UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 26, 2017

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

The Chemours Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware001-3679446-4845564(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(I.R.S. EmployerOf Incorporation)File Number)Identification No.)

1007 Market Street Wilmington, Delaware, 19899

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

On April 26, 2017, pursuant to Proposals 4 and 5 listed in Item 5.07 below, stockholders of The Chemours Company (the "Company") approved the Company's 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan and Employee Stock Purchase Plan. A description of each plan is contained in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 13, 2017 and the complete text of each plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

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

The Company held its annual meeting of stockholders on April 26, 2017 (the "Annual Meeting").

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders voted (i) in favor of the election of the directors listed below; (ii) in favor of the advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation; (iii) in favor of the ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2017; (iv) in favor of the approval of the Company's 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan; (v) in favor of the approval of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan; and (vi) against the stockholder proposal on an executive compensation report.

The final voting results for each of these proposals are as follows:

Proposal 1 – Election of Directors to Serve One-Year Terms Expiring at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2018

Nominee	For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Vote
Curtis V. Anastasio	111,780,717	7 25,350,183	168,479	28,090,524
Bradley J. Bell	132,989,359	4,144,550	165,469	28,090,525
Richard H. Brown	134,878,658	2,250,757	169,968	28,090,520
Mary B. Cranston	132,999,846	4,147,417	152,116	28,090,524
Curtis J. Crawford	105,588,003	31,541,043	170,333	28,090,524
Dawn L. Farrell	112,538,730	24,605,415	155,236	28,090,522
Stephen D. Newlin	105,592,253	31,507,821	199,305	28,090,524
Mark P. Vergnano	136,380,333	753,941	165,102	28,090,527

Proposal 2 - Advisory Vote to Approve Named Executive Officer Compensation

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Vote
133,955,232		436,575	

Proposal 3 – Ratification of Selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC for Fiscal Year 2017

For	Against	Abstain
161,014,893	4,141,912	233,098

Proposal 4 – Approval of The Chemours Company 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan

For	Against	Abstain		Broker Non-Vote
126	6,794,321	10,121,021	384,011	28,090,550

Proposal 5 – Approval of The Chemours Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Vote
136,269,190	759,207	270,967	28,090,539

Proposal 6 – Stockholder Proposal for Report on Executive Compensation

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Vote
5,406,820	128,175,494	3,717,036	28,090,553

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 The Chemours Company 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan.
- 10.2 The Chemours Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

SIGNATURES

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

THE CHEMOURS COMPANY

By: /s/ Mark E. Newman

Mark E. Newman Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2017

THE CHEMOURS COMPANY

2017 EQUITY AND INCENTIVE PLAN

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THE CHEMOURS COMPANY 2017 EQUITY AND INCENTIVE PLAN

1. PURPOSE; TYPES OF AWARDS; CONSTRUCTION.

The purposes of The Chemours Company 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan are to attract, motivate and retain (a) employees of the Company and any Subsidiary and Affiliate, (b) nonemployee directors of the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate and (c) independent contractors who provide significant services to the Company, any Subsidiary or Affiliate. The Plan is also designed to encourage stock ownership by such individuals, thereby aligning their interest with those of the Company's stockholders and to permit the payment of compensation that qualifies as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. Pursuant to the provisions hereof, there may be granted stock options (including "incentive stock options" and "nonqualified stock options"), and other stock-based awards, including but not limited to restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalents, performance units, stock appreciation rights (payable in cash or shares) and other long-term stock-based or cash-based Awards. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, to the extent that any Award would be subject to Section 409A of the Code, no such Award may be granted if it would fail to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 409A of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder.

2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Affiliate" means an affiliate of the Company, as defined in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) "Award" means individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Stock-Based Awards or Other Cash-Based Awards.
- (c) "Award Terms" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing an Award.
- (d) "Beneficial Owner" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (f) "Cause" shall have the meaning set forth in the Grantee's employment or other agreement with the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate, if any, provided that if the Grantee is not a party to any such employment or other agreement or such employment or other agreement does not contain a definition of Cause, then Cause shall mean (i) the willful and continued failure of the Grantee to perform substantially the Grantee's duties with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to the Grantee by the employing Company, Subsidiary or Affiliate that specifically identifies the alleged manner in which the Grantee has not substantially performed the Grantee's duties, or (ii) the willful engaging by the Grantee in illegal conduct or misconduct that is injurious to the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, including without limitation any breach of the Company's Code of Business Conduct or other applicable ethics policy.
- (g) "Change in Control" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d) hereof.
- (h) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- (i) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Committee shall be comprised solely of directors who are (a) "nonemployee directors" under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, (b) "outside directors" under Section 162(m) of the Code and (c) "independent directors" pursuant to New York Stock Exchange requirements.
- (j) "Company" means The Chemours Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, or any successor corporation.
- (k) "Covered Employee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 162(m)(3) of the Code.
- (I) "Disability" means that a Grantee is considered to be disabled within the meaning of the Company's long-term disability plan.

- (m) "Effective Date" means April 26, 2017.
- (n) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and as now or hereafter construed, interpreted and applied by regulations, rulings and cases.
- (o) "Excise Tax" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d) hereof.
- (p) "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to Stock or other property, the fair market value of such Stock or other property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in good faith, the per share Fair Market Value of Stock as of a particular date shall mean, (i) the closing sales price per share of Stock on the national securities exchange on which the Stock is principally traded, or (ii) if the shares of Stock are then traded in an over-the-counter market, the average of the closing bid and asked prices for the shares of Stock in such over-the-counter market for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of such Stock in such market, or if the shares of Stock are not then listed on a national securities exchange or traded in an over-the-counter market, such value as the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine in good faith.
- (q) "Good Reason" shall have the meaning set forth in the Grantee's employment or other agreement with the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate, if any, provided that if the Grantee is not a party to any such employment or other agreement or such employment or other agreement does not contain a definition of Good Reason, then Good Reason shall mean (i) a material diminution in the Grantee's base compensation, (ii) a material diminution in the Grantee's authority, duties, or responsibilities, or (iii) a material adverse change in the geographic location at which the Grantee must perform his/her services for the Company.
- (r) "<u>Grantee</u>" means an individual who, as an employee of or independent contractor or nonemployee director with respect to the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate, has been granted an Award under the Plan.
- (s) "ISO" means any Option intended to be and designated in the applicable Award Terms as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.
- (t) "NQSO" means any Option that is not designated as an ISO in the applicable Award Terms.
- (u) "Option" means a right, granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(i), to purchase shares of Stock. An Option may be either an ISO or an NQSO.
- (v) "Other Cash-Based Award" means an Award granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(iv) hereof, including cash awarded as a bonus or upon the attainment of Performance Goals or otherwise as permitted under the Plan.
- (w) "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award granted to a Grantee pursuant to Section 6(b)(iv) (and to the extent applicable Section 6(b)(i)) hereof, that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Stock including but not limited to performance units, Stock Appreciation Rights (payable in cash or shares) or dividend equivalents, each of which may be subject to the attainment of Performance Goals or a period of continued employment or other terms and conditions as permitted under the Plan.
- (x) "<u>Performance-Based Compensation</u>" shall mean compensation qualifying as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (y) "Performance Goals" means performance goals based on one or more of the following criteria: (i) earnings, including operating income, earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, amortization, and/or extraordinary or special items or book value per share (which may exclude nonrecurring items); (ii) pre-tax income or after-tax income; (iii) earnings per common share (basic or diluted); (iv) operating profit; (v) revenue, revenue growth or rate of revenue growth; (vi) return on assets (gross or net), return on investment, return on capital, or return on equity; (vii) returns on sales or revenues; (viii) operating expenses; (ix) stock price appreciation; (x) cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on investment (discounted or otherwise), return on invested capital (before or after taxes), net cash provided by operations, or cash flow net of capital expenditures; (xi) implementation or completion

of critical projects or processes; (xii) economic value created; (xiii) cumulative earnings per share growth; (xiv) operating margin or profit margin; (xv) common stock price or total stockholder return; (xvi) cost targets, reductions and savings, productivity and efficiencies; (xvii) strategic business criteria, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified market penetration, geographic business expansion, customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, human resources management, supervision of litigation, information technology, and goals relating to acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and similar transactions, and budget comparisons; (xviii) personal professional objectives, including any of the foregoing performance goals, the implementation of policies and plans, the negotiation of transactions, the development of long-term business goals, formation of joint ventures, research or development collaborations, and the completion of other corporate transactions; and (xix) any combination of, or a specified increase in, any of the foregoing. Where applicable, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criteria or the attainment of a percentage increase or decrease in the particular criteria, and may be applied to one or more of the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliate, or a division or strategic business unit of the Company, or may be applied to the performance of the Company relative to a market index, a group of other companies or a combination thereof, all as determined by the Committee. The Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be made (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur). Any Performance Goals that are financial metrics, may be determined in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") or may be adjusted when established (or to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, at any time thereafter) to include or exclude any items otherwise includable or excludable under GAAP. To the extent an Award is intended to satisfy the performance-based compensation exception to the limits of Section 162(m) of the Code and then to the extent consistent with such exception, the Committee shall have the authority to make equitable adjustments to the Performance Goals in recognition of unusual or non-recurring events affecting the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate or the financial statements of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, in response to changes in applicable laws or regulations, or to account for items of gain, loss or expense determined to be extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence or related to the disposal of a segment of a business or related to a change in accounting principles. For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to Awards (including any related dividends or dividend equivalents) which are not intended to satisfy the performance-based compensation exception to the limits of Section 162(m) of the Code, "Performance Goals" may be based on these or such other performance measures as the Committee may determine.

- (z) "Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof and the rules thereunder, except that such term shall not include (1) the Company or any Subsidiary corporation, (2) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary corporation, (3) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (4) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company.
- (aa) "Plan" means this Chemours Company 2017 Equity and Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.
- (bb) "Plan Year" means a calendar year.
- (cc) "Prior Plan" means The Chemours Company Equity and Incentive Plan, effective July 1, 2015.
- (dd) "Replacement Awards" means Awards issued in assumption of or substitution for awards granted under equity-based incentive plans sponsored or maintained by an entity with which the Company engages in a merger, acquisition or other business transaction, pursuant to which awards relating to interests in such entity (or a related entity) are outstanding immediately prior to such merger, acquisition or other business transaction. Except as provided in Section 5, for all purposes hereunder, Replacement Awards shall be deemed Awards.
- (ee) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of shares of Stock to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(ii) that may be subject to certain restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture.

- (ff) "Restricted Stock Unit" means a right granted to a Grantee under Section 6(b)(iii) of the Plan to receive Stock or cash at the end of a specified period, which right may be subject to the attainment of Performance Goals in a period of continued employment or other terms and conditions as permitted under the Plan.
- (gg) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3, as from time to time in effect promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, including any successor to such Rule.
- (hh) "Stock" means shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company.
- (ii) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means an Other Stock-Based Award, payable in cash or stock, that entitles a Grantee upon exercise to the excess of the Fair Market Value of the Stock underlying the Award over the base price established in respect of such Stock.
- (jj) "Subsidiary" means any corporation in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if, at the time of granting of an Award, each of the corporations (other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.
- (kk) "Total Payments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(d) hereof.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee or, at the discretion of the Board, the Board, provided that any Award to the Chairman of the Board shall be subject to ratification by the Board. In the event the Board is the administrator of the Plan, references herein to the Committee shall be deemed to include the Board. The Board may from time to time appoint a member or members of the Committee in substitution for or in addition to the member or members then in office and may fill vacancies on the Committee however caused. The Committee shall choose one of its members as chairman and shall hold meetings at such times and places as it shall deem advisable. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and any action may be taken by a majority of those present and voting at any meeting. Subject to applicable law, the Board may delegate to one or more officers, acting alone or together with one or more members of the Board, authority to grant Awards to employees who are not subject to potential liability under Section 16(b) of the 1934 Act with respect to transactions involving equity securities of the Company at the time any such delegated authority is exercised, subject however to prescribed limits set forth in the resolution of the Board delegating such authority.
- The decision of the Committee as to all questions of interpretation and application of the Plan shall be final, binding and conclusive on all individuals and entities. The Committee shall have the authority in its discretion, subject to and not inconsistent with the express provisions of the Plan, to administer the Plan and to exercise all the power and authority either specifically granted to it under the Plan or necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan, including without limitation, the authority to grant Awards, to determine the individuals to whom and the time or times at which Awards shall be granted, to determine the type and number of Awards to be granted, the number of shares of Stock to which an Award may relate and the terms, conditions, restrictions and Performance Goals relating to any Award; to determine Performance Goals no later than such time as is required to ensure that an underlying Award which is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation so qualifies; to determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled, canceled, forfeited, accelerated, exchanged, or surrendered; to make adjustments in the terms and conditions (including Performance Goals) applicable to Awards; to construe and interpret the Plan and any Award; to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; to determine the terms and provisions of the Award Terms (which need not be identical for each Grantee); and to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. The Committee may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Award Terms granted hereunder in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry the Plan into effect and shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency. No Board or Committee member (or any individual to whom the Committee's authority hereunder is delegated) shall be liable for any action or determination made with respect to the Plan or any Award. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, except as provided in Section 5(c), without first obtaining approval of the Company's stockholders, (i) the exercise price of

outstanding Options and base price of outstanding SARs may not be reduced, (ii) Options and SARs may not be cancelled and replaced with Options or SARs with a lower exercise price or base price, (iii) Options and SARs with an exercise or base price that is equal to or in excess of the Fair Market Value of the underlying share of Stock may not be purchased from Grantees for cash or other securities, and (iv) outstanding Options or SARs may not otherwise be amended or modified in a manner that would be treated as a "repricing" under the then applicable rules, regulations or listing requirements adopted by the New York Stock Exchange.

4. ELIGIBILITY.

- (a) Awards may be granted to officers, employees, nonemployee directors and independent contractors of the Company or of any of its Subsidiaries and Affiliates; provided, that ISOs shall be granted only to employees (including officers and directors who are also employees) of the Company, its parent or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (b) No ISO shall be granted to any employee of the Company, its parent or any of its Subsidiaries if such employee owns, immediately prior to the grant of the ISO, stock representing more than 10% of the voting power or more than 10% of the value of all classes of stock of the Company or a parent or a Subsidiary, unless the purchase price for the stock under such ISO shall be at least 110% of its Fair Market Value at the time such ISO is granted and the ISO, by its terms, shall not be exercisable more than five years from the date it is granted. In determining the stock ownership under this paragraph, the provisions of Section 424(d) of the Code shall be controlling.

5. STOCK SUBJECT TO THE PLAN AND AWARD LIMITS.

The maximum number of shares of Stock reserved for the grant or settlement of Awards under the Plan (the "Share Limit") shall be 19,000,000 less one (1) share of Stock for every one (1) share of Stock that was subject to an option or stock appreciation right granted after December 31, 2016 under the Prior Plan and 1.5 shares of Stock for every one (1) share of Stock that was subject to an award other than an option or stock appreciation right granted after December 31, 2016 under the Prior Plan. Any shares of Stock that are subject to Options or SARs shall be counted against this limit as one (1) share for every one (1) share granted, and any shares of Stock that are subject to Awards other than Options or SARs shall be counted against this limit as 1.5 shares of Stock for every one (1) share of Stock granted. After the Effective Date, no awards may be granted under the Prior Plan, but awards outstanding thereunder as of such effective date shall remain outstanding in accordance with their existing terms. Such shares of Stock may, in whole or in part, be authorized but unissued shares or shares that shall have been or may be reacquired by the Company in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise. If (i) any shares of Stock subject to an Award that is forfeited, canceled, exchanged or surrendered or an Award that terminates or expires without a distribution of shares of Stock to the Grantee, or (ii) after December 31, 2016 any shares of Stock subject to an award under the Prior Plan that is forfeited, canceled, exchanged or surrendered or an award that terminates or expires without a distribution of shares of Stock to the grantee, then in each such case the shares of Stock subject to such Award or award under the Prior Plan shall be added to the shares available for Awards under the Plan. Awards that will be mandatorily settled solely in cash shall not reduce the shares authorized for grant under this Section 5(a). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the following shares of Stock shall not be added to the shares of Stock authorized for grant under this Section 5(a): (i) shares tendered by the Grantee or withheld by the Company in payment of the purchase or exercise price of an Award or, after December 31, 2016, an award under the Prior Plan, (ii) shares tendered by the Grantee or withheld by the Company to satisfy any tax withholding obligation with respect to Awards or, after December 31, 2016, awards under the Prior Plan, (iii) shares subject to a SAR or, after December 31, 2016, a stock appreciation right under the Prior Plan that are not issued in connection with its stock settlement on exercise thereof, and (iv) shares reacquired by the Company on the open market or otherwise using cash proceeds from the exercise of Options or, after December 31, 2016, options under the Prior Plan. Any shares of Stock that again become available for Awards under the Plan pursuant to this Section 5(a) shall be added back as (i) one (1) share of Stock if such shares of Stock were subject to Options or SARs granted under the Plan or options or stock appreciation rights granted under the Prior Plan, and as (ii) 1.5 shares of Stock if such shares of Stock were subject to Awards other than Options or SARs granted under the Plan, or awards other than options or stock appreciation rights

granted under the Prior Plan. Upon the exercise of any Award granted in tandem with any other Awards, such related Awards shall be canceled to the extent of the number of shares of Stock as to which the Award is exercised and, notwithstanding the foregoing, such number of shares shall no longer be available for Awards under the Plan. Shares of Stock delivered or deliverable pursuant to Replacement Awards shall not reduce the number of shares of Stock available for Awards under the Plan.

- (b) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(c), the following limits shall apply to Awards granted to any one Grantee in any single calendar year to the extent the Award is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation:
 - (i) Options and SARs: 2,000,000 shares of Stock, in the aggregate;
 - (ii) Restricted Stock, RSUs or Other Stock-Based Awards that are denominated in shares of Stock: 1,000,000 shares of Stock, in the aggregate;
 - (iii) Other Cash-Based Awards: \$8,000,000, in the aggregate; and
 - (iv) Dividends and dividend equivalents: \$250,000, in the aggregate.

In applying the foregoing limits, (a) the limits applicable to Options and SARs refer to the number of shares of Stock subject to those Awards; (b) the share limit under clause (ii) refers to the maximum number of shares of Stock that may be delivered under an Award or Awards of the type specified in clause (ii) assuming a maximum payout; (c) the dollar limit under clause (iii) refers to the maximum dollar amount payable under any Other Cash-Based Award assuming a maximum payout, (d) if the Committee determines to settle an Award specified in clause (ii) in cash, the maximum aggregate amount of cash that may be paid pursuant to such Awards to any Grantee in a calendar year shall be equal to the per share Fair Market Value as of the relevant payment or settlement date multiplied by the number of shares of Stock set forth in clause (ii) and (e) the dollar limit under clause (iv) refers to the amount that may be paid to any one Grantee in any single calendar year to the extent the Award is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation.

- (c) Except as provided in an Award Terms or as otherwise provided in the Plan, in the event that the Committee shall determine that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Stock, or other property), recapitalization, Stock split, reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or share exchange, or other similar corporate transaction or event, affects the Stock such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Grantees under the Plan, then the Committee shall make such equitable changes or adjustments as it deems necessary or appropriate to any or all of (i) the number and kind of shares of Stock or other property (including cash) that may thereafter be issued in connection with Awards or the total number of Awards issuable under the Plan, (ii) the number and kind of shares of Stock or other property issued or issuable in respect of outstanding Awards, (iii) the exercise price, grant price or purchase price relating to any Award, (iv) the Performance Goals and (v) the individual limitations applicable to Awards; provided that, with respect to ISOs, any adjustment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 424(h) of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder, and provided further that no such adjustment shall cause any Award hereunder which is or becomes subject to Section 409A of the Code to fail to comply with the requirements of such section.
- (d) The aggregate grant date fair value (computed in accordance with applicable financial accounting rules) of all Awards granted to any nonemployee director of the Company or of any of its Affiliates during any calendar year, taken together with any cash fees paid during the calendar year with respect to the nonemployee director's service as a member of the Board shall not exceed \$600,000.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5, Options and SARs shall be subject to a minimum vesting period of one (1) year; provided, however, that the Committee may provide for the grant of an Option or SAR without a minimum vesting period or may accelerate the vesting of all or a portion of an Option or SAR for any reason, but only with respect to Options or SARs for no more than an aggregate of 5% of the total number of shares of Stock authorized for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 5(a), upon such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine and the Committee also may provide for the grant of Options or SARs that have different vesting terms in the case of Replacement Awards.

6. SPECIFIC TERMS OF AWARDS.

- (a) General. The term of each Award shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Terms, payments to be made by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate upon the grant, maturation, or exercise of an Award may be made in such forms as the Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter, including, without limitation, cash, Stock, or other property, and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, on a deferred basis.
- (b) Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant to Grantees the following Awards, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards.
 - (i) Options and SARs. The Committee is authorized to grant Options and SARs to Grantees on the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) The Award Terms evidencing the grant of an Option under the Plan shall designate the Option as an ISO or an NQSO.
 - The exercise or base price per share of Stock underlying under an Option or SAR shall be determined by the Committee, but in no event shall the exercise or base price of an Option or SAR per share of Stock be less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock as of the date of grant of such Option or SAR; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to Replacement Awards or Awards that are adjusted pursuant to Section 5(c). The purchase price of Stock as to which an Option is exercised shall be paid in full at the time of exercise; payment may be made in cash, which may be paid by check, or other instrument acceptable to the Company, or, with the consent of the Committee, in shares of Stock, valued at the Fair Market Value on the date of exercise (including shares of Stock that otherwise would be distributed to the Grantee upon exercise of the Option), or if there were no sales on such date, on the next preceding day on which there were sales or (if permitted by the Committee and subject to such terms and conditions as it may determine) by surrender of outstanding Awards under the Plan, or the Committee may permit such payment of exercise price by any other method it deems satisfactory in its discretion. In addition, subject to applicable law and pursuant to procedures approved by the Committee, payment of the exercise price may be made through the sale of Stock acquired on exercise of the Option, valued at Fair Market Value on the date of exercise, sufficient to pay for such Stock (together with, if requested by the Company, the amount of federal, state or local withholding taxes payable by Grantee by reason of such exercise). Any amount necessary to satisfy applicable federal, state or local tax withholding requirements shall be paid promptly upon notification of the amount due. The Committee may permit such amount of tax withholding to be paid in shares of Stock previously owned by the employee, or a portion of the shares of Stock or cash, as applicable that otherwise would be distributed to such employee upon exercise of an Option or SAR, or a combination of cash and shares of such Stock.
 - (3) Options and SARs shall be exercisable over the exercise period (which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant), at such times and upon such conditions as the Committee may determine, as reflected in the Award Terms; provided that, the Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the exercisability of any outstanding Option or SAR at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. An Option or SAR may be exercised to the extent of any or all full shares of Stock as to which the Option has become exercisable, by giving written notice of such exercise to the Committee or its designated agent. No partial exercise may be made for less than one hundred (100) full shares of Stock.
 - (4) Upon the termination of a Grantee's employment or service with the Company and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, the Options or SARs granted to such Grantee, to the extent that they are exercisable at the time of such termination, shall remain exercisable for such period as may be provided in the applicable Award Terms, but in no event following the expiration of their term. The treatment of any Option or SAR that is unexercisable as of the date of such termination shall be as set forth in the applicable Award Terms.

- (5) Options or SARs may be subject to such other conditions including, but not limited to, restrictions on transferability of, or provisions for recovery of, the shares acquired upon exercise of such Options or SARs (or proceeds of sale thereof), as the Committee may prescribe in its discretion or as may be required by applicable law.
- (6) Neither Options nor SARs may provide the Grantee with the right to receive dividends or dividend equivalents.

(ii) Restricted Stock.

- (1) The Committee may grant Awards of Restricted Stock, alone or in tandem with other Awards under the Plan, subject to such restrictions, terms and conditions, as the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion and as shall be evidenced by the applicable Award Terms. The vesting of a Restricted Stock Award granted under the Plan and the terms upon which transfer restrictions shall lapse may be conditioned upon the completion of a specified period of employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, upon the attainment of specified Performance Goals, and/or upon such other criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion.
- (2) The Committee shall determine the price, which, to the extent required by law, shall not be less than par value of the Stock, to be paid by the Grantee for each share of Restricted Stock or unrestricted stock or stock units subject to the Award. Each Award Terms with respect to such stock award shall set forth the amount (if any) to be paid by the Grantee with respect to such Award and when and under what circumstances such payment is required to be made.
- (3) An Award of Restricted Stock may provide the Grantee with the right to vote and/or receive dividends with respect to the Award, provided that any such dividends shall be accumulated or reinvested and shall be paid only if and to the extent the vesting conditions applicable to the Award are satisfied. To the extent the Award is forfeited, any accumulated dividends attributable to the forfeited Award (or the forfeited portion thereof) will also be forfeited.
- (4) Upon the termination of a Grantee's employment or service with the Company and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, the Restricted Stock granted to such Grantee shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the applicable Award Terms.
- (iii) Restricted Stock Units. The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units to Grantees, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) The vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit Award granted under the Plan may be conditioned upon the completion of a specified period of employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, upon the attainment of specified Performance Goals, and/or upon such other criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion. The Committee shall have the authority to accelerate the settlement of any outstanding award of Restricted Stock Units at such time and under such circumstances as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.
 - (2) Unless otherwise provided in an Award Terms or except as otherwise provided in the Plan, upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit there shall be delivered to the Grantee, as soon as practicable following the date on which such Award (or any portion thereof) vests (but in any event within such period as is required to avoid the imposition of a tax under Section 409A of the Code), that number of shares of Stock equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units becoming so vested.
 - (3) Subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, an Award of Restricted Stock Units may provide the Grantee with the right to receive dividend equivalent payments with respect to the Award, provided that any such dividend equivalents shall be accumulated or reinvested and shall be paid only if and to the extent the vesting conditions applicable to the Award are satisfied. To the extent the Award is forfeited, any accumulated dividend equivalents attributable to the forfeited Award (or the forfeited portion thereof) will also be forfeited.

(4) Upon the termination of a Grantee's employment or service with the Company and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, the Restricted Stock Units granted to such Grantee shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the applicable Award Terms.

(iv) Other Stock-Based or Cash-Based Awards.

- (1) The Committee is authorized to grant Awards to Grantees in the form of Other Stock-Based Awards or Other Cash-Based Awards, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards, consistent with the terms of the Plan, at the date of grant or thereafter, including the Performance Goals and performance periods. Stock or other securities or property delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 6(b)(iv) shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, Stock, other Awards, notes or other property, as the Committee shall determine, subject to any required corporate action.
- (2) No payment shall be made to a Covered Employee prior to the certification by the Committee that the Performance Goals have been attained. The Committee may establish such other rules applicable to the Other Stock- or Cash-Based Awards to the extent not inconsistent with Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (3) Payments earned in respect of any Cash-Based Award may be decreased or, with respect to any Grantee who is not a Covered Employee, increased in the sole discretion of the Committee based on such factors as it deems appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Awards may be adjusted in accordance with Section 5(b) hereof.
- (4) Subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, an Other Stock-Based Award may provide the Grantee with the right to receive dividend equivalent payments with respect to the Award, provided that any such dividend equivalents shall be accumulated or reinvested and shall be paid only if and to the extent the vesting conditions applicable to the Award are satisfied. To the extent the Award is forfeited, any accumulated dividend equivalents attributable to the forfeited Award (or the forfeited portion thereof) will also be forfeited.

7. CHANGE IN CONTROL PROVISIONS.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or evidenced in an applicable Award Terms or employment or other agreement, in the event of a Change in Control:
 - (i) Options and Stock Appreciation Rights
 - (1) If the Company is the surviving entity or the surviving entity assumes the Options or SARs or substitutes in lieu thereof equivalent stock options or SARs relating to the stock of such surviving entity ("Substitute Options/SARs"), the Options/SARs or the Substitute Options/SARs, as applicable, shall be governed by their respective terms;
 - (2) If the Company is the surviving entity or the surviving entity assumes the Options/SARs or issues Substitute Options/SARs, and the Grantee is terminated without Cause or for Good Reason within twenty-four (24) months following the Change in Control, Options/SARs or Substitute Options/SARs held by the Grantee that were not previously vested and exercisable shall become fully vested and remain exercisable until the date that is two (2) years following the date of such termination, or the original expiration date, whichever first occurs; or
 - (3) If the Company is not the surviving entity, and the surviving entity neither assumes the Options/SARs nor issues Substitute Options/SARs, each Option/SAR shall become fully vested and cancelled in exchange for a cash payment in an amount equal to (i) the excess of Fair Market Value per share of the Stock subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control over the exercise or base price (if any) per share of Stock subject to the Award multiplied by (ii) the number of shares of Stock subject to the Option/SAR.

- (ii) Other Awards Not Subject to Performance Goals
 - (1) If the Company is the surviving entity or the surviving entity assumes Awards (other than Options or SARs) not subject to Performance Goals ("Time-Vested Awards") or substitutes in lieu thereof equivalent stock awards relating to the stock of such surviving entity ("Substitute Awards"), the Time-Vested Awards or the Substitute Awards, as applicable, shall be governed by their respective terms;
 - (2) If the Company is the surviving entity or the surviving entity assumes the Time-Vested Awards or issues Substitute Awards, and the Grantee is terminated without Cause or for Good Reason within twenty-four (24) months following the Change in Control, Time-Vested Awards or Substitute Awards held by the Grantee that were not previously vested shall become fully vested; or
 - (3) If the Company is not the surviving entity, and the surviving entity does not assume the Time-Vested Awards or issue Substitute Awards, the Time-Vested Awards shall become fully vested and cancelled in exchange for a cash payment in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value per share of the Stock subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control multiplied by the number of shares of Stock subject to the Award.
- (iii) Other Awards Subject to Performance Goals. Awards (other than Options or SARs) subject to Performance Goals shall be converted into Time-Vested Awards at target, without proration, and continue to vest as though such Award had originally been granted as a Time-Vested Award with a restricted period equal in length to the performance period of such Award. Such Time-Vested Award shall thereafter be governed in accordance with their respective otherwise applicable terms and subsection (ii) above.
- (b) The Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide that (i) each Award shall, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, be canceled in exchange for a payment in an amount equal to (A) the Fair Market Value per share of the Stock subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control over the exercise or base price (if any) per share of Stock subject to the Award multiplied by (B) the number of Shares granted under the Award; and (ii) each Award shall, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, be canceled without payment therefore if the Fair Market Value per share of the Stock subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change in Control is less than the exercise or purchase price per share of Stock subject to the Award.
- (c) For purposes of the Plan, an Award shall be considered assumed or substituted if it (i) provides the Grantee with rights and entitlements substantially equivalent to or better than the rights, terms and conditions applicable under such Award, including, but not limited to, identical or better exercise or vesting schedules; (ii) has substantially equivalent value to such Award (determined at the time of the Change in Control); and (iii) is based on stock that is listed and traded on an established U.S. securities market or an established securities market outside the United States in which the Grantee can readily trade the stock without administrative burdens or complexities.
- (d) For purposes of the Plan, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if the event set forth in any one of the following paragraphs shall have occurred:
 - (i) any Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities beneficially owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities, excluding any Person who becomes such a Beneficial Owner in connection with a transaction described in clause (A) of paragraph (iii) below;
 - (ii) the following individuals cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of directors then serving: individuals who, on the date hereof, constitute the Board and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the date hereof or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended;

- (iii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company with any other corporation or other entity, other than (A) a merger or consolidation which results in (I) the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof), in combination with the ownership of any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of the Company or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation and (II) the individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto constituting immediately thereafter at least a majority of the board of directors of the Company, the entity surviving such merger or consolidation or, if the Company or the entity surviving such merger is then a subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof, or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities Beneficially Owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or
- (iv) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (it being conclusively presumed that any sale or disposition is a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of its assets if the consummation of the sale or disposition is contingent upon approval by the Company's stockholders unless the Board expressly determines in writing that such approval is required solely by reason of any relationship between the Company and any other Person or an Affiliate of the Company and any other Person), other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity (A) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale or disposition and (B) the majority of whose board of directors immediately following such sale or disposition consists of individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Change in Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of the Company immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of the Company immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

(e) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee or set forth in a Grantee's Award Terms, notwithstanding the provisions of this Plan, in the event that any payment or benefit received or to be received by the Grantee in connection with a Change in Control or the termination of the Grantee's employment or service (whether pursuant to the terms of this Plan or any other plan, arrangement or agreement with the Company, any Subsidiary, any Affiliate, any Person whose actions result in a Change in Control or any Person affiliated with the Company or such Person) (all such payments and benefits, "Total Payments") would be subject (in whole or part), to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (the "Excise Tax"), then, after taking into account any reduction in the Total Payments provided by reason of Section 280G of the Code in such other plan, arrangement or agreement, the payment or benefit to be received by the Grantee upon a Change in Control shall be reduced to the extent necessary so that no portion of the Total Payments is subject to the Excise Tax but only if the net amount of such Total Payments, as so reduced (and after subtracting the net amount of federal, state and local income taxes on such reduced Total Payments) is greater than or equal to the net amount of such Total Payments without such reduction (but after subtracting the net amount of federal, state and local income taxes on such Total Payments and the amount of Excise Tax to which the Executive would be subject in respect of such unreduced Total Payments). Neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates, representatives, directors, officers, employees or advisors shall have any liability or other obligation to indemnify, gross-up or otherwise hold a Grantee or anyone else harmless for any tax, additional tax, penalty or interest incurred under Section 4999 of the Code.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, a Change in Control shall result in the acceleration of the time of payment under an Award that is subject to Section 409A of the Code only if the Change in Control also constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets for purposes of Section 409A of the Code; provided that to the extent that the time of payment under an Award otherwise would have been accelerated but for the application of this Section 7(e), vesting of the Grantee in such payment shall be accelerated.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) Nontransferability, Deferrals and Settlements. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or provided in an Award Terms, Awards shall not be transferable by a Grantee except by will or the laws of descent and distribution and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of a Grantee only by such Grantee or his guardian or legal representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any transfer of Awards to independent third parties for cash consideration without stockholder approval is prohibited. Any Award shall be null and void and without effect upon any attempted assignment or transfer, except as herein provided, including without limitation any purported assignment, whether voluntary or by operation of law, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition, attachment, divorce, trustee process or similar process, whether legal or equitable, upon such Award. The Committee may require or permit Grantees to elect to defer the issuance of shares of Stock (with settlement in cash or Stock as may be determined by the Committee or elected by the Grantee in accordance with procedures established by the Committee), or the settlement of Awards in cash under such rules and procedures as established under the Plan to the extent that such deferral complies with Section 409A of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder. It may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment or crediting of interest, dividends or dividend equivalents on the deferral amounts.
- (b) No Right to Continued Employment, etc. Nothing in the Plan or in any Award granted or any Award Terms, promissory note or other agreement entered into pursuant hereto shall confer upon any Grantee the right to continue in the employ or service of the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in the Plan or such Award Terms, promissory note or other agreement or to interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or any such Subsidiary or Affiliate to terminate such Grantee's employment or service.
- (c) Taxes. The Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any Award granted, any payment relating to an Award under the Plan, including from a distribution of Stock, or any other payment to a Grantee, amounts of withholding and other taxes due in connection with any transaction involving an Award, and to take such other action as the Committee may deem advisable to enable the Company and Grantees to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any Award. This authority shall include authority to withhold or receive Stock or other property with a Fair Market Value not in excess of the minimum amount required to be withheld or such other rate that will not cause adverse accounting consequences for the Company and is permitted under applicable withholding rules promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service of another applicable governmental entity.
- (d) Stockholder Approval; Amendment and Termination. The Plan shall be subject to approval by the Company's stockholders, which approval must occur, if at all, within twelve (12) months of the date the Board approved the Plan. Awards granted prior to such stockholder approval shall be conditioned upon and shall be effective only upon approval of the Plan by such stockholders on or before such date. The Board may amend, alter or discontinue the Plan, but no amendment, alteration, or discontinuation shall be made that would impair the rights of a Grantee under any Award theretofore granted without such Grantee's consent, or that without the approval of the stockholders (as described below) would, except as provided in Section 5, increase the total number of shares of Stock reserved for the purpose of the Plan. In addition, stockholder approval shall be required with respect to any amendment that materially increases benefits provided under the Plan or materially alters the eligibility provisions of the Plan or with respect to which stockholder approval is required under the rules of any stock exchange on which Stock is then listed. Unless earlier terminated by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, the Plan shall terminate on January 26, 2027. No Awards shall be granted under the Plan after such termination date.

- (e) No Rights to Awards; No Stockholder Rights. No individual shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Grantees. No individual shall have any right to an Award or to payment or settlement under any Award unless and until the Committee or its designee shall have determined that an Award or payment or settlement is to be made. Except as provided specifically herein, a Grantee or a transferee of an Award shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares covered by the Award until the date of the issuance of such shares.
- (f) <u>Unfunded Status of Awards</u>. The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Grantee pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award shall give any such Grantee any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company.
- (g) No Fractional Shares. No fractional shares of Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award. The Committee shall determine whether cash, other Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional shares or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.
- (h) <u>Limitation on Dividends and Dividend Equivalents</u>. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or otherwise to the contrary, any dividends or dividend equivalents provided with respect to an Award shall be paid only if and to the extent the vesting conditions applicable to the Award are satisfied. To the extent the Award is forfeited, any accumulated dividends or dividend equivalents attributable to the forfeited Award (or the forfeited portion thereof) will also be forfeited.
- (i) Regulations and Other Approvals.
 - (i) The obligation of the Company to sell or deliver Stock with respect to any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including all applicable federal and state securities laws, and the obtaining of all such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.
 - (ii) Each Award is subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Committee determines, in its absolute discretion, that the listing, registration or qualification of Stock issuable pursuant to the Plan is required by any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant of an Award or the issuance of Stock, no such Award shall be granted or payment made or Stock issued, in whole or in part, unless listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval has been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.
 - (iii) In the event that the disposition of Stock acquired pursuant to the Plan is not covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and is not otherwise exempt from such registration, such Stock shall be restricted against transfer to the extent required by the Securities Act or regulations thereunder, and the Committee may require a Grantee receiving Stock pursuant to the Plan, as a condition precedent to receipt of such Stock, to represent to the Company in writing that the Stock acquired by such Grantee is acquired for investment only and not with a view to distribution.
- (j) Section 409A. This Plan is intended to comply and shall be administered in a manner that is intended to comply with or be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. To the extent that an Award, issuance and/or payment is subject to Section 409A of the Code, it shall be awarded and/or issued or paid in a manner that will comply with Section 409A of the Code, including proposed, temporary or final regulations or any other guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service with respect thereto. Any provision of this Plan that would cause an Award, issuance and/or payment to fail to satisfy Section 409A of the Code shall have no force and effect until amended to comply with Code Section 409A (which amendment may be retroactive to the extent permitted by applicable law). Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in an Award Agreement to the contrary, (i) to the extent required in order to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, a Grantee shall not be cnsidered to have terminated employment with the Company or its Affiliates for purposes of any Award, and no payment under any Award shall be due to the Grantee as a result of such termination, until the Grantee would be considered to have incurred a "separation from service" from the Company and its

Affiliates within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, and (ii) to the extent that any payments to be made upon a Grantee's separation from service would result in the imposition of any individual penalty tax imposed under Section 409A of the Code, the payment shall instead be made on the first business day after the earlier of (A) the date that is six (6) months following such separation from service and (B) the date of the Grantee's death. Neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates makes any representations that any or all of the payments provided under any Award will be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code and none of them makes any undertaking to preclude Section 409A of the Code from applying to any such payment, and neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates, representatives, directors, officers, employees or advisors shall have any liability or other obligation to indemnify, gross-up or otherwise hold a Grantee or anyone else harmless for any tax, additional tax, penalty or interest incurred because of a violation of Section 409A of the Code.

- (k) Awards to Employees Outside the United States. Awards may be granted to Grantees who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States, or both, on such terms and conditions different from those applicable to Awards to Grantees employed in the United States as may, in the judgment of the Committee, be necessary or desirable in order to recognize differences in local law or tax policy. The Committee also may impose conditions on the exercise or vesting of Awards in order to minimize the Company's obligation with respect to tax equalization for Grantees on assignments outside their home country. Moreover, the Committee may approve such supplements to, or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of, the Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for such purposes without thereby affecting the terms of the Plan as in effect for any other purpose, provided that no such supplements, amendments, restatements or alternative versions shall include any provisions that are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as then in effect, unless the Plan could have been amended to eliminate such inconsistency without further approval by the stockholders of the Company.
- (I) <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof.
- (m) Clawback. To the extent allowed under applicable law or regulatory filings, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, all Awards granted under the Plan, and any related payments made under the Plan, shall be subject to the requirements of any applicable clawback, repayment or recapture policy implemented by the Company, including any such policy adopted to comply with applicable law (including without limitation the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Report and Consumer Protection Act) or securities exchange listing standards and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, to the extent set forth in such policy and/or in any notice or agreement relating to an Award or payment under the Plan.

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THE CHEMOURS COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

(adopted by the Company's Board of Directors on January 26, 2017 approved by the Company's stockholders on April 26, 2017)

1. Definitions.

- (a) "Administrator" means the Committee or one or more of the Company's officers or management team appointed by the Board or Committee to administer the day-to-day operations of the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Board or Committee may assign any of its administrative tasks to the Administrator.
- (b) "Affiliate" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under the Exchange Act. The Board shall have the authority to determine the time or times at which "Affiliate" status is determined within the foregoing definition.
- (c) "Applicable Law" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity-based awards under state corporate laws, United States federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any non-US jurisdiction where rights are, or will be, granted under the Plan.
 - (d) "Beneficial Owner" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.
 - (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - (f) "Change in Control" means the first of the following events to occur:
 - (i) any Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities beneficially owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding securities, excluding any Person who becomes such a Beneficial Owner in connection with a transaction described in clause (I) of paragraph (iii) below; or
 - (ii) the following individuals cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of directors then serving: individuals who, on the date hereof, constitute the Board and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the date hereof or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended; or
 - (iii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect Subsidiary with any other corporation or other entity, other than (I) a merger or consolidation which results in (A) the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof), in combination with the ownership of any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary, at least 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of the Company or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation and (B) the individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto constituting immediately thereafter at least a majority of the board of directors of the Company, the entity surviving such merger or consolidation or, if the Company or the entity surviving such merger is then a Subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof, or (II) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization

of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities Beneficially Owned by such Person any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding securities; or

(iv) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (it being conclusively presumed that any sale or disposition is a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of its assets if the consummation of the sale or disposition is contingent upon approval by the Company's stockholders unless the Board expressly determines in writing that such approval is required solely by reason of any relationship between the Company and any other Person or an Affiliate of the Company and any other Person), other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity (i) at least 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale or disposition and (ii) the majority of whose board of directors immediately following such sale or disposition consists of individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Change in Control" shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the record holders of the common stock of the Company immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of the Company immediately following such transaction or series of transactions.

- (g) "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or United States Treasury Regulation thereunder will include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or other official applicable guidance promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
 - (h) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or any subcommittee referred to in Section 4(c).
- (i) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value per share, as the same may be converted, changed, reclassified or exchanged.
- (j) "Company" means The Chemours Company, a Delaware corporation, or any successor to all or substantially all of the Company's business that adopts the Plan.
- (k) "Contributions" means the amount of Eligible Pay contributed by a Participating Employee through payroll deductions and other additional payments that the Committee may permit a Participating Employee to make to fund the exercise of rights to purchase Shares granted pursuant to the Plan.
- (I) "Designated Company" means any Subsidiary or Affiliate, whether now existing or existing in the future, that has been designated by the Committee from time to time in its sole discretion as eligible to participate in the Plan. The Committee may designate Subsidiaries or Affiliates as Designated Companies in a Non-Section 423 Offering. For purposes of a Section 423 Offering, only the Company and its Subsidiaries may be Designated Companies, provided, however that at any given time, a Subsidiary that is a Designated Company under a Section 423 Offering will not be a Designated Company under a Non-Section 423 Offering.
 - (m) "Effective Date" means the date the Plan is approved by the Board.

- (n) "Eligible Employee" means any individual in a employee-employer relationship with the Company or a Designated Company for income tax and employment tax withholding and reporting purposes. For purposes of clarity, the term "Eligible Employee" shall not include the following, regardless of any subsequent reclassification as an employee by the Company or a Designated Company, any governmental agency, or any court: (i) any independent contractor; (ii) any consultant; (iii) any individual performing services for the Company or a Designated Company who has entered into an independent contractor or consultant agreement with the Company or a Designated Company; (iv) any individual performing services for the Company or a Designated Company under an independent contractor or consultant agreement, a purchase order, a supplier agreement or any other agreement that the Company or a Designated Company enters into for services; (v) any individual classified by the Company or a Designated Company as contract labor (such as contractors, contract employees, job shoppers), regardless of length of service; (vi) any individual whose base wage or salary is not processed for payment by the payroll department(s) or payroll provider(s) of the Company or a Designated Company; and (vii) any leased employee. The Committee shall have exclusive discretion to determine whether an individual is an Eligible Employee for purposes of the Plan.
- (o) "Eligible Pay" means the total amount paid by the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to the Eligible Employee (other than amounts paid after termination of employment date, even if such amounts are paid for pre-termination date services) as salary or wages (including 13th/14th month payments or similar concepts under local law), and any portion of such amounts voluntarily deferred or reduced by the Eligible Employee (i) under any employee benefit plan of the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate available to all levels of employees on a non-discriminatory basis upon satisfaction of eligibility requirements, and (ii) under any deferral plan of the Company (provided such amounts would not otherwise have been excluded had they not been deferred), but excluding any bonuses, commissions, overtime pay, stipends, lump sum payments in lieu of foregone merit increases, "bonus buyouts" as the result of job changes, pension, retainers, severance pay, special stay-on bonus, income derived from stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units and dispositions of stock acquired thereunder, and other special remunerations. For Eligible Employees in the United States, Eligible Pay shall include elective amounts that are not includible in gross income of the Eligible Employee by reason of Sections 125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h) or 403(b) of the Code. The Committee shall have discretion to determine the application of this definition to Eligible Employees outside the United States.
- (p) "Enrollment Period" means the period during which an Eligible Employee may elect to participate in the Plan, with such period occurring before the first day of the next Offering Period, as prescribed by the Administrator.
- (q) "Exchange Act" means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, from time to time, or any successor law thereto, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (r) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any given date, (i) if Shares are traded on any established stock exchange, the closing price of a Share as quoted on the principal exchange on which the Shares are listed, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* (or such other source as the Company may deem reliable for such purposes) for such date, or if no sale occurred on such date, the first trading date immediately prior to such date during which a sale occurred; or (ii) if Shares are not traded on an exchange but are regularly quoted on a national market or other quotation system, the closing sales price on such date as quoted on such market or system, or if no sales occurred on such date, then on the date immediately prior to such date on which sales prices are reported; or (iii) in the absence of an established market for the Shares of the type described in (i) or (ii) of this definition, the fair market value established by the Committee acting in good faith.
- (s) "Offering" means a Section 423 Offering or a Non-Section 423 Offering of a right to purchase Shares under the Plan during an Offering Period as further described in Section 6. For purposes of the Plan, the Committee may establish separate Offerings under the Plan (the terms of which need not be identical) in which Eligible Employees of one or more Designated Companies may participate, even if the dates of the applicable Offering Periods of each such Offering are identical and the provisions of the Plan

will separately apply to each Offering. With respect to Section 423 Offerings, the terms of each Offering need not be identical provided that the terms of the Plan and an Offering together satisfy Code Section 423; a Non-Section 423 Offering need not satisfy such regulations.

- (t) "Offering Period" means the periods established in accordance with Section 6 during which rights to purchase Shares may be granted pursuant to the Plan and may be purchased on one or more Purchase Dates. The duration and timing of Offering Periods may be changed pursuant to Sections 6 and 17.
 - (u) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
 - (v) "Participating Employee" means an Eligible Employee that elects to participate in the Plan.
- (w) "Person" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Section 13(d) and Section 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (i) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Affiliates, (iii) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (iv) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company.
 - (x) "Plan" means The Chemours Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as may be amended from time to time.
 - (y) "Purchase Date" means the last Trading Day of each Purchase Period (or such other Trading Day as the Committee shall determine).
- (z) "Purchase Period" means a period of time within an Offering Period, as may be specified by the Committee in accordance with Section 6, generally beginning on the first Trading Day of each Purchase Period and ending on a Purchase Date. An Offering Period may consist of one or more Purchase Periods.
- (aa) "Purchase Price" means the purchase price at which Shares may be acquired on a Purchase Date and which shall be set by the Committee; provided, however, that the Purchase Price for a Section 423 Offering shall not be less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the lesser of (a) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the first Trading Date of the Offering Period or (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the Purchase Date. Unless otherwise provided by the Board prior to the commencement of an Offering Period, the Purchase Price shall be ninety-five percent (95%) of the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the Purchase Date.
 - (bb) "Shares" means the shares of Common Stock subject to the Plan.
 - (cc) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.
- (dd) "Tax-Related Items" means any income tax, social insurance, payroll tax, payment on account or other tax-related items arising in relation to the Participating Employee's participation in the Plan.
 - (ee) "Trading Day" means a day on which the principal exchange that Shares are listed on is open for trading.
- 2. <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to provide an opportunity for Eligible Employees of the Company and its Designated Companies to purchase Common Stock at a discount through voluntary Contributions, thereby attracting, retaining and rewarding such persons and strengthening the mutuality of interest between such persons and the Company's stockholders. The Company intends for

offerings under the Plan to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code (a "Section 423 Offering"); provided, however, that the Committee may also authorize the grant of rights under the Plan that are not intended to comply with the requirements of Section 423 of the Code, pursuant to any rules, procedures, or sub-plans adopted by the Committee for such purpose (a "Non-Section 423 Offering").

3. <u>Shares Reserved for the Plan</u>. Subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 16 hereof, seven million (7,000,000) Shares may be sold pursuant to the Plan. Such Shares may be authorized but unissued Common Stock, treasury shares or Common Stock purchased in the open market. For avoidance of doubt, the limitation set forth in this Section 3 may be used to satisfy purchases of Shares under either a Section 423 Offering or a Non-Section 423 Offering.

4. Administration of the Plan.

- (a) Committee as Administrator. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Anything in the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, subject to Applicable Law, any authority or responsibility that, under the terms of the Plan, may be exercised by the Committee may alternatively be exercised by the Board. Subject to Applicable Law, no member of the Board or Committee (or its delegates) shall be liable for any good faith action or determination made in connection with the operation, administration or interpretation of the Plan. In the performance of its responsibilities with respect to the Plan, the Committee shall be entitled to rely upon, and no member of the Committee shall be liable for any action taken or not taken in reliance upon, information and/or advice furnished by the Company's officers or employees, the Company's accountants, the Company's counsel and any other party that the Committee deems necessary.
- (b) Powers of the Committee. The Committee shall have full power and authority to: administer the Plan, including, without limitation, the authority to (i) construe, interpret, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any default in and supply any omission in, and apply the terms of the Plan and any enrollment form or other instrument or agreement relating to the Plan, (ii) determine eligibility and adjudicate all disputed claims filed under the Plan, including whether Eligible Employees shall participate in a Section 423 Offering or a Non-Section 423 Offering and which Subsidiaries and Affiliates of the Company shall be Designated Companies participating in either a Section 423 Offering or a Non-Section 423 Offering, (iii) determine the terms and conditions of any right to purchase Shares under the Plan, (iv) 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, (v) amend an outstanding right to purchase Shares, including any amendments to a right that may be necessary for purposes of effecting a transaction contemplated under Section 16 hereof (including, but not limited to, an amendment to the class or type of stock that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of a right or the Purchase Price applicable to a right), provided that the amended right otherwise conforms to the terms of the Plan, (vi) impose such terms and conditions under an Offering as the Administrator may deem necessary to ensure that the terms of an Offering comply with the requirements under ASC 718 applicable to employee stock purchase plan offerings intended to receive non-compensatory accounting treatment, and (vii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Plan, the Committee may adopt rules or procedures relating to the operation and administration of the Plan to accommodate the specific requirements of local laws and procedures for jurisdictions outside of the United States. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee specifically is authorized to adopt rules, procedures and subplans, which, for purposes of a Non-Section 423 Offering, may be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code, regarding, without limitation, eligibility to participate, the definition of Eligible Pay, handling of payroll deductions, making of contributions to the Plan (including, without limitation, in forms other than payroll deductions), establishment of bank or trust accounts to hold payroll deductions, payment of interest, conversion of local currency, obligations to pay payroll tax, determination of beneficiary-designation requirements, withholding procedures and handling of Share issuances, which may vary according to local requirements. All determinations by the Committee in carrying out and administering the Plan and in construing and interpreting the Plan and any enrollment form other instrument or agreement relating to

the Plan shall be made in the Committee's sole discretion and shall be final, binding and conclusive for all purposes and upon all interested persons.

(c) <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. To the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law, the Committee may, from time to time, delegate some or all of its authority under the Plan to a subcommittee or subcommittees of the Committee, the Administrator or other persons or groups of persons as it deems necessary, appropriate or advisable under conditions or limitations that it may set at or after the time of the delegation. For purposes of the Plan, reference to the Committee shall be deemed to refer to any subcommittee, subcommittees, or other persons or groups of persons to whom the Committee delegates authority pursuant to this Section 4(c).

5. Eligible Employees.

- (a) <u>General</u>. Any individual who is an Eligible Employee as of the commencement of an Offering Period will be eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to the requirements of Section 7.
- (b) Non-U.S. Employees. An Eligible Employee who works for a Designated Company and is a citizen or resident of a jurisdiction other than the United States (without regard to whether such individual also is a citizen or resident of the United States or is a resident alien (within the meaning of Section 7701(b)(1)(A) of the Code)) may be excluded from participation in the Plan or an Offering if the participation of such Eligible Employee is prohibited under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction or if complying with the laws of the applicable jurisdiction would cause the Plan or a Section 423 Offering to violate Section 423 of the Code. In the case of a Non-Section 423 Offering, an Eligible Employee (or group of Eligible Employees) may be excluded from participation in the Plan or an Offering if the Administrator has determined, in its sole discretion, that participation of such Eligible Employee(s) is not advisable or practicable for any reason.
- (c) Limitations. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, no Eligible Employee shall be granted a right to purchase Shares under a Section 423 Offering (i) to the extent that, immediately after the grant, such Eligible Employee (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Eligible Employee pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own capital stock of the Company and/or hold outstanding rights to purchase capital stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of the capital stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company, or (ii) to the extent that his or her rights to purchase capital stock under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries accrues at a rate that exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (US\$25,000) worth of such stock (determined at the fair market value of the shares of such stock at the time such right is granted) for each calendar year in which such purchase right is outstanding. The Committee, in its discretion, from time to time may, prior to an Enrollment Period for all options to be granted in an Offering, determine (on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis) that the definition of Eligible Employee will or will not include an individual if he or she: (i) has not completed at least two (2) years of service since his or her last hire date (or such lesser period of time as may be determined by the Committee in its discretion), (ii) customarily works not more than twenty (20) hours per week (or such lesser period of time as may be determined by the Committee in its discretion), (iii) customarily works not more than five (5) months per calendar year (or such lesser period of time as may be determined by the Committee in its discretion), (iv) is a highly compensated employee within the meaning of Section 414(q) of the Code, or (v) is a highly compensated employee within the meaning of Section 414(q) of the Code with compensation above a certain level or is an officer or subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, provided the exclusion is applied with respect to each Offering in an identical manner to all highly compensated individuals of the Designated Company whose employees are participating in that Offering.
- 6. Offering Periods. The Plan will be implemented by consecutive Offering Periods with a new Offering Period commencing on the first Trading Day of the relevant Offering Period and terminating on the last Trading Day of the relevant Offering Period. Unless and until the Committee determines otherwise in its discretion, each Offering Period shall consist of four (4) Purchase Periods. Unless and

until the Committee determines otherwise in its discretion, the first Purchase Period of an Offering Period shall run from the first Trading Day of October through the last Trading Day of December, the second Purchase Period of the Offering Period shall run from the first Trading Day of January through the last Trading Day of March, the third Purchase Period of the Offering Period shall run from the first Trading Day of April through the last Trading Day of June, and the fourth Purchase Period of the Offering Period shall run from the first Trading Day of July through the last Trading Day of September. The Committee will have the authority to establish additional or alternative sequential or overlapping Offering Periods, a different number of Purchase Periods within an Offering Period, a different duration for one or more Offering Periods or Purchase Periods or different commencement or ending dates for such Offering Periods with respect to future offerings without stockholder approval if such change is announced prior to the scheduled beginning of the first Offering Period to be affected thereafter, provided, however, that no Offering Period may have a duration exceeding twenty-seven (27) months. To the extent that the Administrator establishes overlapping Offering Periods with more than one Purchase Period in each Offering Period where the Purchase Price is based on the lower of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the first Trading Day of the Offering Period and on the Purchase Date, the Administrator will have the discretion to structure an Offering Period so that if the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on any Purchase Date within an Offering Period is less than or equal to the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the first Trading Day of that Offering Period, then (i) that Offering Period will terminate immediately as of that first Trading Day, and (ii) the Participants in such terminated Offering Period will be automatically enrolled in a new Offering Period beginning on the first Trading Day of such new Purchase Period. The new Offering Period shall have a duration of twenty-four (24) months, unless a shorter or longer duration, subject to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) months, is established by the Committee within thirty (30) calendar days following the start date of the Offering Period.

- 7. Election to Participate and Payroll Deductions. An Eligible Employee may elect to participate in an Offering Period under the Plan during any Enrollment Period. Any such election shall be made by completing the online enrollment process through the Company's designated Plan broker or by completing and submitting an enrollment form to the Administrator during such Enrollment Period, authorizing Contributions in whole percentages from 1% to 10% of the Eligible Employee's Eligible Pay for the Purchase Period within the Offering Period to which the deduction applies. For the avoidance of any doubt, unless the Committee provides otherwise, an election to enroll in a given Offering Period shall not continue in effect with respect to a subsequent Offering Period. A Participating Employee may elect to increase or decrease the rate of such Contributions during any subsequent Enrollment Period by submitting the appropriate form online through the Company's designated Plan broker or to the Administrator, provided that no change in Contributions shall be permitted to the extent that such change would result in total Contributions exceeding 10% of the Eligible Employee's Eligible Pay, or such other amount as may be determined by the Administrator. The new rate (which may not exceed 10% of the Participating Employee's Eligible Pay) shall become effective on the first day of the first Purchase Period following the completion of such enrollment form. During a Purchase Period, a Participating Employee may reduce his or her rate of Contributions, including to zero (0)%, to become effective as soon as possible after completing an amended enrollment form (either through the Company's online Plan enrollment process or in paper form). The Participating Employee shall not, however, effect more than one such reduction per Purchase Period. An Eligible Employee (or Participating Employee, if applicable) may not initiate or increase Contributions as of any date within the same Purchase Period.
- 8. <u>Contributions</u>. The Company shall establish an account in the form of a bookkeeping entry for each Participating Employee for the purpose of tracking Contributions made by each Participating Employee during the Offering Period, and shall credit all Contributions made by each Participating Employee to such account. The Company shall not be obligated to segregate the Contributions from the general funds of the Company or any Designated Company nor shall any interest be paid on such Contributions, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law. All Contributions received by the Company for Shares sold by the Company on any Purchase Date pursuant to this Plan may be used for any corporate purpose.

- 9. <u>Limitation on Number of Shares That an Employee May Purchase</u>. Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 5(c), each Participating Employee shall have the right to purchase as many whole Shares as may be purchased with the Contributions credited to his or her account as of the Purchase Date (or such other date as the Committee shall determine) at the Purchase Price applicable to such Purchase Period; provided, however, that a Participating Employee may not purchase in excess of 1,000 Shares under the Plan per Offering Period (subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 16 hereof). Any amount remaining in a Participating Employee's account as of the relevant Purchase Date in excess of the amount that may properly be applied to the purchase of Shares as a result of the application of the limitations set forth herein (or as designated by the Administrator) shall be carried over to the next Purchase Period; provided that if the Purchase Date is for the last Purchase Period of an Offering Period, then any remaining amounts shall be refunded, without interest, as soon as practicable.
- 10. <u>Taxes</u>. At the time a Participating Employee's purchase right is exercised, in whole or in part, or at the time a Participating Employee disposes of some or all of the Shares acquired under the Plan, the Participating Employee shall make adequate provision for any Tax-Related Items. In their sole discretion, the Company or the Designated Company that employs the Participating Employee may satisfy their obligations to withhold Tax-Related Items by (a) withholding from the Participating Employee's compensation, (b) withholding a sufficient whole number of Shares otherwise issuable following purchase having an aggregate Fair Market Value sufficient to pay the minimum Tax-Related Items required to be withheld with respect to the Shares, or (c) withholding from proceeds from the sale of Shares issued upon purchase, either through a voluntary sale or a mandatory sale arranged by the Company.
- 11. <u>Brokerage Accounts or Plan Share Accounts</u>. By enrolling in the Plan, each Participating Employee shall be deemed to have authorized the establishment of a brokerage account on his or her behalf at a securities brokerage firm selected by the Administrator. Alternatively, the Administrator may provide for Plan share accounts for each Participating Employee to be established by the Company or by an outside entity selected by the Administrator which is not a brokerage firm. Shares purchased by a Participating Employee pursuant to the Plan shall be held in the Participating Employee's brokerage or Plan share account.
- 12. <u>Rights as a Stockholder</u>. A Participating Employee shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to Shares subject to any rights granted under this Plan or any Shares deliverable under this Plan unless and until recorded in the books of the brokerage firm selected by the Administrator or, as applicable, the Company, its transfer agent, stock plan administrator or such other outside entity which is not a brokerage firm
- 13. <u>Rights Not Transferable</u>. Rights granted under this Plan are not transferable by a Participating Employee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and are exercisable during a Participating Employee's lifetime only by the Participating Employee.
- 14. Withdrawals. A Participating Employee may withdraw from an Offering Period by submitting the appropriate form online through the Company's designated Plan broker or to the Administrator. A notice of withdrawal must be received no later than the last day of the month immediately preceding the month of the Purchase Date. Upon receipt of such notice, automatic deductions of Contributions on behalf of the Participating Employee shall be discontinued commencing with the payroll period immediately following the effective date of the notice of withdrawal, and such Participating Employee may not again be eligible to participate in the Plan until the next Enrollment Period. Amounts credited to the contribution account of any Participating Employee who withdraws prior to the date set forth in this Section 14 shall be refunded, without interest, as soon as practicable.
 - 15. Termination of Employment.
- (a) <u>General</u>. Upon a Participating Employee ceasing to be an Eligible Employee for any reason prior to a Purchase Date, Contributions for such Participating Employee shall be discontinued and any

amounts then credited to the Participating Employee's contribution account shall be refunded, without interest, as soon as practicable, except as otherwise provided by the Administrator.

- (b) Leave of Absence. Subject to the discretion of the Administrator, if a Participating Employee is granted a paid leave of absence, payroll deductions on behalf of the Participating Employee shall continue and any amounts credited to the Participating Employee's contribution account may be used to purchase Shares as provided under the Plan. If a Participating Employee is granted an unpaid leave of absence, payroll deductions on behalf of the Participating Employee shall be discontinued and no other Contributions shall be permitted (unless otherwise determined by the Administrator or required by Applicable Law), but any amounts then credited to the Participating Employee's contribution account may be used to purchase Shares on the next applicable Purchase Date. Where the period of leave exceeds three (3) months and the Participating Employee's right to reemployment is not guaranteed either by statute or by contract, the employment relationship will be deemed to have terminated three (3) months and one (1) day following the commencement of such leave.
- (c) <u>Transfer of Employment</u>. A Participating Employee whose employment transfers or whose employment terminates with an immediate rehire (with no break in service) by or between the Company or a Designated Company will not be treated as having terminated employment for purposes of participating in the Plan or an Offering; however, if a Participating Employee transfers from a Section 423 Offering to a Non-Section 423 Offering, the exercise of the right will be qualified under the Section 423 Offering only to the extent that such exercise complies with Section 423 of the Code. If a Participating Employee transfers from a Non-Section 423 Offering to a Section 423 Offering, the exercise of the right will remain non-qualified under the Non-Section 423 Offering.

16. Adjustment Provisions.

- (a) <u>Changes in Capitalization</u>. In the event of any change affecting the number, class or terms of the shares of Common Stock by reason of stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, disaffiliation of a Subsidiary or Affiliate, combination of shares, exchange of shares, stock rights offering, or other similar event, or any distribution to the holders of shares of Common Stock other than a regular cash dividend, then the Committee, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, will, in such manner as it may deem equitable, adjust the number and class of Common Stock that may be delivered under the Plan (including the numerical limits of Sections 3 and 9), the Purchase Price per Share and the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each right under the Plan that has not yet been exercised. For the avoidance of doubt, the Committee may not delegate its authority to make adjustments pursuant to this Section. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of Shares subject to a purchase right.
- (b) <u>Change in Control</u>. In the event of a Change in Control, each outstanding right to purchase Shares shall be equitably adjusted and assumed or an equivalent right to purchase Shares substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation in a Change in Control refuses to assume or substitute for the purchase right or the successor corporation is not a publicly traded corporation, the Offering Period then in progress shall be shortened by setting a New Purchase Date and shall end on the New Purchase Date. The New Purchase Date shall be before the date of the Company's proposed Change in Control. The Committee shall notify each Participating Employee in writing, at least ten (10) Trading Days prior to the New Purchase Date, that the Purchase Date for the Participating Employee's purchase right has been changed to the New Purchase Date and that Shares shall be purchased automatically for the Participating Employee on the New Purchase Date, unless prior to such date the Participating Employee has withdrawn from the Offering Period, as provided in Section 14 hereof.
- 17. <u>Amendments and Termination of the Plan</u>. The Board or the Committee may amend the Plan at any time, provided that, if stockholder approval is required pursuant to Applicable Law, then no such

amendment shall be effective unless approved by the Company's stockholders within such time period as may be required. The Board or the Committee may suspend the Plan or discontinue the Plan at any time, including shortening an Offering Period in connection with a spin off or other similar corporate event. Upon termination of the Plan, all Contributions shall cease and all amounts then credited to a Participating Employee's account shall be equitably applied to the purchase of whole Shares then available for sale, and any remaining amounts shall be promptly refunded, without interest, to Participating Employees. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board or Committee, as applicable herein, may not delegate its authority to make amendments to or suspend the operations of the Plan pursuant to this Section.

- 18. <u>Stockholder Approval</u>; <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan will be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months after the date the Plan is adopted by the Board. Such stockholder approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws. The Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date, subject to approval of the stockholders of the Company as contemplated in the foregoing sentence. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may not delegate its authority to approve the Plan pursuant to this Section.
- 19. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless there is an available exemption from any registration, qualification or other legal requirement applicable to the Shares, the Company shall not be required to deliver any Shares issuable upon exercise of a right under the Plan prior to the completion of any registration or qualification of the Shares under any local, state, federal or foreign securities or exchange control law or under rulings or regulations of any governmental regulatory body, or prior to obtaining any approval or other clearance from any local, state, federal or foreign governmental agency, which registration, qualification or approval the Committee shall, in its absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable. The Company is under no obligation to register or qualify the Shares with any state or foreign securities commission, or to seek approval or clearance from any governmental authority for the issuance or sale of the Shares. If, pursuant to this Section 19, the Committee determines that the Shares will not be issued to any Participating Employee, any Contributions credited to such Participating Employee's account shall be promptly refunded, without interest, to the Participating Employee, without any liability to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

20. Code Section 409A; Tax Qualification.

- (a) <u>Code Section 409A</u>. Rights to purchase Shares granted under a Section 423 Offering are exempt from the application of Section 409A of the Code. In furtherance of the foregoing and notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, if the Committee determines that a right granted under the Plan may be subject to Section 409A of the Code or that any provision in the Plan would cause a right under the Plan to be subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Committee may amend the terms of the Plan and/or of an outstanding right granted under the Plan, or take such other action the Committee determines is necessary or appropriate, in each case, without the Participating Employee's consent, to exempt any outstanding right or future right that may be granted under the Plan from or to allow any such rights to comply with Section 409A of the Code, but only to the extent any such amendments or action by the Committee would not violate Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will have no liability to a Participating Employee or any other party if the right to purchase Shares under the Plan that is intended to be exempt from or compliant with Section 409A of the Code is not so exempt or compliant or for any action taken by the Committee with respect thereto. The Company makes no representation that the right to purchase Shares under the Plan is compliant with Section 409A of the Code.
- (b) <u>Tax Qualification</u>. Although the Company may endeavor to (i) qualify a right to purchase Shares for favorable tax treatment under the laws of the United States or jurisdictions outside of the United States or (ii) avoid adverse tax treatment (e.g., under Section 409A of the Code), the Company makes no representation to that effect and expressly disavows any covenant to maintain favorable or avoid unfavorable tax treatment, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, including Section 20(a)

hereof. The Company shall be unconstrained in its corporate activities without regard to the potential negative tax impact on Participating Employees under the Plan.

- 21. <u>No Employment Rights</u>. Participation in the Plan shall not be construed as giving any Participating Employee the right to be retained as an employee of the Company, its Subsidiary, or one of its Affiliates, as applicable. Furthermore, the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate may dismiss any Participating Employee from employment at any time, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan.
- 22. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Plan is held unenforceable, the remainder of the Plan shall continue in full force and effect without regard to such unenforceable provision and shall be applied as though the unenforceable provision were not contained in the Plan.
- 23. <u>Governing Law</u>. Except to the extent that provisions of this Plan are governed by applicable provisions of the Code or any other substantive provision of United States federal law, this Plan shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof. Any legal action related to the Plan, the purchase rights granted under the Plan or any enrollment form or other instrument or agreement relating to the Plan shall be brought only in a United States federal or state court located in Delaware.
- 24. <u>Headings</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.
- 25. <u>Expenses</u>. Unless otherwise set forth in the Plan or determined by the Administrator, all expenses of administering the Plan, including expenses incurred in connection with the purchase of Shares for sale to Participating Employees, shall be borne by the Company and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.