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## INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(C) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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#### **DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.**

2151 LeJeune Road, Suite 150, Mezzanine Coral Gables, Florida 33134

#### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDER ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT

Dear Stockholders:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the board of directors of Dolphin Digital Media, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("we", "us" or "Company"), and the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our issued and outstanding common stock, par value \$0.015 per share ("Common Stock"), pursuant to a written consent in lieu of a meeting in accordance with our certificate of incorporation and Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Sections 78.315 and 78.320, approved (i) an amendment to the articles of incorporation of the Company (the "Company Articles") to increase the number of authorized shares of Company common stock to 200,000,000 shares (the "Increase in Authorized"); and (ii) the 2012 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan").

#### WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY.

The accompanying Information Statement, which describes the above corporate actions in more detail, is being furnished to our stockholders for informational purposes only pursuant to Section 14(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations prescribed thereunder. Pursuant to Rule 14c-2 under the Exchange Act, the corporate action will not be effective until twenty calendar days after the mailing of the Information Statement to our stockholders. The Company anticipates effectuating the Increase in Authorized through the filing of a Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State of Nevada immediately after the tolling of the twenty calendar day period. A copy of the Certificate of Amendment is attached to the Information Statement as Annex A. A copy of the Incentive Compensation Plan is attached to the Information Statement as Annex B.

I encourage you to read the enclosed Information Statement, which is being provided to all of our stockholders. It describes the proposed corporate actions in detail.

Sincerely,

/s/ William O'Dowd IV
WILLIAM O'DOWD IV
Chief Executive Officer

This Information Statement is dated September 28, 2012, and is first being mailed to stockholders of record of the Company on October 3, 2012.

#### **DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.**

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INFORMATION STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(C)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AND RULE 14C-2 THEREUNDER

NO VOTE OR ACTION OF THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS
IS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION STATEMENT

#### WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY

We are distributing this Information Statement to stockholders of Dolphin Digital Media, Inc. (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "we", "us", "Company" or "Dolphin") in full satisfaction of any notice requirements we may have under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS"). No additional action will be undertaken by us with respect to the receipt of written consents, and no dissenters' rights under the NRS are afforded to our stockholders as a result of the corporate actions described in this Information Statement. The record date for determining the stockholders entitled to receive this Information Statement has been established as of the close of business on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (the "Record Date").

#### **OUTSTANDING VOTING SECURITIES**

As of the Record Date, we had issued and outstanding 81,892,352 shares of common stock, par value \$0.015 per share (the "Common Stock"), such shares constituting all of the Company's issued and outstanding capital stock.

The NRS and our Articles of Incorporation (the 'Company Articles') permit the holders of a majority of the shares of the our outstanding Common Stock to approve and authorize actions by written consent as if the action were undertaken at a duly constituted meeting of the stockholders of the Company. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, our board of directors consented in writing without a meeting to the matters described herein, and recommended that the matters described herein be presented to the stockholders for approval. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the holder of an aggregate of 41,765,100 shares of Common Stock (the Consenting Stockholders), representing approximately 51.00% of the total shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on the matters set forth herein, consented in writing without a meeting to the matters described herein. These 41,765,100 are held by William O'Dowd IV, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **CORPORATE ACTIONS**

The corporate actions described in this Information Statement will not afford stockholders the opportunity to dissent from the actions described herein or to receive an agreed or judicially appraised value for their shares.

Our board of directors and the Consenting Stockholder have consented to (i) an amendment to the Company Articles to increase the number of authorized shares of Company common stock to 200,000,000 shares (the "Increase in Authorized"); and (ii) the 2012 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Incentive Compensation Plan").

We will pay the expenses of furnishing this Information Statement to our stockholders, including the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing this Information Statement.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

To the Company's knowledge, the following table sets forth information with respect to beneficial ownership of outstanding common stock as of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, by:

- each person known by the Company to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock;
- each of the Company's named executive officers;
- each of the Company's directors; and
- all of the Company's executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities as well as securities which the individual or group has the right to acquire within 60 days of the original filing of this Information Statement. Unless otherwise indicated, the address for those listed below is c/o DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC., 2151 LeJeune Road, Suite 150, Mezzanine, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. Except as indicated by footnote, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them. The number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding used in calculating the percentage for each listed person includes the shares of Common Stock underlying options or other convertible securities held by such persons that are exercisable within 60 days of September 19, 2012, but excludes shares of Common Stock underlying options or other convertible securities held by any other person. The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of September 19, 2012, was 81,892,352. Except as noted otherwise, the amounts reflected below are based upon information provided to the Company and filings with the SEC.

	# OF		
	SHARES OF	SHARES OF	
	COMMON	PERCENTAGE	
	STOCK	OF	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER (1)	OWNED	CLASS	
William O'Dowd, IV	41,765,100	51.0%	
Michael Espensen	0	*	
T Squared Investments LLC (2,4)	24,753,963	24.68%	
Strocar Investments LLC (3,4)	8,422,000	9.47%	
All Directors and Named Executive Officers as a Group (2 persons)	41,765,100	51.0%	

- \* Less than 1%
- 1) Unless otherwise indicated in point (2) below, the address of each stockholder is c/o Dolphin Digital Media, Inc., 2151 LeJeune Road, Suite 150, Mezzanine, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134.
- 2) Mark Jensen and Thomas M. Sauve are both principals of T Squared Investments LLC (1325 Sixth Avenue, Floor 27, New York, NY 10019). Includes: (i) 4,171,012 shares issuable upon conversion of 1,042,753 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock; (ii) 231,000 shares issuable upon exercise of a common stock purchase warrant with an exercise price of \$0.0001 per share (the "Class D Warrant"); (iii) 7,000,000 shares issuable upon exercise of a common stock purchase warrant with an exercise price of \$0.0179 per share (the "Class E Warrant"); (iv) 7,000,000 shares issuable upon exercise of a common stock purchase warrant with an exercise price of \$0.25 per share (the "Class F Warrant"); (v) 164,000 shares held by Westside Capital LLC an entity controlled by Mark C. Jensen and Thomas M. Sauve; and (vi) 498,150 shares held by Mark C. Jensen and Thomas M. Sauve individually. The Series A Preferred Stock, Class D Warrant, Class E Warrant, and Class F Warrant contain provisions that prevent conversions/exercises to common stock to the extent that after giving effect to such conversion/exercise, the holder (together with the holder's affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 9.99% of the number of shares of the common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such conversion/exercise.
- 3) Stephen Perrone is a Manager of Strocar Investments LLC (4450 US Highway #1, Vero Beach, FL 32967). Includes: (i) 7,000,000 shares issuable upon exercise of a common stock purchase warrant with an exercise price of \$0.25 per share (the "Class F Warrant"); (ii) 400,000 shares held by BODVEST Investments LLC of which Stephen L. Perrone is a Member; and (iii) 22,000 shares held by Stephen Perrone individually. The Class F Warrant contain provisions that prevent exercises to common stock to the extent that after giving effect to such exercise, the holder (together with the holder's affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 9.99% of the number of shares of the common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise.

4) Upon exercise of the Class E Warrants and Class F Warrants T Squared Investments LLC and Strocar Investments LLC have irrevocably granted to William O'Dowd, IV and any individual designated in writing by him to vote the Common Shares underlying these Warrants, upon issuance, at any meeting of the shareholders of the Company or otherwise.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS MAY PROVE INACCURATE

This Information Statement contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such statements are based on current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about the Company and its industry. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, levels of activity, performance, achievements and prospects to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future. The Company believes that such statements are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Actual outcomes are dependent upon many factors. Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "hopes," "targets" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Information Statement, and in the case of documents incorporated by reference, as of the date of those documents. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or release any revisions to any forward-looking statements or to report any events or circumstances after the date of this Information Statement or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

#### **INCREASE IN AUTHORIZED**

#### General

The Board of Directors has unanimously approved and declared advisable, and stockholders holding a majority of the issued and outstanding Common Stock have approved via written consent, an amendment to the Company Articles to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock, \$0.015 par value, to 200,000,000 shares.

The following table summarizes the shares of Company Common Stock outstanding and the shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Incentive Compensation Plan of the Company, as well as the shares of Company common stock that must be reserved for issuance upon conversion of the Preferred Stock and the shares of Company common stock that must be reserved for issuance upon exercise of the Warrants.

	September 19,	After Increase in Authorized And Incentive Compensation
Company Common Stock – Shares:	2012	Plan
Outstanding	81,892,352	81,892,352
Reserved for Issuance under outstanding warrants and convertible Preferred	13,755,277 <sub>(1)</sub>	27,755,277 <sup>(2)</sup>
Potential outstanding	95,647,629	109,647,629
Available for future issuance	4,352,371	90,352,371
Reserved for Issuance under Incentive Compensation Plan	0	10,000,000
Total authorized	100,000,000	200,000,000
Shares available for issuance as a percentage of potential shares outstanding	4.35%	45.18%

- (1) The September 19th, 2012 column does not include the Warrant F representing 14,000,000 of the Warrants outstanding. These warrants have a clause whereby they cannot be exercised until the Increase in Authorized is effective.
- (2) Includes 14,000,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrant F.

The increase in the number of authorized shares of Company Common Stock would become effective upon the filing of the articles of amendment to the Company Articles with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, which will occur twenty calendar days after the mailing of the Information Statement to our stockholders, on approximately October 3, 2012.

#### Purpose of Increasing Authorized Shares of Company Common Stock

The purpose of increasing the authorized number of shares of Company Common Stock is to provide for a sufficient number of authorized shares to permit the full conversion of all outstanding convertible securities and to allow the flexibility for future equity financings to raise funds to support the intended growth of the Company's business, including through strategic acquisitions. The Warrant F, which is currently outstanding and represents 14,000,000 shares underlying such warrants, have a clause whereby they cannot be exercised by the holders until the Increase in Authorized is effective.

#### **Effect of Proposal**

If this Proposal is approved, there will be a sufficient number of shares of Company Common Stock to permit the full conversion of all outstanding convertible securities and to provide adequate financing flexibility to support the Company's plan to grow its business for the foreseeable future. Other than disclosed in this Information Statement, we do not currently have any material commitments which would require the issuance of additional shares of Company Common Stock.

The Board of Directors does not believe that an increase in the number of authorized shares of Company Common Stock, without more, will have a significant impact on the market price of our Common Stock. The availability of significant authorized but unissued shares of Company Common Stock will however give the Company the flexibility to issue additional common equity and cause additional dilution without further approval of stockholders. The Board of Directors believes, however, that this additional flexibility is warranted and in the best interests of stockholders, as it would facilitate execution of future financings and strategic acquisitions and thereby facilitate the growth of the Company's business.

The adoption of the proposed amendment will result in a greater number of shares of common stock available for issuance. Shareholders could therefore experience a reduction in their shareholder's interest with respect to earnings per share, if any, voting, liquidation value and book and market value per share if the additional authorized shares are issued other than through a proportional issuance such as a stock split or stock dividend.

The increase in the authorized number of shares of common stock and the subsequent issuance of such shares could also have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of the Company, without further action by the shareholders. Shares of authorized and unissued common stock can be used (with limits imposed by applicable law) in one or more transactions which would make a change of control of the Company more difficult and therefore less likely. Any such issuance of additional stock could have the effect of diluting the earnings per share and the book value per share of outstanding shares of common stock and could be used to dilute the stock ownership or voting rights of a person seeking to obtain control of the Company.

#### **INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN**

#### General

The Board of Directors has unanimously approved and declared advisable, and stockholders holding a majority of the issued and outstanding Common Stock have approved via written consent, the consummation of the Incentive Compensation Plan. Our Board of Directors has approved the Incentive Compensation Plan as a flexible omnibus incentive compensation plan that would allow us to use different forms of compensation awards to attract, retain and reward eligible participants under the Incentive Compensation Plan and strengthen the mutuality of interests between management and our stockholders. The purpose of the Incentive Compensation Plan would be to promote the interests of the Company and our stockholders by (1) attracting and retaining exceptional directors, officers, employees and consultants (including prospective directors, officers, employees and consultants) and (2) enabling such individuals to participate in our long-term growth and financial success.

Set forth below is a summary of the Incentive Compensation Plan, which is qualified in its entirety by the specific language of the Incentive Compensation Plan which is filed herewith as Annex B to this information statement and incorporated by reference herein.

#### **Summary of the Incentive Compensation Plan**

#### Types of Awards

The Incentive Compensation Plan would provide for the grant of options intended to qualify as incentive stock options ("ISOs") under Section 422 of the Code, nonqualified stock options ("NSOs"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted share awards, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance compensation awards, performance units, cash incentive awards, deferred share units and other equity-based and equity-related awards, as well as cash-based awards.

#### Plan Administration

The Incentive Compensation Plan would be administered by our Board of Directors or a committee designated by our Board of Directors to administer the Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Committee"). Subject to the terms of the Incentive Compensation Plan and applicable law, the Committee would have sole authority to administer the Incentive Compensation Plan, including, but not limited to, the authority to (1) designate plan participants, (2) determine the type or types of awards to be granted to a participant, (3) determine the number of shares of our common stock to be covered by awards, (4) determine the terms and conditions of awards, (5) determine the vesting schedules of awards and, if certain performance criteria were required to be attained in order for an award to vest or be settled or paid, establish such performance criteria and certify whether, and to what extent, such performance criteria have been attained, (6) interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any default in and/or supply any omission in, the Incentive Compensation Plan, (7) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it should deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Incentive Compensation Plan, (8) accelerate the vesting or exercisability of, payment for or lapse of restrictions on, awards, and (9) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deemed necessary or desirable for the administration of the Incentive Compensation Plan.

#### Shares Available For Awards

Subject to adjustment for changes in capitalization, the aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock that available to be delivered pursuant to awards granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan is 10,000,000. Upon exercise of a stocksettled SAR, the maximum aggregate number of shares available under the Incentive Compensation Plan would be reduced by the actual number of shares delivered upon settlement of such stock-settled SAR. Awards that are settled in cash would not reduce the number of shares available for delivery under the Incentive Compensation Plan. If, after the effective date of the Incentive Compensation Plan, any award granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan were forfeited, or otherwise expired, terminated or were canceled without the delivery of all shares subject thereto, or were settled other than by the delivery of shares (including cash settlement), then the number of shares subject to such award that were not issued would not be treated as issued for purposes of reducing the maximum aggregate number of shares that may be delivered pursuant the Incentive Compensation Plan. In addition, shares that were surrendered or tendered to us in payment of the exercise price of an award or any taxes required to be withheld in respect of an award would become available again to be delivered pursuant to awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan, provided that such surrendered or tendered shares would not increase the number of shares that may be delivered pursuant to ISOs under the Incentive Compensation Plan. Subject to adjustment for changes in capitalization the maximum number of shares of our common stock that would be available to be granted pursuant to awards to any participant in the Incentive Compensation Plan in any fiscal year would be 1,000,000. In the case of awards settled in cash based on the fair market value of a share, the maximum aggregate amount of cash that would be permitted to be paid pursuant to awards granted to any participant in the Incentive Compensation Plan in any fiscal year would be equal to the per-share fair market value as of the relevant vesting, payment or settlement date multiplied by the maximum number of shares which could be granted, as described above. The maximum aggregate amount of cash and other property (valued at fair market value) that would be permitted to be paid or delivered pursuant to awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan (other than as described in the two immediately preceding sentences) to any participant in any fiscal year would be \$250,000.

#### Changes in Capitalization

In the event of any extraordinary dividend or other extraordinary distribution, recapitalization, rights offering, stock split, reverse stock split, split-up or spin-off affecting the shares of our common stock, the Committee would make equitable adjustments and other substitutions to awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan in the manner it determined to be appropriate or desirable. In the event of any reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, repurchase or exchange of our common stock or other similar corporate transactions, the Committee in its discretion would be permitted to make such adjustments and other substitutions to the Incentive Compensation Plan and awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan as it deemed appropriate or desirable.

#### Substitute Awards

The Committee would be permitted to grant awards in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by us or any of our affiliates or a company that we acquired or with which we combined. Any shares issued by us through the assumption of or substitution for outstanding awards granted by a company that we acquired would not reduce the aggregate number of shares of our common stock available for awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan, except that awards issued in substitution for ISOs would reduce the number of shares of our common stock available for ISOs under the Incentive Compensation Plan.

#### Source of Shares

Any shares of our common stock issued under the Incentive Compensation Plan would consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares or of treasury shares.

#### Eligible Participants

Any director, officer, employee or consultant (including any prospective director, officer, employee or consultant) of us or our affiliates would be eligible to participate in the Incentive Compensation Plan. The Company currently expects that awards will be available to all employees and non-employee directors (of whom there is currently one eligible director).

#### Stock Options

The Committee would be permitted to grant both ISOs and NSOs under the Incentive Compensation Plan. The exercise price for options would not be less than the fair market value (as defined in the Incentive Compensation Plan) of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The Committee would not reprice any option granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan without the approval of our stockholders. All options granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan would be NSOs unless the applicable award agreement expressly stated that the option was intended to be an ISO. Under the proposed Incentive Compensation Plan, all ISOs and NSOs would be intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan and the applicable award agreement, the Committee would determine, at or after the grant of an option, the vesting criteria, term, methods of exercise and any other terms and conditions of any option. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable award agreement, each option would expire upon the earlier of (i) the tenth anniversary of the date the option was granted and (ii) three months after the participant who was holding the option ceased to be a director, officer, employee or consultant for us or one of our affiliates. The exercise price would be permitted to be paid with cash (or its equivalent) or, in the sole discretion of the Committee, with previously acquired shares of our common stock or through delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell our common stock otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the option (provided that there was a public market for our common stock at such time), or, in the sole discretion of the Committee, a combination of any of the foregoing, provided that the combined value of all cash and cash equivalents and the fair market value of any such shares so tendered to us as of the date of such tender, together with any shares withheld by us in respect of taxes relating to an option, was at least equal to such aggregate exercise price.

#### Stock Appreciation Rights

The Committee would be permitted to grant SARs under the Incentive Compensation Plan. The exercise price for SARs would not be less than the fair market value (as defined in the Incentive Compensation Plan) of our common stock on the grant date. The Committee would not reprice any SAR granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan without the approval of our stockholders. Upon exercise of a SAR, the holder would receive cash, shares of our common stock, other securities, other awards, other property or a combination of any of the foregoing, as determined by the Committee, equal in value to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of exercise of the SAR over the exercise price of the SAR. Under the Incentive Compensation Plan, all SARs would be intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan and the applicable award agreement, the Committee would determine, at or after the grant of a SAR, the vesting criteria, term, methods of exercise, methods and form of settlement and any other terms and conditions of any SAR. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable award agreement, each SAR would expire upon the earlier of (i) the tenth anniversary of the date the SAR was granted and (ii) three months after the participant who was holding the SAR ceased to be a director, officer, employee or consultant for us or one of our affiliates. Under certain circumstances, the Committee would have the ability to substitute, without the consent of the affected participant, SARs for outstanding NSOs. No SAR granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan could be exercised more than 10 years after the date of grant.

#### Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units

Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan, the Committee would be permitted to grant restricted shares and RSUs. Restricted shares and RSUs would not be permitted to be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered except as provided in the Incentive Compensation Plan or the applicable award agreement, except that the Committee could determine that restricted shares and RSUs would be permitted to be transferred by the participant for no consideration. Restricted shares could be evidenced in such manner as the Committee would determine.

An RSU would be granted with respect to one share of the Company's common stock or have a value equal to the fair market value of one such share. Upon the lapse of restrictions applicable to an RSU, the RSU could be paid in cash, shares of our common stock, other securities, other awards or other property, as determined by the Committee, or in accordance with the applicable award agreement. In connection with each grant of restricted shares, except as provided in the applicable award agreement, the holder would be entitled to the rights of a stockholder (including the right to vote and receive dividends) in respect of such restricted shares. The Committee would be permitted to, on such terms and conditions as it might determine, provide a participant who holds RSUs with dividend equivalents, payable in cash, shares of our common stock, other securities, other awards or other property. If a restricted share or RSU were intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the requirements described below in "Performance Compensation Awards" would be required to be satisfied in order for such restricted share or RSU to be granted or vest.

#### Performance Units

Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan, the Committee would be permitted to grant performance units to participants. Performance units would be awards with an initial value established by the Committee (or that was determined by reference to a valuation formula specified by the Committee) at the time of the grant. In its discretion, the Committee would set performance goals that, depending on the extent to which they were met during a specified performance period, would determine the number and/or value of performance units that would be paid out to the participant. The Committee, in its sole discretion, would be permitted to pay earned performance units in the form of cash, shares of our common stock or any combination thereof that would have an aggregate fair market value equal to the value of the earned performance units at the close of the applicable performance period. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form and timing of payout of performance units would be set forth in the applicable award agreement. The Committee would be permitted to, on such terms and conditions as it might determine, provide a participant who holds performance units with dividends or dividend equivalents, payable in cash, shares of our common stock, other securities, other awards or other property. If a performance unit were intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the requirements below described in "Performance Compensation Awards" would be required to be satisfied.

#### Cash Incentive Awards

Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan, the Committee would be permitted to grant cash incentive awards to participants. In its discretion, the Committee would determine the number of cash incentive awards to be awarded, the duration of the period which, and any condition under which, the cash incentive awards would vest or be forfeited, and any other terms and conditions applicable to the cash incentive awards. Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan, the holder of a cash incentive award would receive payment based on the number and value of the cash incentive award earned, which would be determined by the Committee, in its discretion, based on the extent to which performance goals or other conditions applicable to the cash incentive award have been achieved. If a cash incentive award were intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the requirements described below in "Performance Compensation Awards" would be required to be satisfied.

#### Other Stock-Based Awards

Subject to the provisions of the Incentive Compensation Plan, the Committee would be permitted to grant to participants other equity-based or equity-related compensation awards, including vested stock. The Committee would be permitted to determine the amounts and terms and conditions of any such awards. If such an award were intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the requirements described below in "Performance Compensation Awards" would be required to be satisfied.

#### **Performance Compensation Awards**

The Committee would be permitted to designate any award granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan (other than ISOs, NSOs and SARs) as a performance compensation award in order to qualify such award as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. Awards designated as performance compensation awards would be subject to the following additional requirements:

- Recipients of Performance Compensation Awards. The Committee would, in its sole discretion, designate within the first
  90 days of a performance period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) the
  participants who would be eligible to receive performance compensation awards in respect of such performance period.
  The Committee would also determine the length of performance periods, the types of awards to be issued, the
  performance criteria that would be used to establish the performance goals, the kinds and levels of performance goals
  and any objective performance formula used to determine whether a performance compensation award had been earned
  for the performance period.
- Performance Criteria Applicable to Performance Compensation Awards. The performance criteria would be limited to the following: (1) share price, (2) net income or earnings before or after taxes (including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), (3) operating income, (4) earnings per share (including specified types or categories thereof), (5) cash flow (including specified types or categories thereof), (6) cash flow return on capital, (7) revenues (including specified types or categories thereof), (8) return on shareholders' equity, (9) return on investment or capital, (10) return on assets, (11) gross or net profitability/profit margins, (12) objective measures of productivity or operating efficiency, (13) costs (including specified types or categories thereof), (14) budgeted expenses (operating and capital), (15) market share (in the aggregate or by segment), (16) economic value-added, (17), enterprise value, (18) book value, and (19) working capital. These performance criteria would be permitted to be applied on an absolute basis or be relative to one or more peer companies or indices or any combination thereof or, if applicable, be computed on an accrual or cash accounting basis. The performance goals and periods could vary from participant to participant and from time to time. To the extent required under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee would, within the first 90 days of the applicable performance period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), define in an objective manner the method of calculating the performance criteria it selected to use for the performance period.
- Modification of Performance Goals. The Committee would be permitted to adjust or modify the calculation of performance goals for a performance period in the event of, in anticipation of, or in recognition of, any unusual or extraordinary corporate item, transaction, event or development or any other unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company, any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions or operating units (to the extent applicable to such performance goal) or its financial statements or the financial statements of any of its affiliates, or changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange, accounting principles, law or business conditions, so long as that adjustment or modification did not cause the performance compensation award to fail to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.

- Requirements to Receive Payment for 162(m) Awards. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, in
  order to be eligible for payment in respect of a performance compensation award for a particular performance period,
  participants would be required to be employed by us on the last day of the performance period, the performance goals for
  such period would be required to be satisfied and certified by the Committee and the performance formula would be
  required to determine that all or some portion of the performance compensation award had been earned for such period.
- Negative Discretion. The Committee would be permitted to, in its sole discretion, reduce or eliminate the amount of a performance compensation award earned in a particular performance period, even if applicable performance goals had been attained and without regard to any employment agreement between us and a participant.
- Limitations on Committee Discretion. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, in no event could any discretionary authority granted to the Committee under the Incentive Compensation Plan be used to grant or provide payment in respect of performance compensation awards for which performance goals had not been attained, increase a performance compensation award for any participant at any time after the first 90 days of the performance period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) or increase a performance compensation award above the maximum amount payable under the underlying award.
- Form of Payment. Performance compensation awards (other than restricted shares, RSUs and other stock-based awards) would be payable in cash or in restricted stock, RSUs or fully vested shares of equivalent value and would be paid on the terms determined by the Committee in its discretion. Any shares of restricted stock or RSUs would be subject to the terms of the Incentive Compensation Plan or any successor equity compensation plan and any applicable award agreement. The number of shares of restricted stock, RSUs or fully vested shares that is equivalent in value to a particular dollar amount would be determined in accordance with a methodology specified by the Committee within the first 90 days of a plan year (or, if shorter, the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code).

#### Amendment and Termination of the Incentive Compensation Plan

Subject to any applicable law or government regulation, to any requirement that must be satisfied if the Incentive Compensation Plan were intended to be a stockholder-approved plan for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code and to the rules of the applicable national stock exchange or quotation system on which the shares may be listed or quoted, the Incentive Compensation Plan would be permitted to be amended, modified or terminated by our Board of Directors without the approval of our stockholders, except that stockholder approval would be required for any amendment that would (i) increase the maximum number of shares of our common stock available for awards under the Incentive Compensation Plan or increase the maximum number of shares of the Company's common stock that could be delivered pursuant to ISOs granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan, (ii) change the class of employees or other individuals eligible to participate in the Incentive Compensation Plan, (iii) amend or decrease the exercise price of any option or SAR, (iv) cancel or exchange any option or SAR at a time when its exercise price exceeds the fair market value of the underlying shares or (v) allow repricing of any option or SAR without stockholder approval. Under these provisions, stockholder approval would not be required for all possible amendments that might increase the cost of the Incentive Compensation Plan. No modification, amendment or termination of the Incentive Compensation Plan that would materially and adversely impair the rights of any participant would be effective without the consent of the affected participant, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the applicable award agreement.

The Committee would be permitted to waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate any award previously granted, prospectively or retroactively. However, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the applicable award agreement or in the Incentive Compensation Plan, any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination that would materially and adversely impair the rights of any participant to any award previously granted would not to that extent be effective without the consent of the affected participant.

The Committee would be authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of awards in the event of any unusual or nonrecurring corporate event (including the occurrence of a change of control of the Company) affecting the Company, any of its affiliates or its financial statements or the financial statements of any of its affiliates, or of changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange, accounting principles or law whenever the Committee, in its discretion, determined that those adjustments were appropriate or desirable, including providing for the substitution or assumption of awards, accelerating the exercisability of, lapse of restrictions on, or termination of, awards or providing for a period of time for exercise prior to the occurrence of such event and, in its discretion, the Committee would be permitted to provide for a cash payment to the holder of an award in consideration for the cancellation of such award.

#### Change of Control

The Incentive Compensation Plan would provide that, unless otherwise provided in an award agreement, in the event of a change of control of the Company, unless provision was made in connection with the change of control for assumption of, or substitution for, awards previously granted:

- any options and SARs outstanding as of the date the change of control was determined to have occurred would become fully exercisable and vested, as of immediately prior to the change of control;
- all performance units, cash incentive awards and other awards designated as performance compensation awards would be paid out as if the date of the change of control were the last day of the applicable performance period and "target" performance levels had been attained; and
- all other outstanding awards would automatically be deemed exercisable or vested and all restrictions and forfeiture provisions related thereto would lapse as of immediately prior to such change of control.

Unless otherwise provided pursuant to an award agreement, a change of control would be defined to mean any of the following events, generally:

- during any period of 12 consecutive calendar months, a change in the composition of a majority of the board of directors, as constituted on the first day of such period, that was not supported by a majority of the incumbent board of directors;
- consummation of certain mergers or consolidations of the Company with any other corporation following which the Company's stockholders hold 50% or less of the combined voting power of the surviving entity;
- the stockholders approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or
- an acquisition by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of a percentage of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors that was equal to or greater than 50%.

Although award agreements may provide for a different definition of change of control than is provided for in the Incentive Compensation Plan, except in the case of a transaction described in the third bullet above, any definition of change of control set forth in any award agreement would provide that a change of control would not occur until consummation or effectiveness of a change in control of the Company, rather than upon the announcement, commencement, stockholder approval or other potential occurrence of any event or transaction that, if completed, would result in a change in control of the Company.

#### Term of the Incentive Compensation Plan

No award would be permitted to be granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan after the tenth anniversary of the date the Incentive Compensation Plan was approved by the stockholders.

#### Certain Federal Tax Aspects of the Incentive Compensation Plan

The following summary describes the U.S. Federal income tax treatment associated with options awarded under the Incentive Compensation Plan. The summary is based on the law as in effect on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The summary does not discuss state, local and foreign tax consequences.

#### Incentive Stock Options

Neither the grant nor the exercise of an ISO results in taxable income to the optionee for regular U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, an amount equal to (i) the per-share fair market value on the exercise date minus the exercise price at the time of grant multiplied by (ii) the number of shares with respect to which the ISO is being exercised will count as "alternative minimum taxable income" which, depending on the particular facts, could result in liability for the "alternative minimum tax" or AMT. If the optionee does not dispose of the shares issued pursuant to the exercise of an ISO until the later of the two-year anniversary of the date of grant of the ISO and the one-year anniversary of the date of the acquisition of those shares, then (a) upon a later sale or taxable exchange of the shares, any recognized gain or loss would be treated for tax purposes as a long-term capital gain or loss and (b) the Company would not be permitted to take a deduction with respect to that ISO for federal income tax purposes.

If shares acquired upon the exercise of an ISO were disposed of prior to the expiration of the two-year and one-year holding periods described above (a "disqualifying disposition"), generally the optionee would realize ordinary income in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) any excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise of the ISO over the amount paid for the shares or (ii) the excess of the amount realized on the disposition of the shares over the participant's aggregate tax basis in the shares (generally, the exercise price). A deduction would be available to the Company equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the optionee. Any further gain realized by the optionee will be taxed as short-term or long-term capital gain and would not result in any deduction by the Company. A disqualifying disposition occurring in the same calendar year as the year of exercise would eliminate the alternative minimum tax effect of the ISO exercise.

Special rules may apply where all or a portion of the exercise price of an ISO is paid by tendering shares, or if the shares acquired upon exercise of an ISO are subject to substantial forfeiture restrictions. The foregoing summary of tax consequences associated with the exercise of an ISO and the disposition of shares acquired upon exercise of an ISO assumes that the ISO is exercised during employment or within three months following termination of employment. The exercise of an ISO more than three months following termination of employment will result in the tax consequences described below for NSOs, except that special rules apply in the case of disability or death. An individual's stock options otherwise qualifying as ISOs will be treated for tax purposes as NSOs (and not as ISOs) to the extent that, in the aggregate, they first become exercisable in any calendar year for stock having a fair market value (determined as of the date of grant) in excess of \$100,000.

#### Nonqualified Stock Options

An NSO (that is, a stock option that does not qualify as an ISO) would result in no taxable income to the optionee or deduction to the Company at the time it is granted. An optionee exercising an NSO would, at that time, realize taxable compensation equal to (i) the per-share fair market value on the exercise date minus the exercise price at the time of grant multiplied by (ii) the number of shares with respect to which the option is being exercised. If the NSO was granted in connection with employment, this taxable income would also constitute "wages" subject to withholding and employment taxes. A corresponding deduction would be available to the Company. The foregoing summary assumes that the shares acquired upon exercise of an NSO option are not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture.

#### Section 162(m)

Section 162(m) of the Code currently provides that if, in any year, the compensation that is paid to our Chief Executive Officer or to any of our three other most highly compensated executive officers (currently excluding our Chief Financial Officer) exceeds \$1,000,000 per person, any amounts that exceed the \$1,000,000 threshold will not be deductible by us for federal income tax purposes, unless the compensation qualifies for an exception to Section 162(m) of the Code. Certain performance-based awards under plans approved by stockholders are not subject to the deduction limit. Stock options that would be awarded under the Incentive Compensation Plan are intended to be eligible for this performance-based exception.

#### Section 409A

Section 409A of the Code imposes restrictions on nonqualified deferred compensation. Failure to satisfy these rules results in accelerated taxation, an additional tax to the holder of the amount equal to 20% of the deferred amount, and a possible interest charge. Stock options granted with an exercise price that is not less than the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant will not give rise to "deferred compensation" for this purpose unless they involve additional deferral features. Stock options that would be awarded under the Incentive Compensation Plan are intended to be eligible for this exception.

#### Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information about equity-based awards outstanding and shares of the Company's common stock available for future awards under all of our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2011.

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION(1)**

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-A Exercise Pr Outstand Options Warrants Rights (b)	rice of ling s, and	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	0	\$	0	0
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0		0	0
Total	0	\$	0	0

The following New Plan Benefits table lists each person named in the Summary Compensation Table, all current executive officers as a group, all current directors (other than executive officers) as a group and all current employees of the Company (other than executive officers) as a group, indicating the aggregate number of determinable awards to be granted under the Incentive Compensation Plan to each of the foregoing.

#### **NEW PLAN BENEFITS**

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	Dollar Value	Number of
Name and Principal Position	(\$)	Units
William O'Dowd IV, Chief Executive Officer	N/	<u> </u>
All Current Directors (other than Executive Officers) as a Group (one person)	N	/A —
All Current Employees (other than Executive Officers) as a Group	\$ N/	A —

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF STOCKHOLDER ACTIONS

The Increase in Authorized and Incentive Compensation Plan cannot be effectuated until at least twenty calendar days after the mailing of a definitive information statement to the Company's stockholders. The Company anticipates effectuating the Increase in Authorized through the filing of a Certificate of Amendment to the Company Articles with the Office of the Secretary of State of Nevada, immediately after the tolling of the twenty calendar day period.

#### STOCKHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The elimination of the need for a special meeting of the stockholders to approve the actions set forth herein is authorized by Section 78.320 of the NRS, which provides that action may be taken by the written consent of the holders of outstanding shares of voting capital stock, having not less than the minimum number of votes which would be necessary to authorize or take the action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote on a matter were present and voted. This Information Statement is being delivered in full satisfaction of any notice requirements under the Exchange Act and the NRS.

#### **DISSENTERS' RIGHTS**

The NRS do not provide for dissenter's rights in connection with any of the actions proposed in this Information Statement.

#### STOCKHOLDERS SHARING AN ADDRESS

The Company will deliver only one Information Statement to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. The Company undertakes to deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the Information Statement to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the Information Statement is delivered. A stockholder can notify the Company that the stockholder wishes to receive a separate copy of the Information Statement by contacting the Company via telephone at (305) 774-0407 or at the address set forth above.

# CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.

Dolphin Digital Media, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the Law of the State of Nevada (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation is here entirety and inserting the following in lieu thereof:	eby amended by deleting the first sentence in Article Four in its
"": The total number of shares of stock of which the shall be shares of Common Stock, par value \$.015 per share.	e Corporation shall have authority to issue is 200,000,000, all of which
<ol> <li>The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in according to the board of directors), and Section 78.320 (by Statutes.</li> </ol>	dance with the provisions of Section 78.390, Section 78.315 (by y written consent of the stockholders) of the Nevada Revised
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused	this Certificate to be executed on, 2012.
	DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.
	By: /s/ William O'Dowd IV  Name: William O'Dowd IV  Title: Chief Executive Officer
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#### **DOLPHIN DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.**

#### 2012 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Dolphin Digital Media, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the <u>Plan</u>") is to promote the interests of the Company and its stockholders by (a) attracting and retaining exceptional directors, officers, employees and consultants (including prospective directors, officers, employees and consultants) of the Company (as defined below) and its Affiliates (as defined below) and (b) enabling such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company.

Section 2. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" means (a) any entity that, directly or indirectly, is controlled by, controls or is under common control with, the Company and/or (b) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, in either case, as determined by the Committee.

"Award" means any award that is permitted under Section 6 and granted under the Plan.

"<u>Award Agreement</u>" means any written or electronic agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing any Award, which may (but need not) require execution or acknowledgment by a Participant.

"Applicable Exchange" means any national stock exchange or quotation system on which the Shares may be listed or quoted.

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

"Cash Incentive Award" means an Award (a) that is granted pursuant to Section 6(g), (b) that is settled in cash and (c) the value of which is set by the Committee and is not calculated by reference to the Fair Market Value of Shares.

"Change of Control" shall (a) have the meaning set forth in an Award Agreement; provided, however, that except in the case of a transaction described in subparagraph (b)(iii) below, any definition of Change of Control set forth in an Award Agreement shall provide that a Change of Control shall not occur until consummation or effectiveness of a change in control of the Company, rather than upon the announcement, commencement, stockholder approval or other potential occurrence of any event or transaction that, if completed, would result in a change in control of the Company, or (b) if there is no definition set forth in an Award Agreement, mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) during any period of 12 consecutive calendar months, individuals who were directors of the Company on the first day of such period (the "Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the first day of such period whose election, or nomination for election, by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least majority of the Incumbent Directors shall be considered as though such individual were an Incumbent Director:

- (ii) the consummation of (A) a merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange or similar form of corporate transaction involving the Company (each of the events referred to in this clause (A) being hereinafter referred to as a "Reorganization") or (B) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Company to an entity that is not an Affiliate (a "Sale"), in each case, if such Reorganization or Sale requires the approval of the Company's stockholders under the law of the Company's jurisdiction of organization (whether such approval is required for such Reorganization or Sale or for the issuance of securities of the Company in such Reorganization or Sale), unless, immediately following such Reorganization or Sale, (1) individuals and entities who were the "beneficial owners" (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act (or a successor rule thereto)) of the securities eligible to vote for the election of the Board ("Company Voting Securities") outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of such Reorganization or Sale continue to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the corporation or other entity resulting from such Reorganization or Sale (including a corporation that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) (the "Continuing Company") (excluding, for such purposes, any outstanding voting securities of the Continuing Company that such beneficial owners hold immediately following the consummation of the Reorganization or Sale as a result of their ownership prior to such consummation of voting securities of any corporation or other entity involved in or forming part of such Reorganization or Sale other than the Company), (2) no "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) (each, a "Person") (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Continuing Company or any corporation controlled by the Continuing Company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Continuing Company and (3) at least 50% of the members of the board of directors of the Continuing Company (or equivalent body) were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the definitive agreement providing for such Reorganization or Sale or, in the absence of such an agreement, at the time at which approval of the Board was obtained for such Reorganization or Sale;
- (iii) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company unless such liquidation or dissolution is part of a transaction or series of transactions described in paragraph (ii) above that does not otherwise constitute a Change of Control; or
- (iv) any Person, corporation or other entity or "group" (as used in Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (other than (A) the Company, (B) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or an Affiliate, or (C) any company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the voting power of the Company Voting Securities) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Company Voting Securities; provided, however, that for purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (w) any acquisition directly from the Company, (x) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or an Affiliate, (y) any acquisition by an underwriter temporarily holding such Company Voting Securities pursuant to an offering of such securities or any acquisition by a pledgee of Company Voting Securities holding such securities as collateral or temporarily holding such securities upon foreclosure of the underlying obligation or (z) any acquisition pursuant to a Reorganization or Sale that does not constitute a Change of Control for purposes of subparagraph (ii) above.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute thereto, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Committee" means the full Board, the Compensation Committee of the Board or a subcommittee thereof, or such other committee of the Board as may be designated by the Board to administer the Plan.

"Company" means Dolphin Digital Media, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Nevada, together with any successor thereto.

"<u>Deferred Share Unit</u>" means a deferred share unit Award that represents an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver Shares in accordance with the terms of the applicable Award Agreement.

"<u>Exchange Act</u>" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute thereto, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Exercise Price" means (a) in the case of each Option, the price specified in the applicable Award Agreement as the price-per-Share at which Shares may be purchased pursuant to such Option or (b) in the case of each SAR, the price specified in the applicable Award Agreement as the reference price-per-Share used to calculate the amount payable to the applicable Participant pursuant to such SAR.

"Fair Market Value" means, except as otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, (a) with respect to any property other than Shares, the fair market value of such property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee and (b) with respect to Shares as of any date, (i) the closing per-share sales price of the Shares as reported by the Applicable Exchange for such stock exchange for such date or if there were no sales on such date, on the closest preceding date on which there were sales of Shares or (ii) in the event there shall be no public market for the Shares on such date, the fair market value of the Shares as determined in good faith by the Committee.

"Incentive Stock Option" means an option to purchase Shares from the Company that (a) is granted under Section 6(b) of the Plan and (b) is intended to qualify for special Federal income tax treatment pursuant to Sections 421 and 422 of the Code, as now constituted or subsequently amended, or pursuant to a successor provision of the Code, and which is so designated in the applicable Award Agreement.

"Independent Director" means a member of the Board (a) who is neither an employee of the Company nor an employee of any Affiliate, and (b) who, at the time of acting, is a "Non-Employee Director" under Rule 16b-3.

"Nonqualified Stock Option" means an option to purchase Shares from the Company that (a) is granted under Section 6(b) of the Plan and (b) is not an Incentive Stock Option.

"Option" means an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option or both, as the context requires.

"<u>Participant</u>" means any director, officer, employee or consultant (including any prospective director, officer, employee or consultant) of the Company or its Affiliates who is eligible for an Award under Section 5 and who is selected by the Committee to receive an Award under the Plan or who receives a Substitute Award pursuant to Section 4(c).

"<u>Performance Compensation Award</u>" means any Award designated by the Committee as a Performance Compensation Award pursuant to Section 6(e) of the Plan.

"<u>Performance Criteria</u>" means the criterion or criteria that the Committee shall select for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal(s) for a Performance Period with respect to any Performance Compensation Award, Performance Unit or, if applicable, Cash Incentive Award under the Plan.

"Performance Formula" means, for a Performance Period, the one or more objective formulas applied against the relevant Performance Goal to determine, with regard to the Performance Compensation Award, Performance Unit or, if applicable, Cash Incentive Award of a particular Participant, whether all, some portion but less than all, or none of such Award has been earned for the Performance Period.

"<u>Performance Goal</u>" means, for a Performance Period, the one or more goals established by the Committee for the Performance Period based upon the Performance Criteria.

"<u>Performance Period</u>" means the one or more periods of time as the Committee may select over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals shall be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to and the payment of a Performance Compensation Award, Performance Unit or, if applicable, Cash Incentive Award.

"Performance Unit" means an Award under Section 6(f) of the Plan that has a value set by the Committee (or that is determined by reference to a valuation formula specified by the Committee or the Fair Market Value of Shares), which value may be paid to the Participant by delivery of such property as the Committee shall determine, including without limitation, cash or Shares, or any combination thereof, upon achievement of such Performance Goals during the relevant Performance Period as the Committee shall establish at the time of such Award or thereafter.

"<u>Restricted Share</u>" means a Share that is granted under Section 6(d) of the Plan that is subject to certain transfer restrictions, forfeiture provisions and/or other terms and conditions specified herein and in the applicable Award Agreement.

"RSU" means a restricted stock unit Award that is granted under Section 6(d) of the Plan and is designated as such in the applicable Award Agreement and that represents an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver Shares, cash, other securities, other Awards or other property in accordance with the terms of the applicable Award Agreement.

"<u>Rule 16b-3</u>" means Rule 16b-3 as promulgated and interpreted by the SEC under the Exchange Act or any successor rule or regulation thereto as in effect from time to time.

"SAR" means a stock appreciation right Award that is granted under Section 6(c) of the Plan and that represents an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver Shares, cash, other securities, other Awards or other property equal in value to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value per Share over the Exercise Price per Share of the SAR, subject to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto and shall include the staff thereof.

"Shares" means shares of common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value, or such other securities of the Company (a) into which such shares shall be changed by reason of a recapitalization, merger, consolidation, split-up, combination, exchange of shares or other similar transaction or (b) as may be determined by the Committee pursuant to Section 4(b).

"Subsidiary" means any entity in which the Company, directly or indirectly, possesses 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of its stock.

"Substitute Awards" shall have the meaning specified in Section 4(c).

"<u>Treasury Regulations</u>" means all proposed, temporary and final regulations promulgated under the Code, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

Section 3. <u>Administration</u>. (a) <u>Composition of the Committee</u>. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall be composed of one or more directors, as determined by the Board; <u>provided</u> that, to the extent necessary to comply with the rules of the Applicable Exchange and Rule 16b-3 and to satisfy any applicable requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code and any other applicable laws or rules, the Committee may be composed of two or more directors, all of whom shall be Independent Directors and all of whom shall (i) qualify as "outside directors" under Section 162(m) of the Code and (ii) meet the independence requirements of the Applicable Exchange.

(b) Authority of the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to the other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and plenary authority to administer the Plan, including the authority to (i) designate Participants, (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant, (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards, (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Awards, (v) determine the vesting schedules of Awards and, if certain performance criteria must be attained in order for an Award to vest or be settled or paid, establish such performance criteria and certify whether, and to what extent, such performance criteria have been attained, (vi) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited or suspended and the method or methods by which Awards may be settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited or suspended, (vii) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee, (viii) interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any default in and/or supply any omission in, the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or Award made under, the Plan, (ix) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan, (x) accelerate the vesting or exercisability of, payment for or lapse of restrictions on, Awards, (xi) amend an outstanding Award or grant a replacement Award for an Award previously granted under the Plan if, in its sole discretion, the Committee determines that (A) the tax consequences of such Award to the Company or the Participant differ from those consequences that were expected to occur on the date the Award was granted or (B) clarifications or interpretations of, or changes to, tax law or regulations permit Awards to be granted that have more favorable tax consequences than initially anticipated and (xii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan.

- (c) <u>Committee Decisions</u>. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award shall be within the sole and plenary discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all Persons, including the Company, any Affiliate, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award and any stockholder.
- (d) Indemnification. No member of the Board, the Committee or any employee of the Company (each such person, a "Covered Person") shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken or any determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award hereunder. Each Covered Person shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from and against (i) any loss, cost, liability or expense (including attorneys' fees) that may be imposed upon or incurred by such Covered Person in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which such Covered Person may be a party or in which such Covered Person may be involved by reason of any action taken or omitted to be taken under the Plan or any Award Agreement and (ii) any and all amounts paid by such Covered Person, with the Company's approval, in settlement thereof, or paid by such Covered Person in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding against such Covered Person; provided that the Company shall have the right, at its own expense, to assume and defend any such action, suit or proceeding, and, once the Company gives notice of its intent to assume the defense, the Company shall have sole control over such defense with counsel of the Company's choice. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available to a Covered Person to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judgment or other final adjudication, in either case not subject to further appeal, determines that the acts or omissions of such Covered Person giving rise to the indemnification claim resulted from such Covered Person's bad faith. fraud or willful criminal act or omission or that such right of indemnification is otherwise prohibited by law or by the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, in each case, as may be amended from time to time. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which Covered Persons may be entitled under the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any other power that the Company may have to indemnify such persons or hold them harmless.
- (e) <u>Delegation of Authority to Officers</u> The Committee may delegate, on such terms and conditions as it determines in its sole and plenary discretion, to one or more officers of the Company the authority to make grants of Awards to officers (other than any officer subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act), employees and consultants of the Company and its Affiliates (including any prospective officer (other than any such officer who is expected to be subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act), employee or consultant) and all necessary and appropriate decisions and determinations with respect thereto.
- (f) <u>Awards to Independent Directors</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board may, in its sole and plenary discretion, at any time and from time to time, grant Awards to Independent Directors or administer the Plan with respect to such Awards. In any such case, the Board shall have all the authority and responsibility granted to the Committee herein.
- Section 4. Shares Available for Awards; Cash Payable Pursuant to Awards (a) Shares and Cash Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(b), the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be delivered pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan shall equal 10,000,000 (the "Plan Share Limit"). Upon exercise of a stock-settled SAR, the Plan Share Limit shall be reduced by the actual number of Shares delivered upon settlement of such stock-settled SAR. Awards that are settled in cash will not reduce the Plan Share Limit. If, after the effective date of the Plan, any Award is forfeited (or otherwise expires, terminates or is canceled without the delivery of all Shares subject thereto) or settled other than wholly by delivery of Shares (including cash settlement), then, in any such case, any number of Shares subject to such Award that were not issued with respect to such Award shall not be treated as issued for purposes of reducing the Plan Share Limit. If Shares issued upon exercise, vesting or settlement of an Award are, or Shares owned by a Participant are, surrendered or tendered to the Company in payment of the Exercise Price of an Award or any taxes required to be withheld in respect of an Award, in each case, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, such surrendered or tendered Shares shall again become available to be delivered pursuant to Awards under the Plan. With respect to Awards that are intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(b), (1) in the case of Awards that are settled in Shares, the maximum aggregate number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted to any Participant in any fiscal year of the Company under the Plan shall be [1,000,000] (such amount, the "Annual Individual Plan Share Limit"), and (2) in the case of Awards that are settled in cash based on the Fair Market Value of a Share, the maximum aggregate amount of cash that may be paid pursuant to Awards granted to any Participant in any fiscal year of the Company under the Plan shall be equal to the per-Share Fair Market Value as of the relevant vesting, payment or settlement date multiplied by the Annual Individual Plan Share Limit. In the case of all Awards other than those described in the preceding sentence, the maximum aggregate amount of cash and other property (valued at its Fair Market Value) other than Shares that may be paid or delivered pursuant to Awards under the Plan to any Participant in any fiscal year of the Company shall be equal to [\$250,000].

- (b) <u>Adjustments for Changes in Capitalization and Similar Events</u> (i) In the event of any extraordinary dividend or other extraordinary distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities or other property), recapitalization, rights offering, stock split, reverse stock split, split-up or spin-off, the Committee shall equitably adjust any or all of (A) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted, including (1) the Plan Share Limit and (2) the Annual Individual Plan Share Limit, and (B) the terms of any outstanding Award, including (1) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards or to which outstanding Awards relate and (2) the Exercise Price, if applicable, with respect to any Award; provided, however, that the Committee shall determine the method and manner in which to effect such equitable adjustment.
- (ii) In the event that the Committee determines that any reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, repurchase or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares (including any Change of Control) such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee in its discretion to be appropriate or desirable, then the Committee may (A) in such manner as it may deem appropriate or desirable, equitably adjust any or all of (1) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted, including (Y) the Plan Share Limit and (Z) the Annual Individual Plan Share Limit, and (2) the terms of any outstanding Award, including (X) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards or to which outstanding Awards relate and (Y) the Exercise Price, if applicable, with respect to any Award, (B) if deemed appropriate or desirable by the Committee, make provision for a cash payment to the holder of an outstanding Award in consideration for the cancelation of such Award, including, in the case of an outstanding Option or SAR, a cash payment to the holder of such Option or SAR in consideration for the cancelation of such Option or SAR in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value (as of a date specified by the Committee) of the Shares subject to such Option or SAR over the aggregate Exercise Price of such Option or SAR and (C) if deemed appropriate or desirable by the Committee, cancel and terminate any Option or SAR having a per-Share Exercise Price equal to, or in excess of, the Fair Market Value of a Share subject to such Option or SAR without any payment or consideration therefore.
- (c) <u>Substitute Awards</u>. Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by the Company or any of its Affiliates or a company acquired by the Company or any of its Affiliates combines ("<u>Substitute Awards</u>"); provided, however, that in no event may any Substitute Award be granted in a manner that would violate the prohibitions on repricing of Options and SARs, as set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of Section 7(b). The number of Shares underlying any Substitute Awards shall be counted against the Plan Share Limit; provided, however, that Substitute Awards issued in connection with the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity that is acquired by the Company or any of its Affiliates or with which the Company or any of its Affiliates combines shall not be counted against the Plan Share Limit; provided further, however, that Substitute Awards issued in connection with the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding stock options intended to qualify for special tax treatment under Sections 421 and 422 of the Code that were previously granted by an entity that is acquired by the Company or any of its Affiliates or with which the Company or any of its Affiliates combines shall be counted against the maximum aggregate number of Shares available for Incentive Stock Options under the Plan.

- (d) <u>Sources of Shares Deliverable Under Awards</u>. Any Shares delivered pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or of treasury Shares.
- Section 5. <u>Eligibility</u>. Any director, officer, employee or consultant (including any prospective director, officer, employee or consultant) of the Company or any of its Affiliates shall be eligible to be designated a Participant.
- Section 6. *Awards*. (a) *Types of Awards*. Awards may be made under the Plan in the form of (i) Options, (ii) SARs, (iii) Restricted Shares, (iv) RSUs, (v) Deferred Share Units, (vi) Performance Compensation Awards, (vii) Performance Units (viii) Cash Incentive Awards and (ix) other equity-based or equity-related Awards that the Committee determines are consistent with the purpose of the Plan and the interests of the Company. Awards may be granted in tandem with other Awards. No Incentive Stock Option (other than an Incentive Stock Option that may be assumed or issued by the Company in connection with a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies) may be granted to a person who is ineligible to receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Code.
- (b) <u>Options</u>. (i) <u>Grant</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and plenary authority to determine (A) the Participants to whom Options shall be granted, (B) subject to Section 4(a), the number of Shares subject to each Option to be granted to each Participant, (C) whether each Option shall be an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option and (D) the terms and conditions of each Option, including the vesting criteria, term, methods of exercise and methods and form of settlement. In the case of Incentive Stock Options, the terms and conditions of such grants shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code and any regulations related thereto, as may be amended from time to time. Each Option granted under the Plan shall be a Nonqualified Stock Option unless the applicable Award Agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option, and if, for any reason, such Option (or any portion thereof) shall not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, then, to the extent of such nonqualification, such Option (or portion thereof) shall be regarded as a Nonqualified Stock Option appropriately granted under the Plan; <u>provided</u> that such Option (or portion thereof) otherwise complies with the Plan's requirements relating to Nonqualified Stock Options.
- (ii) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The Exercise Price of each Share covered by each Option shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Share (determined as of the date the Option is granted); <u>provided, however</u>, in the case of each Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant of such Option, owns stock representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Affiliate, the per-Share Exercise Price shall be no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of the grant. Each Option is, unless otherwise specified by the Committee, intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (iii) <u>Vesting and Exercise</u>. Each Option shall be vested and exercisable at such times, in such manner and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may, in its sole and plenary discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement or thereafter. Except as otherwise specified by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, each Option may only be exercised to the extent that it has already vested at the time of exercise. Each Option shall be deemed to be exercised when written or electronic notice of such exercise has been given to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Award by the person entitled to exercise the Award and full payment pursuant to Section 6(b)(iv) for the Shares with respect to which the Award is exercised has been received by the Company. Exercise of each Option in any manner shall result in a decrease in the number of Shares that thereafter may be available for sale under the Option and, except as expressly set forth in Sections 4(a) and 4(c), in the number of Shares that may be available for purposes of the Plan, by the number of Shares as to which the Option is exercised. The Committee may impose such conditions with respect to the exercise of each Option, including any conditions relating to the application of Federal or state securities laws, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

- (iv) <u>Payment</u>. (A) No Shares shall be delivered pursuant to any exercise of an Option until payment in full of the aggregate Exercise Price therefore is received by the Company, and the Participant has paid to the Company (or the Company has withheld in accordance with Section 9(d)) an amount equal to any Federal, state, local and foreign income and employment taxes required to be withheld. Such payments may be made in cash (or its equivalent) or, in the Committee's sole and plenary discretion, (1) by exchanging Shares owned by the Participant (which are not the subject of any pledge or other security interest), (2) if there shall be a public market for the Shares at such time, subject to such rules as may be established by the Committee, through delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell the Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver cash promptly to the Company, (3) by having the Company withhold Shares from the Shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Option or (4) through any other method (or combination of methods) as approved by the Committee; <u>provided</u> that the combined value of all cash and cash equivalents and the Fair Market Value of any such Shares so tendered to the Company, together with any Shares withheld by the Company in accordance with this Section 6(b)(iv) or Section 9(d), as of the date of such tender, is at least equal to such aggregate Exercise Price and the amount of any Federal, state, local or foreign income or employment taxes required to be withheld, if applicable.
- (B) Wherever in the Plan or any Award Agreement a Participant is permitted to pay the Exercise Price of an Option or taxes relating to the exercise of an Option by delivering Shares, the Participant may, subject to procedures satisfactory to the Committee, satisfy such delivery requirement by presenting proof of beneficial ownership of such Shares, in which case the Company shall treat the Option as exercised without further payment and shall withhold such number of Shares from the Shares acquired by the exercise of the Option.
- (v) *Expiration*. Except as otherwise set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, each Option shall expire immediately, without any payment, upon the earlier of (A) the tenth anniversary of the date the Option is granted and (B) three months after the date the Participant who is holding the Option ceases to be a director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company or one of its Affiliates. In no event may an Option be exercisable after the tenth anniversary of the date the Option is granted.
- (c) <u>SARs</u>. (i) <u>Grant</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and plenary authority to determine (A) the Participants to whom SARs shall be granted, (B) subject to Section 4(a), the number of SARs to be granted to each Participant, (C) the Exercise Price thereof and (D) the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise thereof.
- (ii) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The Exercise Price of each Share covered by a SAR shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Share (determined as of the date the SAR is granted). Each SAR is, unless otherwise specified by the Committee, intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (iii) <u>Vesting and Exercise</u>. Each SAR shall entitle the Participant to receive an amount upon exercise equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise of the SAR over the Exercise Price thereof. The Committee shall determine, in its sole and plenary discretion, whether a SAR shall be settled in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property or a combination of any of the foregoing. Each SAR shall be vested and exercisable at such times, in such manner and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may, in its discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement or thereafter.
- (iv) <u>Other Terms and Conditions</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine, at or after the grant of a SAR, the vesting criteria, term, methods of exercise, methods and form of settlement and any other terms and conditions of any SAR; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in no event may any SAR be exercisable after the tenth anniversary of the date the SAR is granted. Any determination by the Committee that is made pursuant to this Section 6(c)(iv) may be changed by the Committee from time to time and may govern the exercise of SARs granted or exercised thereafter.
- (v) <u>Substitution SARs</u>. The Committee shall have the ability to substitute, without the consent of the affected Participant or any holder or beneficiary of SARs, SARs settled in Shares (or SARs settled in Shares or cash in the Committee's discretion) ("<u>Substitution SARs</u>") for outstanding Nonqualified Stock Options (<u>Substituted Options</u>"); <u>provided</u> that (A) the substitution shall not otherwise result in a modification of the terms of any Substituted Option, (B) the number of Shares underlying the Substitution SARs shall be the same as the number of Shares underlying the Substituted Options and (C) the Exercise Price of the Substitution SARs shall be equal to the Exercise Price of the Substituted Options. If, in the opinion of the Company's auditors, this provision creates adverse accounting consequences for the Company, it shall be considered null and void.

- (vi) <u>Expiration</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, each SAR shall expire immediately, without any payment, upon the earlier of (A) the tenth anniversary of the date the SAR is granted and (B) three months after the date the Participant who is holding the SAR ceases to be a director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company or one of its Affiliates. In no event may a SAR be exercisable after the tenth anniversary of the date the SAR is granted.
- (d) <u>Restricted Shares and RSUs</u>. (i) <u>Grant</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and plenary authority to determine (A) the Participants to whom Restricted Shares and RSUs shall be granted, (B) subject to Section 4(a), the number of Restricted Shares and RSUs to be granted to each Participant, (C) the duration of the period during which, and the conditions, if any, under which, the Restricted Shares and RSUs may vest or may be forfeited to the Company and (D) the terms and conditions of each such Award, including the vesting criteria, term, methods of exercise and methods and form of settlement.
- (ii) <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Restricted Shares and RSUs may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered except as provided in the Plan or as may be provided in the applicable Award Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Committee may in its discretion, determine that Restricted Shares and RSUs may be transferred by the Participant for no consideration. Each Restricted Share may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine. If certificates representing Restricted Shares are registered in the name of the applicable Participant, such certificates must bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Shares, and the Company may, at its discretion, retain physical possession of such certificates until such time as all applicable restrictions lapse.
- (iii) <u>Payment/Lapse of Restrictions</u>. Each RSU shall be granted with respect to a specified number of Shares (or a number of Shares determined pursuant to a specified formula) or shall have a value equal to the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares (or a number of Shares determined pursuant to a specified formula). RSUs shall be paid in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, as determined in the sole and plenary discretion of the Committee, upon the lapse of restrictions applicable thereto, or otherwise in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement. If a Restricted Share or an RSU is intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, unless the grant of such Restricted Share or RSU is contingent on satisfaction of the requirements for the payment of "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code (whether pursuant to Section 6(e) of this Plan or any other plan), all requirements set forth in Section 6(e) must be satisfied in order for the restrictions applicable thereto to lapse.
- (e) <u>Performance Compensation Awards</u>. (i) <u>General</u>. The Committee shall have the authority, at the time of grant of any Award, to designate such Award (other than an Option or SAR) as a Performance Compensation Award in order for such Award to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. Options and SARs granted under the Plan shall not be included among Awards that are designated as Performance Compensation Awards under this Section 6(e).
- (ii) *Eligibility*. The Committee shall, in its sole discretion, designate within the first 90 days of a Performance Period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) which Participants shall be eligible to receive Performance Compensation Awards in respect of such Performance Period. However, designation of a Participant as eligible to receive an Award hereunder for a Performance Period shall not in any manner entitle such Participant to receive payment in respect of any Performance Compensation Award for such Performance Period. The determination as to whether or not such Participant becomes entitled to payment in respect of any Performance Compensation Award shall be decided solely in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6(e). Moreover, designation of a Participant as eligible to receive an Award hereunder for a particular Performance Period shall not require designation of such Participant eligible to receive an Award hereunder in any subsequent Performance Period and designation of one person as a Participant eligible to receive an Award hereunder shall not require designation of any other person as a Participant eligible to receive an Award hereunder in any other period.

- (iii) <u>Discretion of the Committee with Respect to Performance Compensation Awards</u> With regard to a particular Performance Period, the Committee shall have discretion to select (A) the length of such Performance Period, (B) the type(s) of Performance Compensation Awards to be issued, (C) the Performance Criteria that shall be used to establish the Performance Goal(s), (D) the kind(s) and/or level(s) of the Performance Goal(s) that is (are) to apply to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, Affiliates, divisions or operational units, or any combination of the foregoing, and (E) the Performance Formula; provided that any such Performance Formula shall be objective and non-discretionary. Within the first 90 days of a Performance Period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), the Committee shall, with regard to the Performance Compensation Awards to be issued for such Performance Period, exercise its discretion with respect to each of the matters enumerated in the immediately preceding sentence and record the same in writing.
- (iv) <u>Performance Criteria</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Performance Criteria that shall be used to establish the Performance Goal(s) with respect to Performance Compensation Awards shall be based on the attainment of specific levels of performance of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, Affiliates, divisions or operational units, or any combination of the foregoing, and shall be limited to the following: (A) share price, (B) net income or earnings before or after taxes (including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization), (C) operating income, (D) earnings per share (including specified types or categories thereof), (E) cash flow (including specified types or categories thereof), (F) cash flow return on capital, (G) revenues (including specified types or categories thereof), (H) return measures (including specified types or categories thereof), (I) return on shareholders' equity, (J) return on investment or capital, (K) gross or net profitability/profit margins, (L) objective measures of productivity or operating efficiency, (M) costs (including specified types or categories thereof), (N) budgeted expenses (operating and capital), (O) market share (in the aggregate or by segment), (P) economic value-added, (Q) enterprise value, (R) book value, and (S) working capital. Such Performance Criteria may be applied on an absolute basis, be relative to one or more peer companies of the Company or indices or any combination thereof or, if applicable, be computed on an accrual or cash accounting basis. To the extent required under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall, within the first 90 days of the applicable Performance Period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), define in an objective manner the method of calculating the Performance Criteria it selects to use for such Performance Period.
- (v) *Modification of Performance Goals*. The Committee is authorized at any time during the first 90 days of a Performance Period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code), or any time thereafter (but only to the extent the exercise of such authority after such 90-day period (or such shorter period, if applicable) would not cause the Performance Compensation Awards granted to any Participant for the Performance Period to fail to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code), in its sole and plenary discretion, to adjust or modify the calculation of a Performance Goal for such Performance Period to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code (A) in the event of, or in anticipation of, any unusual or extraordinary corporate item, transaction, event or development affecting the Company, or any of its Affiliates, Subsidiaries, divisions or operating units (to the extent applicable to such Performance Goal) or (B) in recognition of, or in anticipation of, any other unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company or any of its Affiliates, Subsidiaries, divisions or operating units (to the extent applicable to such Performance Goal), or the financial statements of the Company or any of its Affiliates, Subsidiaries, divisions or operating units (to the extent applicable to such Performance Goal), or of changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange, accounting principles, law or business conditions.
- (vi) <u>Payment of Performance Compensation Awards</u> (A) <u>Condition to Receipt of Payment</u>. A Participant must be employed by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries on the last day of a Performance Period to be eligible for payment in respect of a Performance Compensation Award for such Performance Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing and to the extent permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, in the discretion of the Committee, Performance Compensation Awards may be paid to Participants who have retired or whose employment has terminated prior to the last day of the Performance Period for which a Performance Compensation Award is made, or to the designee or estate of a Participant who died prior to the last day of a Performance Period.
- (B) <u>Limitation</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, a Participant shall be eligible to receive payments in respect of a Performance Compensation Award only to the extent that (1) the Performance Goal(s) for the relevant Performance Period are achieved and certified by the Committee in accordance with Section 6(e)(vi)(C) and (2) the Performance Formula as applied against such Performance Goal(s) determines that all or some portion of such Participant's Performance Compensation Award has been earned for such Performance Period.

- (C) <u>Certification</u>. Following the completion of a Performance Period, the Committee shall certify in writing whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Period have been achieved and, if so, to calculate and certify in writing that amount of the Performance Compensation Awards earned for the period based upon the objective Performance Formula. The Committee shall then determine the actual amount of each Participant's Performance Compensation Award for the Performance Period and, in so doing, may apply negative discretion as authorized by Section 6(e)(vi)(D).
- (D) <u>Negative Discretion</u>. In determining the actual amount of an individual Performance Compensation Award for a Performance Period, the Committee may, in its sole and plenary discretion, reduce or eliminate the amount of the Award earned in the Performance Period, even if applicable Performance Goals have been attained and without regard to any employment agreement between the Company and a Participant.
- (E) <u>Discretion</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, in no event shall any discretionary authority granted to the Committee by the Plan be used to (1) grant or provide payment in respect of Performance Compensation Awards for a Performance Period if the Performance Goals for such Performance Period have not been attained, (2) increase a Performance Compensation Award for any Participant at any time after the first 90 days of the Performance Period (or, if shorter, the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code) or (3) increase the amount of a Performance Compensation Award above the maximum amount payable under Section 4(a) of the Plan.
- (F) <u>Form of Payment.</u> In the case of any Performance Compensation Award other than a Restricted Share, RSU or other equity-based Award that is subject to performance-based vesting conditions, such Performance Compensation Award shall be payable, in the discretion of the Committee, in cash or in Restricted Shares, RSUs or fully vested Shares of equivalent value and shall be paid on such terms as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Any Restricted Shares and RSUs shall be subject to the terms of this Plan (or any successor equity-compensation plan) and any applicable Award Agreement. The number of Restricted Shares, RSUs or Shares that is equivalent in value to a dollar amount shall be determined in accordance with a methodology specified by the Committee within the first 90 days of the relevant Performance Period (or, if shorter, within the maximum period allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code).
- (f) <u>Performance Units</u>. (i) Grant. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and plenary authority to determine the Participants to whom Performance Units shall be granted.
- (ii) <u>Value of Performance Units</u>. Each Performance Unit shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant. The Committee shall set Performance Goals in its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met during a Performance Period, will determine in accordance with Section 4(a) the number and/or value of Performance Units that will be paid out to the Participant.
- (iii) <u>Earning of Performance Units</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Units shall be entitled to receive a payout of the number and value of Performance Units earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, to be determined by the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, as a function of the extent to which the corresponding Performance Goals have been achieved.
- (iv) <u>Form and Timing of Payment of Performance Units</u> Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, may pay earned Performance Units in the form of cash or in Shares (or in a combination thereof) that have an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the value of the earned Performance Units at the close of the applicable Performance Period. Such Shares may be granted subject to any restrictions in the applicable Award Agreement deemed appropriate by the Committee. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form and timing of payout of such Awards shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. If a Performance Unit is intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, all requirements set forth in Section 6(e) must be satisfied in order for a Participant to be entitled to payment.

- (g) <u>Cash Incentive Awards</u>. (i) <u>Grant</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, shall have the authority to determine (A) the Participants to whom Cash Incentive Awards shall be granted, (B) subject to Section 4(a), the number of Cash Incentive Awards to be granted to each Participant, (C) the duration of the period during which, and the conditions, if any, under which, the Cash Incentive Awards may vest or may be forfeited to the Company and (D) the other terms and conditions of the Cash Incentive Awards. Each Cash Incentive Award shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant. The Committee shall set performance goals or other payment conditions in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met during a specified performance period, shall determine the number and/or value of Cash Incentive Awards that shall be paid to the Participant.
- (ii) <u>Earning of Cash Incentive Awards</u> Subject to the provisions of the Plan, after the applicable vesting period has ended, the holder of Cash Incentive Awards shall be entitled to receive a payout of the number and value of Cash Incentive Awards earned by the Participant over the specified performance period, to be determined by the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance goals or other conditions to payment have been achieved.
- (iii) <u>Payment</u>. If a Cash Incentive Award is intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, all requirements set forth in Section 6(e) must be satisfied in order for a Participant to be entitled to payment.
- (h) <u>Other Stock-Based Awards</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the sole and plenary authority to grant to Participants other equity-based or equity-related Awards (including, but not limited to, Deferred Share Units and fully vested Shares) (whether payable in cash, equity or otherwise) in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine; <u>provided</u> that any such Awards must comply, to the extent deemed desirable by the Committee, with Rule 16b-3 and applicable law.
- (i) <u>Dividends and Dividend Equivalents</u>. In the sole and plenary discretion of the Committee, an Award, other than an Option or SAR or a Cash Incentive Award, may provide the Participant with dividends or dividend equivalents, payable in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, on a current or deferred basis, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee in its sole and plenary discretion, including, (i) payment directly to the Participant, (ii) withholding of such amounts by the Company subject to vesting of the Award or (iii) reinvestment in additional Shares, Restricted Shares or other Awards.
- Section 7. <u>Amendment and Termination</u>. (a) <u>Amendments to the Plan</u>. Subject to any applicable law or government regulation, to any requirement that must be satisfied if the Plan is intended to be a stockholder-approved plan for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code and to the rules of the Applicable Exchange, the Plan may be amended, modified or terminated by the Board without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, except that stockholder approval shall be required for any amendment that would (i) increase the Plan Share Limit, (ii) change the class of employees or other individuals eligible to participate in the Plan or (iii) result in the amendment, cancelation or action described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of the second sentence of Section 7(b) being permitted without approval by the Company's stockholders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any adjustment under Section 4(b) shall not constitute an increase for purposes of Section 7(a)(i). No amendment, modification or termination of the Plan may, without the consent of the Participant to whom any Award shall theretofore have been granted, materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant (or his or her transferee) under such Award, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Amendments to Awards. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate any Award theretofore granted, prospectively or retroactively; provided, however, that, except as set forth in the Plan, unless otherwise provided by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancelation or termination that would materially and adversely impair the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award theretofore granted shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the applicable Participant, holder or beneficiary. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in no event may any Option or SAR (i) be amended to decrease the Exercise Price thereof, (ii) be cancelled at a time when its Exercise Price exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares in exchange for another Option or SAR or any Restricted Share, RSU, other equity-based Award, award under any other equity-compensation plan or any cash payment or (iii) be subject to any action that would be treated, for accounting purposes, as a "repricing" of such Option or SAR, unless such amendment, cancellation or action is approved by the Company's stockholders. For the avoidance of doubt, an adjustment to the Exercise Price or "repricing" of such Option or SAR.

(c) Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events Subject to Section 6(e)(v) and the final sentence of Section 7(b), the Committee is hereby authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4(b) or the occurrence of a Change of Control) affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or of changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange, accounting principles or law (i) whenever the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, determines that such adjustments are appropriate or desirable, including, without limitation, providing for a substitution or assumption of Awards, accelerating the exercisability of, lapse of restrictions on, or termination of, Awards or providing for a period of time for exercise prior to the occurrence of such event, (ii) if deemed appropriate or desirable by the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, by providing for a cash payment to the holder of an Award in consideration for the cancelation of such Award, including, in the case of an outstanding Option or SAR, a cash payment to the holder of such Option or SAR in consideration for the cancelation of such Option or SAR in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value (as of a date specified by the Committee) of the Shares subject to such Option or SAR over the aggregate Exercise Price of such Option or SAR and (iii) if deemed appropriate or desirable by the Committee, in its sole and plenary discretion, by canceling and terminating any Option or SAR having a per-Share Exercise Price equal to, or in excess of, the Fair Market Value of a Share subject to such Option or SAR without any payment or consideration therefore.

Section 8. *Change of Control.* Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, in the event of a Change of Control after the date of effectiveness of the Plan, unless provision is made in connection with the Change of Control for (a) assumption of Awards previously granted or (b) substitution for such Awards of new awards covering stock of a successor corporation or its "parent corporation" (as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code) or "subsidiary corporation" (as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code) with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kinds of shares and the Exercise Prices, if applicable, (i) any outstanding Options or SARs then held by Participants that are unexercisable or otherwise unvested shall automatically be deemed exercisable or otherwise vested, as the case may be, as of immediately prior to such Change of Control, (ii) all Performance Units, Cash Incentive Awards and Awards designated as Performance Period and "target" performance levels had been attained and (iii) all other outstanding Awards (i.e., other than Options, SARs, Performance Units, Cash Incentive Awards and Awards designated as Performance Compensation Awards) then held by Participants that are unexercisable, unvested or still subject to restrictions or forfeiture, shall automatically be deemed exercisable and vested and all restrictions and forfeiture provisions related thereto shall lapse as of immediately prior to such Change of Control.

Section 9. *General Provisions.* (a) *Nontransferability.* Except as otherwise specified in the applicable Award Agreement, during the Participant's lifetime each Award (and any rights and obligations thereunder) shall be exercisable only by the Participant, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the Participant's legal guardian or representative, and no Award (or any rights and obligations thereunder) may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate; provided that (i) the designation of a beneficiary shall not constitute an assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance and (ii) the Board or the Committee may permit further transferability, on a general or specific basis, and may impose conditions and limitations on any permitted transferability; provided, however, that Incentive Stock Options shall not be transferable in any way that would violate Section 1.422-2(a)(2) of the Treasury Regulations and in no event may any Award (or any rights and obligations thereunder) be transferred in any way in exchange for value. All terms and conditions of the Plan and all Award Agreements shall be binding upon any permitted successors and assigns.

- (b) <u>No Rights to Awards</u>. No Participant or other Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant and may be made selectively among Participants, whether or not such Participants are similarly situated.
- (c) <u>Share Certificates</u>. All certificates for Shares or other securities of the Company or any Affiliate delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan, the applicable Award Agreement or the rules, regulations and other requirements of the SEC, the Applicable Exchange and any applicable Federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.
- (d) <u>Withholding</u>. (i) <u>Authority to Withhold</u>. A Participant may be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate, and the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant, the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property) of any applicable withholding taxes in respect of an Award, its exercise or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Committee or the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes.
- (ii) <u>Alternative Ways to Satisfy Withholding Liability</u>. Without limiting the generality of clause (i) above, subject to the Committee's discretion, a Participant may satisfy, in whole or in part, the foregoing withholding liability by delivery of Shares owned by the Participant (which are not subject to any pledge or other security interest) having a Fair Market Value equal to such withholding liability or by having the Company withhold from the number of Shares otherwise issuable pursuant to the exercise of the Option or SAR, or the lapse of the restrictions on any other Award (in the case of SARs and other Awards, if such SARs and other Awards are settled in Shares), a number of Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to such withholding liability.
- (e) <u>Section 409A</u>. (i) It is intended that the provisions of the Plan comply with Section 409A of the Code, and all provisions of the Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code.
- (ii) No Participant or the creditors or beneficiaries of a Participant shall have the right to subject any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) payable under the Plan to any anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment or garnishment. Except as permitted under Section 409A of the Code, any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) payable to any Participant or for the benefit of any Participant under the Plan may not be reduced by, or offset against, any amount owing by any such Participant to the Company or any of its Affiliates.
- (iii) If, at the time of a Participant's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), (A) such Participant shall be a specified employee (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and using the identification methodology selected by the Company from time to time) and (B) the Company shall make a good faith determination that an amount payable pursuant to an Award constitutes deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) the payment of which is required to be delayed pursuant to the six-month delay rule set forth in Section 409A of the Code in order to avoid taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code, then the Company shall not pay such amount on the otherwise scheduled payment date but shall instead pay it on the first business day after such six-month period. Such amount shall be paid without interest, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, or as otherwise provided in any applicable employment agreement between the Company and the relevant Participant.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in light of the uncertainty with respect to the proper application of Section 409A of the Code, the Company reserves the right to make amendments to any Award as the Company deems necessary or desirable to avoid the imposition of taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code. In any case, a Participant shall be solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on such Participant or for such Participant's account in connection with an Award (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code), and neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold such Participant harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

- (f) <u>Award Agreements</u>. Each Award hereunder shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which shall be delivered to the Participant and shall specify the terms and conditions of the Award and any rules applicable thereto, including the effect on such Award of the death, disability or termination of employment or service of a Participant and the effect, if any, of such other events as may be determined by the Committee.
- (g) <u>No Limit on Other Compensation Arrangements</u> Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Company or any Affiliate from adopting or continuing in effect other compensation arrangements, which may, but need not, provide for the grant of options, restricted stock, shares, other types of equity-based awards (subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required) and cash incentive awards, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.
- (h) <u>No Right to Employment</u>. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained as a director, officer, employee or consultant of or to the Company or any Affiliate, nor shall it be construed as giving a Participant any rights to continued service on the Board. Further, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or discontinue any directorship or consulting relationship, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in any Award Agreement.
- (i) <u>No Rights as a Stockholder</u>. No Participant or holder or beneficiary of any Award shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares to be distributed under the Plan until he or she has become the holder of such Shares. In connection with each grant of Restricted Shares, except as provided in the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant shall be entitled to the rights of a stockholder (including the right to vote) in respect of such Restricted Shares. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4(b), Section 7(c) or the applicable Award Agreement, no adjustments shall be made for dividends or distributions on (whether ordinary or extraordinary, and whether in cash, Shares, other securities or other property), or other events relating to, Shares subject to an Award for which the record date is prior to the date such Shares are delivered.
- (j) <u>Governing Law.</u> The validity, construction and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan and any Award Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof.
- (k) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be construed or deemed stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.
- (I) <u>Other Laws; Restrictions on Transfer of Shares</u> The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares or other consideration under an Award if, acting in its sole and plenary discretion, it determines that the issuance or transfer of such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation or entitle the Company to recover the same under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with the exercise of such Award shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder or beneficiary. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Award granted hereunder shall be construed as an offer to sell securities of the Company, and no such offer shall be outstanding, unless and until the Committee in its sole and plenary discretion has determined that any such offer, if made, would be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Federal and any other applicable securities laws.
- (m) <u>No Trust or Fund Created.</u> Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Affiliate, on one hand, and a Participant or any other Person, on the other. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company or any Affiliate pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Company or such Affiliate.

- (n) <u>Recoupment of Awards</u>. Any Award Agreement may provide for recoupment by the Company of all or any portion of an Award if the Company's financial statements are required to be restated due to noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the Federal securities laws. This Section 9(n) shall not be the Company's exclusive remedy with respect to such matters.
- (o) <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated or otherwise eliminated.
- (p) <u>Requirement of Consent and Notification of Election Under Section 83(b) of the Code or Similar Provision</u> No election under Section 83(b) of the Code (to include in gross income in the year of transfer the amounts specified in Section 83(b) of the Code) or under a similar provision of law may be made unless expressly permitted by the terms of the applicable Award Agreement or by action of the Committee in writing prior to the making of such election. If an Award recipient, in connection with the acquisition of Shares under the Plan or otherwise, is expressly permitted under the terms of the applicable Award Agreement or by such Committee action

to make such an election and the Participant makes the election, the Participant shall notify the Committee of such election within ten days of filing notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service (or any successor thereto) or other governmental authority, in addition to any filing and notification required pursuant to regulations issued under Section 83(b) of the Code or any other applicable provision.

- (q) <u>Requirement of Notification Upon Disqualifying Disposition Under Section 421(b) of the Code</u>. If any Participant shall make any disposition of Shares delivered pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option under the circumstances described in Section 421(b) of the Code (relating to certain disqualifying dispositions) or any successor provision of the Code, such Participant shall notify the Company of such disposition within ten days of such disposition.
- (r) <u>Headings and Construction</u>. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof. Whenever the words "include", "includes" or "including" are used in this Plan, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "but not limited to".

Section 10. <u>Term of the Plan</u>. (a) <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan shall be effective as of the date of its adoption by the Board and approval by the Company's stockholders.

(b) Expiration Date. No Award shall be granted under the Plan after the tenth anniversary of the date the Plan is approved by the Company's stockholders under Section 10(a). Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in an applicable Award Agreement, any Award granted hereunder, and the authority of the Board or the Committee to amend, alter, adjust, suspend, discontinue or terminate any such Award or to waive any conditions or rights under any such Award, shall nevertheless continue thereafter.