall be subject to the same restrictions as such Restricted Shares.

ARTICLE VIII OTHER STOCK UNIT AWARDS

8.1 Other Stock Unit Awards. Other Awards of Shares and other Awards that are valued in whole or in part by reference to, or are otherwise based on, Shares or other property ("Other Stock Unit Awards") may be granted hereunder to Participants, either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan, and such Other Stock Unit Awards shall also be available as a form of payment in the settlement of other Awards granted under the Plan. Other Stock Unit Awards shall also be available as a form of payment in the settlement of other Awards granted under the Plan. Other Stock Unit Awards shall be paid in Shares or cash. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and complete authority to determine the Employees, Consultants and Directors to whom and the time or times at which such Other Stock Unit Awards shall be made, the number of Shares to be granted pursuant to such Awards, and all other terms, conditions and restrictions of the Awards. The provisions of Other Stock Unit Awards need not be the same with respect to each recipient.

8.2 <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. Shares (including securities convertible into Shares) subject to Awards granted under this <u>Article VIII</u> may be issued for no consideration or for such minimum consideration as may be required by Applicable Law. Shares (including securities convertible into Shares)

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purchased pursuant to a purchase right awarded under this <u>Article VIII</u> shall be purchased for such consideration as the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion.

ARTICLE IX CHANGE OF CONTROL PROVISIONS

9.1 Impact of Change of Control. The terms of any Award may provide in the Award Agreement evidencing the Award, or the Committee may determine in its discretion, that, upon a Change of Control of the Company, (a) Options and Stock Appreciation Rights outstanding as of the date of the Change of Control immediately vest and become exercisable in full or in part, (b) restrictions and deferral limitations on Restricted Stock lapse and the Restricted Stock becomes free of some or all restrictions and limitations and becomes partially or fully vested, (c) the restrictions and deferral limitations and other conditions applicable to any Other Stock Unit Awards or any other Awards shall lapse in full or in part, and such Other Stock Unit Awards or such other Awards shall become free of some or all restrictions, limitations or conditions and become partially or fully vested and transferable, and (d) such other additional benefits, changes or adjustments as the Committee deems appropriate shall apply, subject in each case to any terms and conditions contained in the Award Agreement evidencing such Award. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Committee, in its discretion, may determine that, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control of the Company, (x) each Option and Stock Appreciation Right shall remain exercisable for only a limited period of time determined by the Committee (provided that they remain exercisable for at least 30 days after notice of such action is given to the Participant, and such Participant shall receive, with respect to each Share subject to such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, an amount equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of such Share immediately prior to the occurrence of such Change of Control over the exercise price per share of such Option and/or Stock Appreciation Right; such amount to be payable in cash, in one or more kinds of stock or property (including the stock or property, if any, payable in the transaction) or in a combination thereof, as the Committee, i

9.2 Assumption Upon Change of Control. The terms of any Award Agreement may also provide that, if in the event of a Change of Control the successor company assumes or substitutes for an Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Share of Restricted Stock or Other Stock Unit Award, then each outstanding Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Share of Restricted Stock or Other Stock Unit Award shall not be accelerated as described in clauses (a), (b) and (d) of Section 9.1. For the purposes of this Section 9.2, an Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Share of Restricted Stock or Other Stock Unit Award shall be considered assumed or substituted for if following the Change of Control the award confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share subject to the Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock Award or Other Stock Unit Award immediately prior to the Change of Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash or other securities or property) received in the transaction constituting a Change of Control by holders of Shares for each Share held on the effective date of such transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the transaction constituting a Change of Control is not solely common stock of the successor company, the Committee may, with the consent of the successor company, provide that the consideration to be received upon the exercise or vesting of an Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock Award or Other Stock Unit Award, for each Share subject thereto, will be solely common stock of the successor company substantially equal in fair market value to the per share consideration received by holders of Shares in the transaction constituting a Change of Control. The determination of such substantial equality of value of consideration shall be made by the Committee in its sole discretion and its determination shall be conclusive and binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Award Agreement may provide that, in the event of a termination of a Participant's employment in such successor company within a specified time period following such Change of Control, all or part of any such

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Award held by such Participant at the time of the Change of Control shall be accelerated as described in Sections 9.1(a), (b) and (d) above.

ARTICLE X GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

10.1 <u>Amendment and Modification of the Plan</u>. The Board may, from time to time, alter, amend, suspend or terminate the Plan as it shall deem advisable, subject to any requirement for stockholder approval imposed by Applicable Law; provided that the Board may not amend the Plan in any manner that would result in noncompliance with Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act; and further provided that the Board may not, without the approval of the Company's stockholders, amend the Plan to (a) increase the number of Shares that may be the subject of Awards under the Plan (except for adjustments pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>), (b) expand the types of awards available under the Plan, (c) materially expand the class of persons eligible to participate in the Plan, (d) amend any provision of <u>Section 5.3</u> or <u>Section 6.3</u>, (e) increase the maximum permissible term of any Option specified by <u>Section 5.4</u> or of any Stock Appreciation Right specified in <u>Section 6.4</u>, or (f) permit the issuance of Dividend Equivalents with respect to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights. In addition, no amendments to, or termination of, the Plan (other than by reason of the failure of stockholders to approve the Plan in the manner set forth in <u>Section 11.12</u>) shall in any way impair the rights of a Participant under any Award previously granted without such Participant's consent.

10.2 <u>Adjustments</u>. In the event of any merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, dividend or distribution (whether in cash, shares or other property), stock split, reverse stock split, spin-off or similar transaction or other change in corporate structure affecting the Shares or the value thereof, such adjustments and other substitutions shall be made to the Plan and to Awards as the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems equitable or appropriate, including such adjustments in the aggregate number, class and kind of securities that may be delivered under the Plan and, in the aggregate or to any one Participant, in the number, class, kind and option or exercise price of securities subject to outstanding Awards granted under the Plan (including, if the Committee deems appropriate, the substitution of similar options to purchase the shares of, or other awards denominated in the shares of, another company) as the Committee may determine to be appropriate in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the number of Shares subject to any Award shall always be a whole number.

10.3 <u>Transferability of Awards</u>. Except as provided below, no Award, and no Shares subject to Awards that have not been issued or as to which any applicable restriction, performance or deferral period has not lapsed, may be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and such Award may be exercised during the life of the Participant only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that the Committee so authorizes in the Award Agreement or otherwise, an Award other than an Incentive Stock Option may be assigned, in whole or in part, during the Participant's lifetime to one or more Family Members of the Participant. Rights under the assigned portion may be exercised by the Family Member(s) who acquire a proprietary interest in such Award pursuant to the assignment. The terms applicable to the assigned portion shall be the same as those in effect for the Award immediately before such assignment and shall be set forth in such documents issued to the assignee as the Committee deems appropriate.

(a) <u>Designation of Beneficiary</u>. A Participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any Awards that remain unexercised in the event of the Participant's death. If a Participant is married and the designated beneficiary is not the spouse, spousal consent will be required for the designation to be effective. The Participant may change such designation of beneficiary at any time by written notice to the Committee, subject to the above spousal consent requirement.

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(b) Effect of No Designation. If a Participant dies and there is no beneficiary validly designated and living at the time of the Participant's death, the Company will deliver such Participant's Awards to the executor or administrator of his or her estate, or if no such executor or administrator has been appointed (to the knowledge of the Company), the Company, in its discretion, may deliver such Awards to the spouse or to any one or more dependents or relatives of the Participant, or if no spouse, dependent or relative is known to the Company, then to such other person as the Company may designate.

(c) <u>Death of Spouse or Dissolution of Marriage</u>. If a Participant designates his or her spouse as beneficiary, that designation will be deemed automatically revoked if the Participant's marriage is later dissolved. Similarly, any designation of a beneficiary will be deemed automatically revoked upon the death of the beneficiary if the beneficiary predeceases the Participant. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the interest in Awards of a spouse of a Participant who has predeceased the Participant or whose marriage has been dissolved will automatically pass to the Participant, and will not be transferable by such spouse in any manner, including but not limited to such spouse's will, nor will any such interest pass under the laws of intestate succession.

10.4 <u>Termination of Employment</u>. The Committee shall determine and set forth in each Award Agreement whether any Awards granted in such Award Agreement will continue to be exercisable, and the terms of such exercise, on and after the date that a Participant's Continuous Status as an Employee, Director, or Consultant ceases, whether by reason of death, disability, voluntary or involuntary termination of employment or services, or otherwise. The date of termination of a Participant's Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant will be determined by the Committee, which determination will be final.

10.5 <u>Dividend Equivalents</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan and any Award Agreement, the recipient of an Award (including any deferred Award) may, if so determined by the Committee, be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, cash, stock or other property dividends, or cash payments in amounts equivalent to stock or other property dividends on Shares ("**Dividend Equivalents**") with respect to the number of Shares covered by the Award, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, and the Committee may provide that such amounts (if any) shall be deemed to have been reinvested in additional Shares or otherwise reinvested; provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, Dividend Equivalents may not be awarded in respect of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to an Award that becomes vested based on Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant, Dividend Equivalents shall accrue, but shall not be payable prior to the date (if any) that the underlying Award (or applicable portion thereof) vests.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the right to make all payments or distributions pursuant to the Plan to a Participant (or to the Participant's executors, administrators, guardian, beneficiary, or legal representative, or Family Members) (any such person, a "**Payee**") net of any applicable Federal, State and local taxes required to be paid or withheld as a result of (a) the grant of any Award, (b) the exercise of an Option or Stock Appreciation Rights, (c) the delivery of Shares or cash, (d) the lapse of any restrictions in connection with any Award, or (e) any other event occurring pursuant to the Plan. The Company or any Affiliate shall have the right to withhold from wages or other amounts otherwise payable to such Payee such withholding taxes as may be required by law, or to otherwise require the Payee to pay such withholding taxes. If the Payee shall fail to make such tax payments as are required, the Company or its Affiliates shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to such Payee or to take such other action as may be necessary to satisfy such withholding obligations. The Committee shall be authorized to establish procedures for election by Participants to satisfy such obligation for the payment of such taxes by tendering previously acquired Shares

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(either actually or by attestation, valued at their then Fair Market Value), or by directing the Company to retain Shares otherwise deliverable in connection with the Award with a value not to exceed the maximum statutory tax rate of the Participant's applicable jurisdiction(s) (or such other rate as may be necessary to avoid classification of the Award as a liability for financial accounting purposes). If Shares acquired upon exercise of any Incentive Stock Option are disposed of in a disposition that, under Section 422 of the Code, disqualifies the holder from the application of Section 421(a) of the Code, the holder of the Shares immediately before the disposition will comply with any requirements imposed by the Company in order to enable the Company to secure the related income tax deduction to which it is entitled in such event.

11.2 <u>Right of Discharge Reserved; Claims to Awards</u>. Nothing in the Plan nor the grant of an Award hereunder shall confer upon any Employee, Consultant or Director the right to continue in the employment or service of the Company or any Affiliate or affect any right that the Company or any Affiliate may have to terminate the employment or service of (or to demote or to exclude from future Awards under the Plan) any such Employee, Consultant or Director at any time for any reason. The Company shall not be liable for the loss of existing or potential profit from an Award granted in the event of termination of an employment or other relationship. No Employee or Participant shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Employees or Participants under the Plan.

11.3 <u>Prospective Recipient</u>. The prospective recipient of any Award under the Plan shall not, with respect to such Award, be deemed to have become a Participant, or to have any rights with respect to such Award, until and unless such recipient shall have executed an agreement or other instrument evidencing the Award and delivered a copy thereof to the Company, and otherwise complied with the then applicable terms and conditions.

11.4 <u>Cancellation of Award</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all outstanding Awards granted to any Participant may be canceled in the discretion of the Committee if the Participant's Continuous Status as an Employee, Director or Consultant is terminated for Cause, or if, after the termination of the Participant's Continuous Status as an Employee, Director, or Consultant, the Committee determines that Cause existed before such termination.

11.5 <u>Stop Transfer Orders</u>. All certificates for Shares delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award shall be subject to such stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the provisions of this Plan, the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which the Shares are then listed, and any applicable federal or state securities law, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

11.6 <u>Nature of Payments</u>. All Awards made pursuant to the Plan are in consideration of services performed or to be performed for the Company or any Affiliate, division or business unit of the Company. Any income or gain realized pursuant to Awards under the Plan and any Stock Appreciation Rights constitute a special incentive payment to the Participant and shall not be taken into account, to the extent permissible under Applicable Law, as compensation for purposes of any of the employee benefit plans of the Company or any Affiliate except as may be determined by the Committee or by the Board or board of directors of the applicable Affiliate.

11.7 Other Plans. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

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11.8 Severability. If any provision of the Plan shall be held unlawful or otherwise invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall (a) be deemed limited to the extent that such court of competent jurisdiction deems it lawful, valid and/or enforceable and as so limited shall remain in full force and effect, and (b) not affect any other provision of the Plan or part thereof, each of which shall remain in full force and effect. If the making of any payment or the provision of any other benefit required under the Plan shall be held unlawful or otherwise invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unlawfulness, invalidity or unenforceability shall not prevent any other payment or benefit from being made or provided under the Plan, and if the making of any payment in full or unenforceability shall not prevent such payment or benefit from being made or provided in part, to the extent that it would not be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, and the maximum payment or benefit that would not be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable shall be made or provided under the Plan.

11.9 <u>Construction</u>. All references in the Plan to "**Section**," "**Sections**," or "**Article**" are intended to refer to the Section, Sections or Article, as the case may be, of the Plan. As used in the Plan, the words "**include**" and "**including**," and variations thereof, shall not be deemed to be terms of limitation, but rather shall be deemed to be followed by the words "**without limitation**."

11.10 <u>Unfunded Status of the Plan</u>. The Plan is intended to constitute an "**unfunded**" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company. In its sole discretion, the Committee may authorize the creation of trusts or other arrangements to meet the obligations created under the Plan to deliver the Shares or payments in lieu of or with respect to Awards hereunder; provided, however, that the existence of such trusts or other arrangements is consistent with the unfunded status of the Plan. Proceeds from the sales of Shares pursuant to Awards shall constitute general funds of the Company.

11.11 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and all determinations made and actions taken thereunder, to the extent not otherwise governed by the Code or the laws of the United States, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware and construed accordingly.

11.12 Effective Date of Plan; Termination of Plan. The Plan as amended and restated shall be effective as of April 14, 2022, subject to the approval of the Plan, within 12 months thereafter, by affirmative votes representing a majority of the votes cast under Applicable Laws at a duly constituted meeting of the stockholders of the Company. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, if stockholders of the Company do not approve the Plan as amended, the Plan as in effect prior to its amendment and restatement shall continue in full force and effect and all Awards granted under the Plan and the Prior Plan shall remain subject to their existing terms. Awards may be granted under the Plan at any time and from time to time on or prior to the tenth anniversary of the original effective date of the Plan (*e.g.*, April 11, 2029) (unless the Board sooner suspends or terminates the Plan under <u>Section 10.1</u>), on which date the Plan will expire except as to Awards then outstanding under the Plan (which Awards shall remain in effect until they have been exercised or terminated, or have expired).

11.13 <u>Foreign Employees</u>. Awards may be granted to Participants who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States, or both, on such terms and conditions different from those applicable to Awards to Employees employed in the United States as may, in the judgment of the Committee, be necessary or desirable in order to recognize differences in local law or tax policy. The Committee also may impose conditions on the exercise or vesting of Awards in order to minimize the Company's obligation with respect to tax equalization for Employees on assignments outside their home country.

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11.14 <u>Prior Plan</u>. Upon approval of the Plan by the Company's stockholders on June 7, 2019, the Prior Plan was automatically cancelled, effective as of April 11, 2019 (the original effective date of the Plan), and no further grants or awards have been made under the Prior Plan. Grants and awards made under the Prior Plan before the date of such cancellation, however, shall continue in effect in accordance with their terms.

11.15 <u>Other Company Compensation Plans</u>. Shares available for Awards under the Plan may be used by the Company as a form of payment of compensation under other Company compensation plans, whether or not existing on the date hereof. To the extent any Shares are used as such by the Company, such Shares will reduce the then number of Shares available under <u>Article III</u> of the Plan for future Awards.

11.16 <u>Electronic Delivery</u>. Any reference herein to a "written" agreement or document shall include any agreement or document delivered electronically, filed publicly at www.sec.gov (or any successor website thereto) or posted on another electronic bulletin board system.

11.17 <u>No Obligation to Notify or Minimize Taxes</u>. The Company shall have no duty or obligation to any Participant to advise such holder as to the time or manner of exercising such Award. Furthermore, the Company shall have no duty or obligation to warn or otherwise advise such holder of a pending termination or expiration of an Award or a possible period in which the Award may not be exercised. The Company has no duty or obligation to minimize the tax consequences of an Award to the holder of such Award.

11.18 <u>Compliance with Section 409A</u>. Unless otherwise expressly provided for in an Award Agreement, the Plan and Award Agreements will be interpreted to the greatest extent possible in a manner that makes the Plan and the Awards granted hereunder exempt from Section 409A of the Code, and, to the extent not so exempt, in compliance with Section 409A of the Code. If the Committee determines that any Award granted hereunder is not exempt from and is therefore subject to Section 409A of the Code, the agreement evidencing such Award shall incorporate the terms and conditions necessary to avoid the consequences specified in Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code, and to the extent an Award Agreement is silent on terms necessary for compliance, such terms are hereby incorporated by reference into such Award Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan (and unless the Award Agreement specifically provides otherwise), if the Shares are publicly traded and if a Participant holding an Award that constitutes "deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code is a "specified employee" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code, no distribution or payment of any amount that is due because of a "separation from service" (as defined in Section 409A of the Code without regard to alternative definitions thereunder) will be issued or paid before the date that is six (6) months following the date of such Participant's "separation from service" or, if earlier, the date of the Participant's death, unless such distribution or payment can be made in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code, and any amounts so deferred will be paid in a lump sum on the day after such six (6) month period elapses, with the balance paid thereafter on the original schedule. Each installment of an Award that vests under the Plan is intended to be a "separate payment" for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.409A-2(b)(2), unless otherwise expressly set forth in the Award Agreement.

11.19 <u>Non-Exempt Employees</u>. No Award granted to an Employee who is a non-exempt employee for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, shall be first exercisable for any Shares until at least six (6) months following the date of grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consistent with the provisions of the Worker Economic Opportunity Act, (i) in the event of the Participant's death or Disability, (ii) upon a Change of Control, or (iii) upon the Participant's retirement (as such term may be defined in the Participant's Award Agreement or in another applicable agreement or in accordance with the Company's then current employment policies and guidelines), any vested Awards may be exercised earlier than six (6) months following the date of grant. The foregoing provision is intended to

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provide that any income derived by a non-exempt employee in connection with the exercise or vesting of an Award will be exempt from the Participant's regular rate of pay.

11.20 <u>Corporate Action Constituting Grant of Awards</u>. Corporate action constituting a grant by the Company of an Award to any Participant shall be deemed completed as of the date of such corporate action, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, regardless of when the instrument, certificate, or letter evidencing the Award is communicated to, or actually received or accepted by, the Participant. In the event that the corporate records (*e.g.*, consent of the Committee, resolutions or minutes) documenting the corporate action constituting the grant contain terms (*e.g.*, exercise price, vesting schedule or number of shares) that are inconsistent with those in the Award Agreement as a result of a clerical error in the papering of the Award Agreement, the corporate records will control.

11.21 <u>Captions</u>. The captions in the Plan are for convenience of reference only, and are not intended to narrow, limit or affect the substance or interpretation of the provisions contained herein.