
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):

April 20, 2006

Cohu, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-04298

95-1934119

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

12367 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, California

92064

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-848-8100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

(1) Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement

On April 18, 2006, the Compensation Committee of Cohu, Inc.'s ("Cohu") Board of Directors (the "Committee") approved a form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for use under Cohu's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The following description of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement is not a complete description of all the terms and conditions of such agreement and is subject to and qualified in its entirety to the agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K.

General Terms.

The Restricted Stock Unit Agreement provides for the grant of a number of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that will generally be paid out in shares of Cohu common stock once the applicable vesting criteria have been met. Cohu will withhold a portion of the shares subject to the grant to cover applicable tax withholdings, unless the recipient makes alternate arrangements satisfactory to Cohu.

Vesting.

The Restricted Stock Unit Agreement provides that vesting automatically will cease if the recipient's service is terminated for any reason before all RSUs have vested and the unvested RSUs will be forfeited. In the event of a "Change in Control", as defined in the Plan, the RSUs may be assumed by the acquiring company or substituted for with a substantially equivalent award by such company. If the RSU is neither assumed or substituted for by the acquiring company then the RSU shall become 100% vested.

Stockholder Rights.

A RSU recipient generally will not have any of the rights of a Cohu stockholder, including voting rights and the right to receive dividends and distributions, until after shares of Cohu common stock are issued in respect of the RSU in accordance with the terms of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.

(2) Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation

On April 18, 2006, the Board of Directors of Cohu, Inc., based on the recommendation of the Committee, approved an amendment to the Plan. The amendment, that did not require stockholder approval, removed the automatic stock option provision for "Outside Directors", as defined in the Plan. Future director equity compensation will be determined by the Board of Directors and the Committee as otherwise provided for in the Plan.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The exhibits listed below are being furnished with this Form 8-K

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. - 10.1

Description - Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (including Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Election) under Cohu, Inc.'s 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.

Exhibit No. - 10.2

Description - Cohu, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan

SIGNATURES

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.

Cohu, Inc.

April 20, 2006

By: *John H. Allen*

Name: John H. Allen

Title: VP Finance & CFO

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COHU, INC.

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AGREEMENT

Cohu, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, its Parent or Subsidiary Corporations and Affiliates, hereinafter referred to as the “Company”, has granted to the individual (the “**Participant**”) named in the *Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units* (the “**Notice**”) to which this Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) relates, an award (the “**Award**”) of Restricted Stock Units upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice and this Agreement. The Award has been granted pursuant to and shall in all respects be subject to the terms and conditions of the Cohu, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”), as amended to the Date of Grant. By signing the Notice, the Participant: (a) represents that the Participant has read and is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Notice, the Plan and this Agreement, (b) accepts the Award subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Notice, the Plan and this Agreement, (c) agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Board of Directors of the Company, hereinafter referred to as the “**Board**”, upon any questions arising under the Notice, the Plan or this Agreement, and (d) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Notice, the Plan and this Agreement in either paper form or through electronic means.

1 DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.

1.1 **Definitions.** Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Notice or the Plan.

1.2 **Construction.** Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term “or” is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

2 ADMINISTRATION.

All questions of interpretation concerning this Agreement shall be determined by the Board. All determinations by the Board shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Award. Any officer of the Company shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein, provided the officer has apparent authority with respect to such matter, right, obligation, or election.

3 SETTLEMENT OF THE AWARD.

3.1 **No Additional Payment Required.** The Participant shall not be required to make any additional monetary payment (other than applicable tax withholding, if any) upon settlement of the Award. Payment of the aggregate purchase price of the shares of Stock for which the Award is being settled shall be made in the form of past services rendered by the Participant to the Company or for its benefit which the Board, by resolution, determines to have a value not less than the aggregate purchase price of such shares of Stock.

3.2 **Issuance of Shares of Stock.** Subject to the provisions of Section 3.5 below, the Company shall issue to the Participant, on a date (the “**Settlement Date**”) within thirty (30) days following the earlier of (a) the Settlement Date (as defined in the Notice) or (b) the date of termination of the Participant’s Service, a number of whole shares of Stock equal to the vested Number of Restricted Stock Units (as defined in the Notice), rounded down to the nearest whole number. Such shares of Stock shall not be subject to any restriction on transfer other than any such restriction as may be required pursuant to Section 3.5. On the Settlement Date, the Company shall pay to the Participant cash in lieu of any fractional share of Stock represented by a fractional Restricted Stock Unit subject to this Award in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value on the Settlement Date of such fractional share of Stock.

3.3 **Tax Withholding.** To meet the obligations of the Company with respect to any and all income tax, (including federal, state and local taxes), social insurance contributions, payroll tax, payment on account or other tax-related withholding (“**Tax-Related Items**”) under any applicable domestic or foreign, federal, state or local statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation in connection with any aspect of the Restricted Stock Units, including the grant of the Restricted Stock Units, the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units, the conversion of the Restricted Stock Units into shares or the receipt of an equivalent cash payment, the subsequent sale of any shares acquired at vesting and the receipt of any dividends, the Committee shall require that the Company withhold a number of whole shares of Company Stock otherwise deliverable having a Fair Market Value sufficient to satisfy the statutory minimum (or such higher amount as is allowable without adverse accounting consequences) of the Participant’s estimated total obligation for Tax-Related Items associated with any aspect of the Restricted Stock Units. The Company may also in lieu of or in addition to the foregoing, at its sole discretion, (i) require the Participant to deposit with the Company an amount of cash sufficient to meet his or her obligation for Tax-Related Items, (ii) withhold the required amounts from the Participant’s pay during the pay periods next following the date on which any such applicable tax liability otherwise arises, and/or (iii) sell or arrange for the sale of shares to be issued on the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units to satisfy the Participant’s and the Company’s obligation for Tax-Related Items. If the Participant’s and/or the Company’s obligation for Tax-Related Items is satisfied as described in (iii) of this section, the Company will endeavor to sell only the number of shares required to satisfy the Participant’s and the Company’s obligation for Tax-Related Items; however, the Participant agrees that the Company may sell more shares than necessary to cover the Tax-Related Items. The Company shall not deliver any of the shares of Company Stock until and unless the Participant has made the deposit required herein or proper provision for required withholding has been made. The Participant hereby consents to any action reasonably taken by the Company to meet his or her obligation for Tax-Related Items.

3.4 **Certificate Registration.** The certificate for the shares as to which the Award is settled shall be registered in the name of the Participant, or, if applicable, in the names of the heirs of the Participant.

3.5 **Restrictions on Grant of the Award and Issuance of Shares.** The grant of the Award and issuance of shares of Stock upon settlement of the Award shall be subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state or foreign law with respect to such securities. No shares of Stock may be issued hereunder if the issuance of such shares would constitute a violation of any applicable federal,

state or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Stock may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any shares subject to the Award shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the settlement of the Award, the Company may require the Participant to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

3.6 Fractional Shares. The Company shall not be required to issue fractional shares upon the settlement of the Award.

4 NONTRANSFERABILITY OF THE AWARD.

Prior to the Settlement Date, neither this Award nor any Restricted Stock Unit subject to this Award shall be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

5 EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF SERVICE.

If the Participant's Service (as defined below) is terminated by the Participant or by the Company for any reason, including Participant's death or disability before all Restricted Stock Units have vested, the unvested Restricted Stock Units shall be forfeited by the Participant. As of the 31st (or 91st if reemployment is guaranteed by statute or contract) day of a leave of absence, vesting of the Restricted Stock Units will be suspended and vesting credit will no longer accrue, unless otherwise determined by the Committee or required by contract or statute. If the Participant returns to Service immediately after the end of an approved leave of absence, vesting credit shall continue to accrue from that date of continued Service. For purposes of this Agreement, "Service" shall mean the performance of services for the Company in the capacity of an Employee, Officer, Consultant, or Director.

6 CHANGE IN CONTROL.

In the event of a Change in Control, the surviving, continuing, successor, or purchasing corporation or other business entity or parent thereof, as the case may be (the "**Acquiror**"), may, without the consent of the Participant, either assume the Company's rights and obligations under the Award or substitute for the Award a substantially equivalent award with respect to the Acquiror's stock. If the Award is neither assumed or substituted for by the Acquiror in connection with the Change in Control, then the Award shall become 100% vested and settled in accordance with Section 3 immediately prior to the effective date of the Change in Control. Furthermore, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the corporation the stock of which is subject to the Award immediately prior to an Ownership Change Event described in Section 13.1(a)(i) of the Plan constituting a Change in Control is the surviving or continuing corporation and immediately after such Ownership Change Event less than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of its voting stock is held by another corporation or by other corporations that are members of an affiliated group within the meaning of Section 1504(a) of the Code without regard to the provisions of Section 1504(b) of the Code, the Award shall not terminate unless the Board otherwise provides in its discretion.

7 ADJUSTMENTS FOR CHANGES IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE.

Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, in the event of any change in the Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, whether through merger, consolidation, reorganization, reincorporation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination of shares, exchange of shares, or similar change in the capital structure of the Company, or in the event of payment of a dividend or distribution to the stockholders of the Company in a form other than Stock (excepting normal cash dividends) that has a material effect on the Fair Market Value of shares of Stock, appropriate and proportionate adjustments shall be made in the number and class of shares subject to the Award, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the Participant's rights under the Award. For purposes of the foregoing, conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be treated as "effected without receipt of consideration by the Company." Any fractional share resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section 7 shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Such adjustments shall be determined by the Board, and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

8 RIGHTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR CONSULTANT.

The Participant shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares which may be issued in settlement of this Award until the date of the issuance of a certificate for such shares (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company). No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such certificate is issued. If the Participant is an Employee, the Participant understands and acknowledges that, except as otherwise provided in a separate, written employment agreement between the Company and the Participant, the Participant's employment is "at will" and is for no specified term. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the Service of the Company or interfere in any way with any right of the Company to terminate the Participant's Service as a Director, an Employee or a Consultant, as the case may be, at any time.

9 LEGENDS.

The Company may at any time place legends referencing any applicable federal, state or foreign securities law restrictions on all certificates representing shares of stock issued pursuant to this Agreement. The Participant shall, at the request of the Company, promptly present to the Company any and all certificates representing shares acquired pursuant to this Award in the possession of the Participant in order to carry out the provisions of this Section.

10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

10.1 Further Instruments. The parties hereto agree to execute such further instruments and to take such further action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

10.2 **Binding Effect.** Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth herein, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

10.3 **Termination or Amendment.** The Board may terminate or amend the Plan or the Award at any time; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 6 in connection with a Change in Control, no such termination or amendment may adversely affect the Award without the consent of the Participant unless such termination or amendment is necessary to comply with any applicable law or government regulation. No amendment or addition to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

10.4 **Notices.** Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given (except to the extent that this Agreement provides for effectiveness only upon actual receipt of such notice) upon personal delivery, upon deposit in the United States Post Office, by registered or certified mail, or with an overnight courier service with postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the other party at the address shown below that party's signature or at such other address as such party may designate in writing from time to time to the other party.

10.5 **Integrated Agreement.** The Notice and this Agreement constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Participant and the Company with respect to the subject matter contained herein or therein and supersede any prior agreements, understandings, restrictions, representations, or warranties among the Participant and the Company with respect to such subject matter other than those as set forth or provided for herein or therein. To the extent contemplated herein or therein, the provisions of the Notice and the Agreement shall survive any settlement of the Award and shall remain in full force and effect.

10.6 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California as such laws are applied to agreements between California residents entered into and to be performed entirely within the State of California.

10.7 **Counterparts.** The Notice may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

10.8 **Electronic Delivery.** The Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to the Restricted Stock Units granted under the Plan and participation in the Plan or future Restricted Stock Units that may be granted under the Plan by electronic means or to request the Participant's consent to participate in the Plan by electronic means. The Participant hereby consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and, if requested, to agree to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or another third party designated by the Company.

**COHU, INC.
NOTICE OF GRANT OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS**

[NAME]

In granting restricted stock units, Cohu seeks to provide employees, consultants and directors with incentive to help drive our future success and to share in the economic benefits of that success. We look forward to your contributions to that effort.

[INSERT NAME] (the "**Participant**") has been granted an award (the "**Award**") pursuant to the Cohu, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**") consisting of one or more rights (each such right being hereinafter referred to as a "**Restricted Stock Unit**") to receive in settlement of each such right one (1) share of Stock of Cohu, Inc., as follows:

Date of Grant:	[INSERT DATE]
Number of Restricted Stock Units:	[INSERT NUMBER]
Settlement Date:	The Vesting Date unless otherwise specified in the Restricted Stock Unit Election Form (the "Election Form")
Vesting:	[VESTING SCHEDULE and/or PERFORMANCE VESTING SCHEDULE]

By their signatures below, Cohu, Inc. and the Participant agree that the Award is governed by this Notice and by the provisions of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement and the Plan that are attached to and made a part of this document or are available on the Company's internal website at http://www. ___. The Participant acknowledges either receipt of copies of the Plan and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement in paper form or via electronic means and represents that the Participant has read and is familiar with their provisions, and hereby accepts the Award subject to all of its terms and conditions.

COHU, INC.

PARTICIPANT

By: _____
Its: _____

Signature

Date

COHU, INC.
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT ELECTION

TO: Chief Financial Officer, Cohu, Inc. (the “*Company*”)

FROM: (the “*Participant*”)

I hereby elect to defer the settlement date of my Restricted Stock Units that I would otherwise receive from Cohu, Inc. (the “*Company*”), subject to the terms and conditions of the *Company*’s 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the “*Plan*”) and this election. I understand that my election is irrevocable. The terms of my election are as follows:

1. **Plan Year to which Election applies.** My election applies to the following Plan Year (the “*Election Period*”):

Initial Plan Year: ___, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

New Employee/Director Plan Year: The calendar year commencing on the date of my initial employment or appointment to the Board of Directors of the *Company*, which is: ___, 20__.

Plan Year: Fiscal year commencing ___, 20__.

This election will terminate at the end of each Plan Year (unless voluntarily extended by me prior to the beginning of a new Plan Year) or effective as of the day on which I either terminate Service or the Plan terminates. This election and any future elections may also be terminated, amended, or otherwise revised, at the *Company*’s discretion should it determine that the Restricted Stock Unit program should be so terminated, amended or otherwise revised.

2. **Restricted Stock Units Deferred.** I elect to defer settlement of the following portion of my Restricted Stock Units Award made to me during the Election Period (must be at a minimum of at least 10% and may increase in 5% increments thereafter):

___%

3. **Restricted Stock Units Deferral Elections.** I hereby make the following elections with respect to the settlement of my vested Restricted Stock Units that will be payable in a single lump sum as provided in my Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (“*Agreement*”). I understand that if I fail to make an election, or if the election is terminated, that I will be deemed to have elected settlement of my Restricted Stock Units when such units vest as provided in the Restricted Stock Units Notice of Grant.

Settlement Date:

Subject to the terms of the Plan and my *Agreement*, I will receive shares of Stock in settlement of my Award (to the extent vested) within 30 days of the **earlier of** (i) any Settlement Date I have elected below, (ii) the date of my termination of Service or (iii) the date of any Change of Control, as defined in the Plan, if such an Award is not assumed or substituted for a similar award.

I understand that:

A Settlement Date may be no earlier than January 1 of the second calendar year following the Election Period (e.g. if the Election Period ends on December 31, 2006, the Settlement Date may be no earlier than January 1, 2008).

That I may (but am not required) to elect a Settlement Date, however, if I don’t select a Settlement Date, but have completed this form and elected to defer settlement of the Award beyond the date such award would have become vested, that I will have made an irrevocable election to defer settlement of the Award until my termination of Service.

I elect a Settlement Date for 100% of my Award on ___. (please select a date no earlier than January 1 of the second calendar year following the Election Period, however, remember that the Award becomes vested on the date provided in the Notice of Grant and unless you select a later Settlement Date, would be settled on the vesting date)

I do not elect a Settlement Date (and I understand this means that the Settlement Date will be the date I terminated Service).

Change of Settlement Date:

I understand that I may make, with the consent of the *Company*, a subsequent election to further defer settlement of this Award, and that such an election must be made at least one (1) year prior to my originally selected Settlement Date and I further understand that my newly elected Settlement Date must be at least five (5) years after the date of the originally selected Settlement Date. I further understand that the ability to make such a subsequent deferral election may not be available to me in the future if the *Company* changes its administration policies to reflect any changes to the applicable law governing deferred compensation.

4. **Filing of Election.** This Restricted Stock Unit Election must be filed with the Chief Financial Officer of the *Company* no later than:

(a) For elections to defer receipt of Restricted Stock Units during the Initial Plan Year: within 30 days after the beginning of the Initial Plan Year.

(b) For elections to defer receipt of Restricted (b) Stock Units during each subsequent Plan Year: the day prior to the first day of such Plan Year.

5. **Irrevocability of Election.** This Restricted Stock Unit Election will become irrevocable as of the commencement of the Election Period.

6. **Award is Unfunded.** I understand that the Company has not formally funded my Award and that I am considered a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to my rights under the Award.

7. **Subject to Plan.** This Restricted Stock Unit Election is in all respects subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. Should any inconsistency exist between this Restricted Stock Unit Election, the Plan, the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, and/or any applicable law, then the provisions of either the applicable law or the Plan will control, with the Plan subordinated to the applicable law.

Participant Signature

Dated:

COHU, INC.
2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND TERM OF PLAN.

1.1 Establishment. The Cohu, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”) was originally established effective as of May 10, 2005, the date of its approval by the stockholders of the Company (the “**Effective Date**”), and was subsequently amended and restated, subject to stockholder approval, by the Board on March 17, 2006 and on April 18, 2006.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of the Plan is to advance the interests of the Participating Company Group and its stockholders by providing an incentive to attract, retain and reward persons performing services for the Participating Company Group and by motivating such persons to contribute to the growth and profitability of the Participating Company Group. The Plan seeks to achieve this purpose by providing for Awards in the form of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Stock and Other Stock-Based Awards. After the Effective Date, the Company shall terminate, and no longer issue any awards from under, the Company’s 1998 Stock Option Plan, 1996 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan and 1996 Stock Option Plan.

1.3 Term of Plan. The Plan shall continue in effect until the earlier of its termination by the Board or the date on which all of the shares of Stock available for issuance under the Plan have been issued and all restrictions on such shares under the terms of the Plan and the agreements evidencing Awards granted under the Plan have lapsed. However, all Incentive Stock Options shall be granted, if at all, within ten (10) years from the Effective Date.

2. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.

2.1 Definitions. Whenever used herein, the following terms shall have their respective meanings set forth below:

(a) “**Affiliate**” means (i) an entity, other than a Parent Corporation, that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediary entities, controls the Company or (ii) an entity, other than a Subsidiary Corporation, that is controlled by the Company directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediary entities. For this purpose, the term “control” (including the term “controlled by”) means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the relevant entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; or shall have such other meaning assigned such term for the purposes of registration on Form S-8 under the Securities Act.

(b) “**Award**” means any Option, SAR, Restricted Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit, Restricted Stock Unit, Deferred Stock or Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan.

(c) “**Award Agreement**” means a written agreement between the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Award granted to the Participant. An Award Agreement may be an “Option Agreement,” a “SAR Agreement,” a “Restricted Stock Agreement,” a “Performance Share Agreement,” a “Performance Unit Agreement,” a “Restricted Stock Unit Agreement,” a “Deferred Stock Unit Agreement,” or an “Other Stock-Based Award Agreement.”

(d) “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Company. If one or more Committees have been appointed by the Board to administer the Plan, “**Board**” also means such Committee(s).

(e) “**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

(f) “**Committee**” means the Compensation Committee or other committee of the Board duly appointed to administer the Plan and having such powers as shall be specified by the Board. Unless the powers of the Committee have been specifically limited, the Committee shall have all of the powers of the Board granted herein, including, without limitation, the power to amend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable limitations imposed by law.

(g) “**Company**” means Cohu, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor corporation thereto.

(h) “**Consultant**” means a person engaged to provide consulting or advisory services (other than as an Employee or a Director) to a Participating Company, provided that the identity of such person, the nature of such services or the entity to which such services are provided would not preclude the Company from offering or selling securities to such person pursuant to the Plan in reliance on a Form S-8 Registration Statement under the Securities Act.

(i) “**Covered Employee**” means an Employee who is, or could be, a “covered employee” within the meaning of Section 162(m).

(j) “**Deferred Stock**” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan to receive a share of Stock on a date determined in accordance with the Plan and the Participant’s Award Agreement.

(k) “**Director**” means a member of the Board or of the board of directors of any other Participating Company.

(l) “**Disability**” means the inability of the Participant, in the opinion of a qualified physician acceptable to the Company, to perform the major duties of the Participant’s position with the Participating Company Group because of the sickness or injury of the Participant.

(m) “**Dividend Equivalent**” means a credit, made at the discretion of the Board or as otherwise provided by the Plan, to the account of a Participant in an amount equal to the cash dividends paid on one share of Stock for each share of Stock represented by an Award held by such Participant.

(n) “**Employee**” means any person treated as an employee (including an Officer or a Director who is also treated as an employee) in the records of a Participating Company and, with respect to any Incentive Stock Option granted to such person, who is an employee for purposes of Section 422 of the Code; provided, however, that neither service as a Director nor payment of a director’s fee shall be sufficient to constitute employment for purposes of the Plan. The Company shall determine in good faith and in the exercise of its discretion whether an individual has become or has ceased to be an Employee and the effective date of such individual’s employment or termination of employment, as the case may be. For purposes of an individual’s rights, if any, under the Plan as of the time of the Company’s determination, all such determinations by the Company shall be final, binding and conclusive, notwithstanding that the Company or any court of law or governmental agency subsequently makes a contrary determination.

(o) “**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(p) **“Fair Market Value”** means, as of any date, the value of a share of Stock or other property as determined by the Board, in its discretion, or by the Company, in its discretion, if such determination is expressly allocated to the Company herein, subject to the following:

(i) If, on such date, the Stock is listed on a national or regional securities exchange or market system, the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock shall be the closing price of a share of Stock (or the mean of the closing bid and asked prices of a share of Stock if the Stock is so quoted instead) as quoted on the Nasdaq National Market, The Nasdaq SmallCap Market or such other national or regional securities exchange or market system constituting the primary market for the Stock, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Company deems reliable. If the relevant date does not fall on a day on which the Stock has traded on such securities exchange or market system, the date on which the Fair Market Value shall be established shall be the last day on which the Stock was so traded prior to the relevant date, or such other appropriate day as shall be determined by the Board, in its discretion.

(ii) If, on such date, the Stock is not listed on a national or regional securities exchange or market system, the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock shall be as determined by the Board in good faith without regard to any restriction other than a restriction which, by its terms, will never lapse.

(q) **“Incentive Stock Option”** means an Option intended to be (as set forth in the Award Agreement) and which qualifies as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422(b) of the Code.

(r) **“Indexed Option”** means an Option with an exercise price which either increases by a fixed percentage over time or changes by reference to a published index, as determined by the Board and set forth in the Option Agreement.

(s) **“Insider”** means an Officer, a Director of the Company or other person whose transactions in Stock are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(t) **“Net-Exercise”** means a procedure by which the Participant will be issued a number of shares of Stock determined in accordance with a formula $X + Y(A-B) / A$, where:

X = the number of shares of Stock to be issued to the Participant upon exercise of the Option;

Y = the total number of shares with respect to which the Participant has elected to exercise the Option;

A = the Fair Market Value of one (1) share of Stock;

B = the exercise price per share (as defined in the Participant’s Award Agreement).

(u) **“Nonstatutory Stock Option”** means an Option not intended to be (as set forth in the Award Agreement) or which does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option.

(v) **“Officer”** means any person designated by the Board as an officer of the Company.

(w) **“Option”** means a right to purchase Stock pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan. An Option may be either an Incentive Stock Option, a Nonstatutory Stock Option or an Indexed Option.

(x) **“Other Stock-Based Award”** means an Award granted or denominated in Stock or units of Stock pursuant to Section 10.5 of the Plan.

(y) **“Parent Corporation”** means any present or future “parent corporation” of the Company, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(z) **“Participant”** means any eligible person who has been granted one or more Awards.

(aa) **“Participating Company”** means the Company or any Parent Corporation or Subsidiary Corporation or Affiliate.

(bb) **“Participating Company Group”** means, at any point in time, all corporations collectively which are then Participating Companies.

(cc) **“Performance-Based Award”** means an Award granted to selected Covered Employees pursuant to Sections 9 and 10, but which are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 11. All Performance-Based Awards are intended to qualify as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m).

(dd) **“Performance Bonus Award”** means the cash award set forth in Section 10.6

(ee) **“Performance Goal”** means the criteria that the Committee uses to establish qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) and the formulas for determining whether such performance targets have been obtained. Such Performance Goals may be based upon one or more Performance Measures, subject to the following: Performance Measures shall have the same meanings as used in the Company’s financial statements, or, if such terms are not used in the Company’s financial statements, they shall have the meaning applied pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, or as used generally in the Company’s industry. Performance Measures shall be calculated with respect to the Company and each Subsidiary Corporation consolidated therewith for financial reporting purposes or such division or other business unit as may be selected by the Committee. For purposes of the Plan, the Performance Measures applicable to a Performance-Based Award shall be calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, but prior to the accrual or payment of any Performance-Based Award for the same Performance Period and excluding the effect (whether positive or negative) of any change in accounting standards or any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring item, as determined by the Committee, occurring after the establishment of the Performance Goals applicable to the Performance-Based Award. Performance targets may include a minimum, maximum, target level and intermediate levels of performance, with the final value of a Performance-Based Award determined under the applicable Performance-Based Award formula by the level attained during the applicable Performance Period. A Performance target may be stated as an absolute value or as a value determined relative to a standard selected by the Committee.

(ff) **“Performance Measures”** may be one or more of the following, or a combination of the any of the following, as determined by the Committee: (i) revenue; (ii) gross margin; (iii) operating margin; (iv) operating income; (v) pre-tax profit; (vi) earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation; (vii) net income; (viii) cash flow; (ix) expenses; (x) the market price of the Stock; (xi) earnings per share; (xii) return on stockholder equity; (xiii) return on capital; (xiv) return on net assets; (xv) economic value added; (xvi) number of customers; (xvii) market share; (xviii) return on investment; (xix) profit after tax; (xx) customer satisfaction; (xxi) business divestitures and acquisitions; (xxii) supplier awards from significant customers; (xxiii) new product development and (xxiv) working capital.

(gg) **“Performance Period”** means a period established by the Committee pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan at the end of which one or more Performance Goals are to be measured.

(hh) “**Performance Share**” means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 10.1, to receive Stock, the payment of which is contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals or other performance based targets established by the Committee.

(ii) “**Performance Unit**” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 10.2 of the Plan to receive a payment equal to the value of a Performance Unit, as determined by the Committee, based upon achieving certain Performance Goals or other performance based targets.

(jj) “**Prior Plan Award**” means, any option or other award granted pursuant to the Company’s 1998 Stock Option Plan, 1996 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, 1996 Stock Option Plan or 1994 Stock Option Plan which is outstanding on or after the Effective Date.

(kk) “**Restricted Stock**” means Stock granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan that is subject to certain conditions (including any applicable Vesting Conditions), and may be subject to risk of forfeiture.

(ll) “**Restricted Stock Unit**” or “**Stock Unit**” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 10.4 of the Plan to receive the value associated with a share of Stock on a date determined in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Participant’s Award Agreement.

(mm) “**Restriction Period**” means the period established in accordance with Section 9 of the Plan during which shares subject to a Restricted Stock Award are subject to Vesting Conditions.

(nn) “**Rule 16b-3**” means Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, as amended from time to time, or any successor rule or regulation.

(oo) “**SAR**” or “**Stock Appreciation Right**” means a bookkeeping entry representing, for each share of Stock subject to such SAR, a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 8 of the Plan to receive payment of an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of exercise of the SAR over the exercise price.

(pp) “**Section 162(m)**” means Section 162(m) of the Code.

(qq) “**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(rr) “**Service**” means a Participant’s employment or service with the Participating Company Group, whether in the capacity of an Employee, a Director or a Consultant. A Participant’s Service shall not be deemed to have terminated merely because of a change in the capacity in which the Participant renders Service to the Participating Company Group or a change in the Participating Company for which the Participant renders such Service, provided that there is no interruption or termination of the Participant’s Service. Furthermore, a Participant’s Service with the Participating Company Group shall not be deemed to have terminated if the Participant takes any military leave, sick leave, or other bona fide leave of absence approved by the Company; provided, however, that if any such leave exceeds ninety (90) days, on the ninety-first (91st) day of such leave the Participant’s Service shall be deemed to have terminated unless the Participant’s right to return to Service with the Participating Company Group is guaranteed by statute or contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise designated by the Company or required by law, a leave of absence shall not be treated as Service for purposes of determining vesting under the Participant’s Option Agreement. The Participant’s Service shall be deemed to have terminated either upon an actual termination of Service or upon the corporation for which the Participant performs Service ceasing to be a Participating Company. Subject to the foregoing, the Company, in its discretion, shall determine whether the Participant’s Service has terminated and the effective date of such termination.

(ss) “**Stock**” means the common stock of the Company, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 4.2.

(tt) “**Subsidiary Corporation**” means any present or future “subsidiary corporation” of the Company, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(uu) “**Ten Percent Owner Participant**” means a Participant who, at the time an Option is granted to the Participant, owns stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of a Participating Company (other than an Affiliate) within the meaning of Section 422(b)(6) of the Code.

(vv) “**Vesting Conditions**” mean those conditions established in accordance with the Plan prior to the satisfaction of which shares subject to a Restricted Stock Award or Restricted Stock Unit Award, respectively, remain subject to forfeiture or a repurchase option in favor of the Company upon the Participant’s termination of Service.

2.2 Construction. Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of the Plan. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term “or” is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

3.1 Administration by the Board. The Plan shall be administered by the Board. All questions of interpretation of the Plan or of any Award shall be determined by the Board, and such determinations shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Plan or such Award.

3.2 Authority of Officers. Any Officer shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, determination or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein, provided the Officer has apparent authority with respect to such matter, right, obligation, determination or election. The Board may, in its discretion, delegate to a committee comprised of one or more Officers the authority to grant one or more Awards, without further approval of the Board or the Committee, to any Employee, other than a person who, at the time of such grant, is an Insider; provided, however, that (a) such Awards shall not be granted for shares in excess of the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock authorized for issuance pursuant to Section 4.1, (b) the exercise price per share of each Option shall be not less than the Fair Market Value per share of the Stock on the effective date of grant (or, if the Stock has not traded on such date, on the last day preceding the effective date of grant on which the Stock was traded), and (iii) each such Award shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate standard form of Award Agreement approved by the Board or the Committee and shall conform to the provisions of the Plan and such other guidelines as shall be established from time to time by the Board or the Committee.

3.3 Powers of the Board. In addition to any other powers set forth in the Plan and subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Board shall have the full and final power and authority, in its discretion:

(a) to determine the persons to whom, and the time or times at which, Awards shall be granted and the number of shares of Stock or units to be subject to each Award;

(b) to designate Options as Incentive Stock Options, Nonstatutory Stock Options or Indexed Options;

(c) to determine the type(s) of Other Stock-Based Awards, and their terms and conditions that may be granted under the Plan;

(d) to determine the Fair Market Value of shares of Stock or other property;

(e) to determine the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to each Award (which need not be identical) and any shares acquired upon the exercise thereof, including, without limitation, (i) the exercise or purchase price of shares purchased pursuant to any Award, (ii) the method of payment for shares purchased pursuant to any Award, (iii) the method for satisfaction of any tax withholding obligation arising in connection with the Award, including by the withholding or delivery of shares of Stock, (iv) the timing, terms and conditions of the exercisability of the Award or the vesting of any Award of any shares acquired pursuant thereto, (v) the Performance Goals applicable to any Award and the extent to which such Performance Goals have been attained, (vi) the time of the expiration of any Award, (vii) the effect of the Participant's termination of Service with the Participating Company Group on any of the foregoing, and (viii) all other terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to any Award or shares acquired pursuant thereto not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan;

(f) to determine whether an Award will be settled in shares of Stock, cash, or in any combination thereof;

(g) to approve one or more forms of Award Agreement;

(h) to amend, modify, extend, cancel or renew any Award or to waive any restrictions or conditions applicable to any Award or any shares acquired pursuant thereto;

(i) to accelerate, continue, extend or defer the exercisability of any Award or any shares acquired pursuant thereto, including with respect to the period following a Participant's termination of Service with the Participating Company Group;

(j) to prescribe, amend or rescind rules, guidelines and policies relating to the Plan, or to adopt sub-plans or supplements to, or alternative versions of, the Plan, including, without limitation, as the Board deems necessary or desirable to comply with the laws or regulations of, or to accommodate the tax policy, financial accounting or custom of, foreign jurisdictions whose citizens may be granted Awards;

(k) to authorize, in conjunction with any applicable Company deferred compensation plan, that the receipt of cash or Stock subject to any Award under this Plan, may be deferred under the terms and conditions of such Company deferred compensation plan; and

(l) to correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Award Agreement and to make all other determinations and take such other actions with respect to the Plan or any Award as the Board may deem advisable to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan or applicable law.

3.4 Administration with Respect to Insiders. With respect to participation by Insiders in the Plan, at any time that any class of equity security of the Company is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, the Plan shall be administered in compliance with the requirements, if any, of Rule 16b-3.

3.5 Committee Complying with Section 162(m). If the Company is a "publicly held corporation" within the meaning of Section 162(m), the Board may establish a Committee of "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) to approve the grant of any Option which might reasonably be anticipated to result in the payment of employee remuneration that would otherwise exceed the limit on employee remuneration deductible for income tax purposes pursuant to Section 162(m).

3.6 No Repricing. Without the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares of Stock cast in person or by proxy at a meeting of the stockholders of the Company at which a quorum representing a majority of all outstanding shares of Stock is present or represented by proxy, the Board shall not approve a program providing for either (a) the cancellation of outstanding Options and/or SARs and the grant in substitution therefore of any new Awards, including specifically any new Options and/or SARs having a lower exercise price or (b) the amendment of outstanding Options and/or SARs to reduce the exercise price thereof. This paragraph shall not be construed to apply to "issuing or assuming a stock option in a transaction to which section 424(a) applies," within the meaning of Section 424 of the Code.

3.7 No Restricted Stock Award Acceleration. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Restricted Stock Award may be granted which provides, or subsequently amended to provide, for (i) any acceleration of vesting for any reason other than upon a Change in Control or after the Participant's death or Disability and (ii) vesting of one hundred percent (100%) of any such Restricted Stock Award prior to the passage of three (3) years of Service (unless such Restricted Stock Award will vest in accordance with the satisfaction of any Performance Goal).

3.8 Indemnification. In addition to such other rights of indemnification as they may have as members of the Board or officers or employees of the Participating Company Group, members of the Board and any officers or employees of the Participating Company Group to whom authority to act for the Board or the Company is delegated shall be indemnified by the Company against all reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, to which they or any of them may be a party by reason of any action taken or failure to act under or in connection with the Plan, or any right granted hereunder, and against all amounts paid by them in settlement thereof (provided such settlement is approved by independent legal counsel selected by the Company) or paid by them in satisfaction of a judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such person is liable for gross negligence, bad faith or intentional misconduct in duties; provided, however, that within sixty (60) days after the institution of such action, suit or proceeding, such person shall offer to the Company, in writing, the opportunity at its own expense to handle and defend the same.

4. SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN.

4.1 Maximum Number of Shares Issuable. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan shall be Four Million One Hundred and Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Two (4,111,492). This share reserve shall consist of authorized but unissued or reacquired shares of Stock or any combination thereof. However, the share reserve, determined at any time, shall be reduced by the number of shares subject to the Prior Plan Awards (which as of March 14, 2006 equaled 2,249,410). If any outstanding Award, including any Prior Plan Award, for any reason expires or is terminated or canceled without having been exercised or settled in full, or if shares of Stock acquired pursuant to an Award subject to forfeiture or repurchase, including any Prior Plan Award, are forfeited or repurchased by the Company, the shares of Stock allocable to the terminated portion of such Award, including any Prior Plan Award, or such forfeited or repurchased shares of Stock shall again be

available for grant under the Plan. Shares of Stock shall not be deemed to have been granted pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1, the following shares of Stock shall not be available for reissuance under the Plan: (i) shares of Stock with respect to which the Participant has received the benefits of ownership (other than voting rights), either in the form of dividends, shares sold pursuant to a Cashless Exercise described in Section 6.3(a) or otherwise; (ii) shares of Stock which are withheld from any Award or payment under the Plan to satisfy tax withholding obligations pursuant to Section 16.2; (iii) shares of Stock which are surrendered by any Participant (through a Cashless Exercise, actual delivery of the shares or attestation of ownership) to fulfill tax withholding obligations or to pay the applicable exercise price for any Award; and (iv) shares of Stock subject to the grant of a SAR which are not issued upon settlement of the SAR.

4.2 Adjustments for Changes in Capital Structure. In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, recapitalization, combination, reclassification or similar change in the capital structure of the Company, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the number and class of shares subject to the Plan and to any outstanding Awards, in the Section 162(m) Grant Limit set forth in Section 5.4 and in the exercise price or purchaser price of any outstanding Awards. If a majority of the shares which are of the same class as the shares that are subject to outstanding Awards are exchanged for, converted into, or otherwise become (whether or not pursuant to an Ownership Change Event, as defined in Section 13.1) shares of another corporation (the “*New Shares*”), the Board may unilaterally amend the outstanding Awards to provide that such Awards are accurately reflected for New Shares. In the event of any such amendment, the number of shares subject to, and the exercise price and/or purchase price per share of, the outstanding Awards (if any) shall be adjusted in a fair and equitable manner as determined by the Board, in its discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any fractional share resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number, and in no event may the exercise price and/or purchase price of any Award be decreased to an amount less than the par value, if any, of the stock subject to the Award. The adjustments determined by the Board pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be final, binding and conclusive.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD LIMITATIONS.

5.1 Persons Eligible for Awards. Awards may be granted only to Employees, Consultants, and Directors. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, “Employees,” “Consultants” and “Directors” shall include prospective Employees, prospective Consultants and prospective Directors to whom Awards are granted in connection with written offers of an employment or other service relationship with the Participating Company Group; provided, however, that no Stock subject to any such Award shall vest, become exercisable or be issued prior to the date on which such person commences Service.

5.2 Participation. Awards are granted solely at the discretion of the Board. Eligible persons may be granted more than one (1) Award. However, eligibility in accordance with this Section shall not entitle any person to be granted an Award, or, having been granted an Award, to be granted an additional Award.

5.3 Incentive Stock Option Limitations.

(a) Persons Eligible. An Incentive Stock Option may be granted only to a person who, on the effective date of grant, is an Employee of the Company, a Parent Corporation or a Subsidiary Corporation (each being an “*ISO-Qualifying Corporation*”). Any person who is not an Employee of an ISO-Qualifying Corporation on the effective date of the grant of an Option to such person may be granted only a Nonstatutory Stock Option. An Incentive Stock Option granted to a prospective Employee upon the condition that such person become an Employee of an ISO-Qualifying Corporation shall be deemed granted effective on the date such person commences Service with an ISO-Qualifying Corporation, with an exercise price determined as of such date in accordance with Section 6.1.

(b) Fair Market Value Limitation. To the extent that options designated as Incentive Stock Options (granted under all stock option plans of the Participating Company Group, including the Plan) become exercisable by a Participant for the first time during any calendar year for stock having a Fair Market Value greater than One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000), the portion of such options which exceeds such amount shall be treated as Nonstatutory Stock Options. For purposes of this Section, options designated as Incentive Stock Options shall be taken into account in the order in which they were granted, and the Fair Market Value of stock shall be determined as of the time the option with respect to such stock is granted. If the Code is amended to provide for a different limitation from that set forth in this Section, such different limitation shall be deemed incorporated herein effective as of the date and with respect to such Options as required or permitted by such amendment to the Code. If an Option is treated as an Incentive Stock Option in part and as a Nonstatutory Stock Option in part by reason of the limitation set forth in this Section, the Participant may designate which portion of such Option the Participant is exercising. In the absence of such designation, the Participant shall be deemed to have exercised the Incentive Stock Option portion of the Option first. Upon exercise, shares issued pursuant to each such portion shall be separately identified.

5.4 Award Limits.

(a) Aggregate Limit on Restricted Stock, Performance Shares and Performance Units. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, in no event shall more than One-Million Five-Hundred Thousand (1,500,000) shares of Stock in the aggregate be issued under the Plan pursuant to the exercise or settlement of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares and Performance Units.

(b) Section 162(m) Award Limits. The following limits shall apply to the grant of any Award if, at the time of grant, the Company is a “publicly held corporation” within the meaning of Section 162(m).

(i) Options and SARs. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted within any fiscal year of the Company one or more Options or Freestanding SARs which in the aggregate are for more than Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) shares of Stock, provided, however, that the Company may make an additional one-time grant to any newly-hired Employee of an Option and/or SAR for the purchase of up to an additional Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (250,000) shares of Stock. An Option which is canceled (or a Freestanding SAR as to which the exercise price is reduced to reflect a reduction in the Fair Market Value of the Stock) in the same fiscal year of the Company in which it was granted shall continue to be counted against such limit for such fiscal year.

(ii) Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted within any fiscal year of the Company one or more Restricted Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Units, subject to Vesting Conditions based on the attainment of Performance Goals, for more than Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares of Stock, provided, however, that the Company may make an additional one-time grant to any newly-hired Employee of a Restricted Stock Award or Restricted Stock Units of up to an additional One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of Stock.

(iii) Performance Shares and Performance Units. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted (A) Performance Shares which could result in such Employee receiving more than One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of Stock for each full fiscal year of the Company contained in the Performance Period for such Award, or (B) Performance Units which could result in such Employee receiving more than \$1,000,000 for each full fiscal year of the Company contained in the Performance Period for such Award. No Participant may be granted more than one Performance Share or Performance Unit for the same Performance Period.

(iv) Performance Bonus Awards. No Employee shall be paid a Performance Bonus Award pursuant to Section 10.6 which is greater than \$1,000,000 for each full fiscal year of the Company contained in the Performance Period for such award.

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS.

Options shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the number of shares of Stock covered thereby, in such form as the Board shall from time to time establish. No Option or purported Option shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing Options may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

6.1 Exercise Price. The exercise price for each Option shall be established in the discretion of the Board; provided, however, that (a) the exercise price per share for an Option shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the Option, (b) no Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Owner Participant shall have an exercise price per share less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the Option, and (c) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 6.1, in the case of an Indexed Option, the Board shall determine the exercise price of such Indexed Option and the terms and conditions that affect, if any, any adjustments to the exercise price of such Indexed Option. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option may be granted with an exercise price lower than the minimum exercise price set forth above if such Option is granted pursuant to an assumption or substitution for another option in a manner qualifying under the provisions of Section 424(a) of the Code.

6.2 Exercisability and Term of Options. Options shall be exercisable at such time or times, or upon such event or events, and subject to such terms, conditions, performance criteria and restrictions as shall be determined by the Board and set forth in the Award Agreement evidencing such Option; provided, however, that (a) no Option shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years after the effective date of grant of such Option, (b) no Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Owner shall be exercisable after the expiration of five (5) years after the effective date of grant of such Option, and (c) no Option granted to a prospective Employee, prospective Consultant or prospective Director may become exercisable prior to the date on which such person commences Service with a Participating Company. Subject to the foregoing, unless otherwise specified by the Board in the grant of an Option, any Option granted hereunder shall terminate ten (10) years after the effective date of grant of the Option, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its provisions.

6.3 Payment of Exercise Price.

(a) Forms of Consideration Authorized. Except as otherwise provided below, payment of the exercise price for the number of shares of Stock being purchased pursuant to any Option shall be made (i) in cash, by check or cash equivalent, (ii) by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of shares of Stock owned by the Participant having a Fair Market Value not less than the exercise price, (iii) by delivery of a properly executed notice of exercise together with irrevocable instructions to a broker providing for the assignment to the Company of the proceeds of a sale or loan with respect to some or all of the shares being acquired upon the exercise of the Option (including, without limitation, through an exercise complying with the provisions of Regulation T as promulgated from time to time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) (a "**Cashless Exercise**"), (iv) by delivery of a properly executed notice of exercise electing a Net-Exercise, (v) by such other consideration as may be approved by the Board from time to time to the extent permitted by applicable law, or (vi) by any combination thereof. The Board may at any time or from time to time, by approval of or by amendment to the standard forms of Award Agreement described in Section 12, or by other means, grant Options which do not permit all of the foregoing forms of consideration to be used in payment of the exercise price or which otherwise restrict one or more forms of consideration.

(b) Limitations on Forms of Consideration.

(i) Tender of Stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option may not be exercised by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of shares of Stock to the extent such tender or attestation would constitute a violation of the provisions of any law, regulation or agreement restricting the redemption of the Company's stock. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, an Option may not be exercised by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of shares of Stock unless such shares either have been owned by the Participant for more than six (6) months (and not used for another Option exercise by attestation during such period) or were not acquired, directly or indirectly, from the Company.

(ii) Cashless Exercise. The Company reserves, at any and all times, the right, in the Company's sole and absolute discretion, to establish, decline to approve or terminate any program or procedures for the exercise of Options by means of a Cashless Exercise, including with respect to one or more Participants specified by the Company notwithstanding that such program or procedures may be available to other Participants.

(iii) Net-Exercise. The Company reserves, at any and all times, the right, in the Company's sole and absolute discretion, to grant Incentive Stock Options, or to grant, or amend, any Nonstatutory Options to provide that such Options may be exercised by the means of a Net-Exercise, including with respect to one or more Participants specified by the Company notwithstanding that such program or procedures may be available to other Participants. No Option will be granted (or amended in the case of a Nonstatutory Stock Option) to permit a Net-Exercise prior to the effectiveness of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R.

6.4 Effect of Termination of Service. An Option shall be exercisable after a Participant's termination of Service to such extent and during such period as determined by the Board, in its discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement evidencing such Option.

6.5 Transferability of Options. During the lifetime of the Participant, an Option shall be exercisable only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative. Prior to the issuance of shares of Stock upon the exercise of an Option, the Option shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent permitted by the Board, in its discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement evidencing such Option, a Nonstatutory Stock Option shall be assignable or transferable subject to the applicable limitations, if any, described in the General Instructions to Form S-8 Registration Statement under the Securities Act. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Board may permit further transferability of any Option, on a general or specific basis, and may impose conditions and limitations on any permitted transferability.

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS.

Stock Appreciation Rights shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the number of shares of Stock subject to the Award, in such form as the Board shall from time to time establish. No SAR or purported SAR shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing SARs may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

7.1 Types of SARs Authorized. SARs may be granted in tandem with all or any portion of a related Option (a “**Tandem SAR**”) or may be granted independently of any Option (a “**Freestanding SAR**”). A Tandem SAR may be granted either concurrently with the grant of the related Option or at any time thereafter prior to the complete exercise, termination, expiration or cancellation of such related Option.

7.2 Exercise Price and Other Terms. The Board, subject to the provisions of the Plan, will have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of each SAR granted under the Plan; provided, however, that (a) the exercise price per share subject to a Tandem SAR shall be the exercise price per share under the related Option and (b) the exercise price per share subject to a Freestanding SAR shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the SAR.

7.3 Exercise of SARs. SARs will be exercisable on such terms and conditions as the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, will determine.

7.4 Award Agreement. Each SAR grant will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the exercise price, the term of the SAR, the conditions of exercise, and such other terms and conditions as the Board, in its sole discretion, will determine.

7.5 Expiration of SARs. Each SAR grant under the Plan will expire upon the date determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the requirements of Sections 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 also will apply to SARs to the extent not replaced or superseded by the terms of any Award Agreement.

8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS.

Restricted Stock Awards shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the number of shares of Stock subject to the Award, in such form as the Board shall from time to time establish. No Restricted Stock Award or purported Restricted Stock Award shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing Restricted Stock Awards may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

8.1 Grant of Restricted Stock. The Board is authorized to make Awards of Restricted Stock to any Participant selected by the Board in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Board.

8.2 Issuance and Restrictions. Restricted Stock Awards will be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions as the Board may impose (including, without limitation, limitations on the right to vote shares of Stock or the right to receive dividends on the Stock). These restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, pursuant to such circumstances, in such installments, or otherwise, as the Board determines at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter. The minimum period for such restrictions shall be a period of three (3) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing however, Restricted Stock Awards may become one hundred percent (100%) vested earlier than after the passage of three (3) years upon (i) the occurrence of a Change in Control, as provided in any applicable Award Agreement, or (ii) achievement of such the Awards applicable Performance Goals.

8.3 Forfeiture. Except as otherwise determined by the Board at the time of grant of the Award or thereafter, upon termination of Service during the applicable Restriction Period, Restricted Stock that is at that time subject to restrictions will be forfeited; provided, however, that the Board may (a) provide in any Restricted Stock Award Agreement that restrictions or forfeiture conditions will be waived in whole or in part in the event of terminations resulting from specified causes, and (b) in other cases waive in whole or in part restrictions or forfeiture conditions.

8.4 Voting Rights; Dividends and Distributions. Except as may be provided in any Award Agreement, during the Restriction Period applicable to shares subject to a Restricted Stock Award, the Participant shall have all of the rights of a stockholder of the Company holding shares of Stock, including the right to vote such shares and to receive all dividends and other distributions paid with respect to such shares. However, in the event of a dividend or distribution paid in shares of Stock or any other adjustment made upon a change in the capital structure of the Company as described in Section 4.2, then any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property (other than normal cash dividends) to which the Participant is entitled by reason of the Participant’s Restricted Stock Award shall be immediately subject to the same Vesting Conditions as the shares subject to the Restricted Stock Award with respect to which such dividends or distributions were paid or adjustments were made.

9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OTHER TYPES OF AWARDS.

Other types of Awards, such as Performance Shares, Performance Units, Deferred Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Stock-Based Awards and Performance Bonus Awards (collectively “**Other Types of Award**”) shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the type of Award and the number of shares of Stock subject to the Award, in such form as the Board shall from time to time establish. No Other Type of Award or purported Award shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing any Other Type of Award may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

9.1 Performance Shares. Any Participant selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Performance Share awards which will be denominated in a number of shares of Stock and which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Goals or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Committee, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee. In making such determinations, the Committee will consider (among other such factors as it deems relevant in light of the specific type of Award) the contributions, responsibilities and other compensation of the particular Participant.

9.2 Performance Units. Any Participant selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Performance Unit awards which will be denominated in units of value, which, without limitation, may include the dollar value of shares of Stock, and which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Goals or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Committee, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee. In making such determinations, the Committee will consider (among other such factors as it deems relevant in light of the specific type of Award) the contributions, responsibilities and other compensation of the particular Participant.

9.3 Deferred Stock. Any Participant selected by the Board may be granted an award of Deferred Stock in the manner determined from time to time by the Board. The number of shares of Deferred Stock will be determined by the Board and may be linked to the Performance Goals or other specific performance criteria determined to be appropriate by the Board, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Board. Stock underlying a Deferred Stock award will not be issued until the Deferred Stock award has vested, pursuant to a vesting schedule or performance criteria set by the Committee, or upon such settlement date as may be elected by the Participant. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, a Participant awarded Deferred Stock will have no rights as a Company stockholder with respect to such Deferred Stock until such time as the Award has vested and the Stock underlying such Award has been issued. In addition, Deferred Stock may be granted automatically with respect to such number of shares of Stock and upon such other terms and conditions as established by the Board in lieu of:

(a) cash or shares of Stock otherwise issuable to such Participant upon the exercise or settlement of a Restricted Stock Award or Performance Award; or

(b) any cash to be otherwise paid to the Participant in the form of salary, bonus, commissions, or such other compensation program maintained by the Company.

9.4 Restricted Stock Units. The Board is authorized to make Awards of Restricted Stock Units to any Participant selected by the Board in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Board. The number of Restricted Stock Units will be determined by the Board and may be linked to the Performance Goals or other specific performance criteria determined to be appropriate by the Board, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Board. At the time of grant, the Board will specify the date or dates on which the Restricted Stock Units will become fully vested and nonforfeitable, and may specify such conditions to vesting as it deems appropriate. At the time of grant, the Board will specify the settlement date applicable to each grant of Restricted Stock Units which will be no earlier than the vesting date or dates of the Award and may be determined at the election of the Participant. On the settlement date, the Company will transfer to the Participant either (i) one unrestricted, fully transferable share of Stock or (ii) cash equal to the value of one such share of Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit scheduled to be paid out on such date and which was not previously forfeited. The Board will specify the purchase price, if any, to be paid by the Participant to the Company for such shares of Stock.

9.5 Other Stock-Based Awards. Any Participant selected by the Board may be granted one or more awards that provide Participants with shares of Stock or the right to purchase shares of Stock or that have a value derived from the value of, or an exercise or conversion privilege at a price related to, or that are otherwise payable in shares of Stock and which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Goals or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Board, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Board. In making such determinations, the Board will consider (among such other factors as it deems relevant in light of the specific type of award) the contributions, responsibilities and other compensation to the particular Participant.

9.6 Performance Bonus Awards. Any Participant selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Performance-Based Award in the form of a cash bonus payable upon the attainment of Performance Goals that are established by the Committee, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee. Any such Performance Bonus Award paid to a Covered Employee will be based upon objectively determinable bonus formulas established in accordance with Section 11.

9.7 Term of Other Type Awards. Except as otherwise provided herein, the term of any Other Type Award will be set by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion and set forth in any applicable Award Agreement.

9.8 Exercise or Purchase Price. The Board may establish the exercise or purchase price, if any, of any Other Type Award; provided, however, that such price will not be less than the par value of a share of Stock on the date of grant, unless otherwise permitted by applicable law.

9.9 Exercise Upon Termination of Service. Any Other Type of Award will only be exercisable or payable while the Participant is an Employee, Consultant or Director, as applicable; provided, however, that the Board in its sole and absolute discretion may provide that any Other Type of Award may be exercised or paid subsequent to a termination of Service, as applicable, or following a Change in Control, or because of the Participant's retirement, death or disability, or otherwise; provided, however, that any such provision with respect to Performance Shares, Performance Units or Performance Bonus Awards will be subject to the requirements of Section 162(m) that apply to such award and/or compensation.

9.10 Form of Payment. Payments with respect to any Other Type of Award will be made in cash, in Stock or a combination of both, as determined by the Board and as set forth in any applicable Award Agreement.

9.11 Award Agreement. All Other Types of Awards will be subject to such additional terms and conditions as determined by the Board and will be evidenced by a written Award Agreement.

9.12 Voting Rights; Dividend Equivalent Rights and Distributions. Participants shall have no voting rights with respect to shares of Stock represented by any Other Type of Award until the date of the issuance of such shares, if any (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company). However, the Board, in its discretion, may provide in the Award Agreement evidencing any Other Type of Award that the Participant shall be entitled to receive Dividend Equivalents with respect to the payment of cash dividends on Stock having a record date prior to the date on which such shares of Stock underlying any such award are settled or forfeited. Such Dividend Equivalents, if any, shall be credited to the Participant in the form of additional whole shares of Stock, or such cash equivalent, depending on the type of award, as of the date of payment of such cash dividends on Stock. The number of additional shares of Stock (rounded to the nearest whole number) to be so credited shall be determined by dividing (a) the amount of cash dividends paid on such date with respect to the number of shares of Stock represented by the shares of Stock underlying such award previously credited to the Participant by (b) the Fair Market Value per share of Stock on such date. Dividend Equivalents may be paid currently or may be accumulated and paid to the extent that such award becomes nonforfeitable, as determined by the Board. Settlement of Dividend Equivalents may be made in cash, shares of Stock, or a combination thereof as determined by the Board, and may be paid on the same basis as settlement of the related award. In the event of a dividend or distribution paid in shares of Stock or any other adjustment made upon a change in the capital structure of the Company as described in Section 4.2, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the Participant's Other Type of Awards so that it represents the right to receive upon settlement any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property (other than normal cash dividends) to which the Participant would be entitled by reason of the shares of Stock issuable upon settlement of the award, and all such new, substituted or additional securities or other property shall be immediately subject to the same Performance Goals as are applicable to the Award.

9.13 Nontransferability of Awards. Prior to settlement or payment of any Other Type of Award in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, no such award shall be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. All rights with respect to such award granted to a Participant hereunder shall be exercisable during his or her lifetime only by such Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative.

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY PERFORMANCE-BASED AWARD.

10.1 Purpose. The purpose of this Section 11 is to provide the Committee the ability to qualify Awards (other than Options and SARs) that are granted pursuant to Sections 9 and 10 as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). If the Committee, in its discretion, decides to grant a Performance-Based Award subject to Performance Goals to a Covered Employee, the provisions of this Section 11 will control over any contrary provision in the Plan; provided, however, that the Committee may in its discretion grant Awards to such Covered Employees that are based on Performance Goals or other specific criteria or goals but that do not satisfy the requirements of this Section 11.

10.2 Applicability. This Section 11 will apply to those Covered Employees which are selected by the Committee to receive any Award subject to Performance Goals. The designation of a Covered Employee as being subject to Section 162(m) will not in any manner entitle the Covered Employee to receive an Award under the Plan. Moreover, designation of a Covered Employee subject to Section 162(m) for a particular Performance Period will not

require designation of such Covered Employee in any subsequent Performance Period and designation of one Covered Employee will not require designation of any other Covered Employee in such period or in any other period.

10.3 Procedures with Respect to Performance Based Awards. To the extent necessary to comply with the performance-based compensation of Section 162(m), with respect to any Award granted subject to Performance Goals, no later than ninety (90) days following the commencement of any fiscal year in question or any other designated fiscal period or period of service (or such other time as may be required or permitted by Section 162(m)), the Committee will, in writing, (a) designate one or more Participants who are Covered Employees, (b) select the Performance Goals applicable to the Performance Period, (c) establish the Performance Goals, and amounts of such Awards, as applicable, which may be earned for such Performance Period, and (d) specify the relationship between Performance Goals and the amounts of such Awards, as applicable, to be earned by each Covered Employee for such Performance Period. Following the completion of each Performance Period, the Committee will certify in writing whether the applicable Performance Goals have been achieved for such Performance Period. In determining the amounts earned by a Covered Employee, the Committee will have the right to reduce or eliminate (but not to increase) the amount payable at a given level of performance to take into account additional factors that the Committee may deem relevant to the assessment of individual or corporate performance for the Performance Period.

10.4 Payment of Performance Based Awards. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, a Covered Employee must be employed by the Participating Company Group on the day a Performance-Based Award for such Performance Period is paid to the Covered Employee. Furthermore, a Covered Employee will be eligible to receive payment pursuant to a Performance-Based Award for a Performance Period only if the Performance Goals for such period are achieved.

10.5 Additional Limitations. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, any Award which is granted to a Covered Employee and is intended to constitute qualified performance based compensation under Section 162(m) will be subject to any additional limitations set forth in the Code (including any amendment to Section 162(m) or any regulations and ruling issued thereunder that are requirements for qualification as qualified performance-based compensation as described in Section 162(m), and the Plan will be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such requirements.

11. STANDARD FORMS OF AWARD AGREEMENT.

11.1 Award Agreements. Each Award shall comply with and be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the appropriate form of Award Agreement approved by the Board and as amended from time to time. Any Award Agreement may consist of an appropriate form of Notice of Grant and a form of Agreement incorporated therein by reference, or such other form or forms as the Board may approve from time to time.

11.2 Authority to Vary Terms. The Board shall have the authority from time to time to vary the terms of any standard form of Award Agreement either in connection with the grant or amendment of an individual Award or in connection with the authorization of a new standard form or forms; provided, however, that the terms and conditions of any such new, revised or amended standard form or forms of Award Agreement are not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan.

12. CHANGE IN CONTROL.

12.1 Definitions.

(a) An **“Ownership Change Event”** shall be deemed to have occurred if any of the following occurs with respect to the Company: (i) the direct or indirect sale or exchange in a single or series of related transactions by the stockholders of the Company of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock of the Company; (ii) a merger or consolidation in which the Company is a party; (iii) the sale, exchange, or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (other than a sale, exchange or transfer to one or more subsidiaries of the Company); or (iv) a liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(b) A **“Change in Control”** shall mean an Ownership Change Event or a series of related Ownership Change Events (collectively, a **“Transaction”**) in which the stockholders of the Company immediately before the Transaction do not retain immediately after the Transaction, in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of shares of the Company’s voting stock immediately before the Transaction, direct or indirect beneficial ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the Company or, in the case of an Ownership Change Event described in Section 13.1(a)(iii), the entity to which the assets of the Company were transferred (the **“Transferee”**), as the case may be. For purposes of the preceding sentence, indirect beneficial ownership shall include, without limitation, an interest resulting from ownership of the voting securities of one or more corporations or other business entities which own the Company or the Transferee, as the case may be, either directly or through one or more subsidiary corporations or other business entities. The Board shall have the right to determine whether multiple sales or exchanges of the voting securities of the Company or multiple Ownership Change Events are related, and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

12.2 Effect of Change in Control on Options and SARs.

(a) **Accelerated Vesting.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Board, in its sole discretion, may provide in any Award Agreement or, in the event of a Change in Control, may take such actions as it deems appropriate to provide for the acceleration of the exercisability and vesting in connection with such Change in Control of any or all outstanding Options and SARs and shares acquired upon the exercise of such Options and SARs upon such conditions and to such extent as the Board shall determine.

(b) **Assumption or Substitution.** In the event of a Change in Control, the Acquiring Corporation may, without the consent of the Participant, either assume the Company’s rights and obligations under outstanding Options and SARs or substitute for outstanding Options and SARs substantially equivalent options and stock appreciation rights for the Acquiring Corporation’s stock. In the event that the Acquiring Corporation elects not to assume or substitute for outstanding Options and SARs in connection with a Change in Control, or if the Acquiring Corporation is not a “publicly held corporation” within the meaning of Section 162(m), the exercisability and vesting of each such outstanding Option, SAR and any shares acquired upon the exercise thereof held by a Participant whose Service has not terminated prior to such date shall be accelerated, effective as of the date ten (10) days prior to the date of the Change in Control. The exercise or vesting of any Option, SAR and any shares acquired upon the exercise thereof that was permissible solely by reason of this Section 13.2 and the provisions of such applicable Award Agreement shall be conditioned upon the consummation of the Change in Control. Any Options and SARs which are neither assumed or substituted for by the Acquiring Corporation in connection with the Change in Control nor exercised as of the date of the Change in Control shall terminate and cease to be outstanding effective as of the date of the Change in Control. Notwithstanding the foregoing, shares acquired upon exercise of an Option prior to the Change in Control and any consideration received pursuant to the Change in Control with respect to such shares shall continue to be subject to all applicable provisions of the applicable Award Agreement evidencing such Option or SAR except as otherwise provided in such applicable Award Agreement. Furthermore, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the corporation the stock of which is subject to the outstanding Options and SARs immediately prior to an Ownership Change Event described in Section 13.1(a)(i) constituting a Change in Control is the surviving or continuing corporation and immediately after such Ownership Change Event less than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of its voting stock is held by another corporation or by other corporations that are members of an affiliated group within the meaning of Section 1504(a) of the

Code without regard to the provisions of Section 1504(b) of the Code, the outstanding Options and SARs shall not terminate unless the Board otherwise provides in its discretion.

(c) Cash-Out. The Board may, in its sole discretion and without the consent of any Participant, determine that, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, each or any Option or SAR outstanding immediately prior to the Change in Control shall be canceled in exchange for a payment with respect to each vested share of Stock subject to such canceled Option or SAR in (i) cash, (ii) stock of the Company or of a corporation or other business entity a party to the Change in Control, or (iii) other property which, in any such case, shall be in an amount having a Fair Market Value equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of the consideration to be paid per share of Stock in the Change in Control over the exercise price per share under such Option or SAR (the “**Spread**”). In the event such determination is made by the Board, the Spread (reduced by applicable withholding taxes, if any) shall be paid to Participants in respect of their canceled Options and SARs as soon as practicable following the date of the Change in Control.

12.3 Effect of Change in Control on Restricted Stock and Other Type of Awards. The Board may, in its discretion, provide in any Award Agreement evidencing a Restricted Stock or Other Type of Award that, in the event of a Change in Control, the lapsing of any applicable Vesting Condition, Restriction Period or Performance Goal applicable to the shares subject to such Award held by a Participant whose Service has not terminated prior to the Change in Control shall be accelerated and/or waived effective immediately prior to the consummation of the Change in Control to such extent as specified in such Award Agreement. Any acceleration, waiver or the lapsing of any restriction that was permissible solely by reason of this Section 12.3 and the provisions of such Award Agreement shall be conditioned upon the consummation of the Change in Control.

13. PROVISION OF INFORMATION.

Each Participant shall be given access to information concerning the Company equivalent to that information generally made available to the Company’s common stockholders.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITIES LAW.

The grant of Options and the issuance of shares of Stock upon exercise of Options shall be subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state and foreign law with respect to such securities. Options may not be exercised if the issuance of shares of Stock upon exercise would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Stock may then be listed. In addition, no Option may be exercised unless (a) a registration statement under the Securities Act shall at the time of exercise of the Option be in effect with respect to the shares issuable upon exercise of the Option or (b) in the opinion of legal counsel to the Company, the shares issuable upon exercise of the Option may be issued in accordance with the terms of an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company’s legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any shares hereunder shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the exercise of any Option, the Company may require the Participant to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

15. TAX WITHHOLDING.

15.1 Tax Withholding in General. The Company shall have the right to deduct from any and all payments made under the Plan, or to require the Participant, through payroll withholding, cash payment or otherwise, including by means of a Cashless Exercise of an Option, to make adequate provision for, the federal, state, local and foreign taxes, if any, required by law to be withheld by the Participating Company Group with respect to an Award or the shares acquired pursuant thereto. The Company shall have no obligation to deliver shares of Stock, to release shares of Stock from an escrow established pursuant to an Award Agreement, or to make any payment in cash under the Plan until the Participating Company Group’s tax withholding obligations have been satisfied by the Participant.

15.2 Withholding in Shares. The Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to deduct from the shares of Stock issuable to a Participant upon the exercise or settlement of an Award, or to accept from the Participant the tender of, a number of whole shares of Stock having a Fair Market Value, as determined by the Company, equal to all or any part of the tax withholding obligations of the Participating Company Group. The Fair Market Value of any shares of Stock withheld or tendered to satisfy any such tax withholding obligations shall not exceed the amount determined by the applicable minimum statutory withholding rates.

16. TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF PLAN.

The Board may terminate or amend the Plan at any time. However, subject to changes in applicable law, regulations or rules that would permit otherwise, without the approval of the Company’s stockholders, there shall be (a) no increase in the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan (except by operation of the provisions of Section 4.2), (b) no change in the class of persons eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options, and (c) no other amendment of the Plan that would require approval of the Company’s stockholders under any applicable law, regulation or rule. No termination or amendment of the Plan shall affect any then outstanding Option unless expressly provided by the Board. In any event, no termination or amendment of the Plan may adversely affect any then outstanding Option without the consent of the Participant, unless such termination or amendment is required to enable an Option designated as an Incentive Stock Option to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option or is necessary to comply with any applicable law, regulation or rule.

17. STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL.

The Plan or any increase in the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock issuable thereunder as provided in Section 4.1 (the “**Authorized Shares**”) shall be approved by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months of the date of adoption thereof by the Board. Options granted prior to stockholder approval of the Plan or in excess of the Authorized Shares previously approved by the stockholders shall become exercisable no earlier than the date of stockholder approval of the Plan or such increase in the Authorized Shares, as the case may be.