Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Byrna Technologies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 71-1050654 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Burtt Road Suite 115 Andover, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01810 (Zip Code)

Byrna Technologies Inc. Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Bryan Ganz President and Chief Executive Officer Byrna Technologies Inc. 100 Burtt Road, Suite 115 Andover, MA 01810 (Name and address of agent for service)

(978) 868-5011 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Please send copies of all communications to:

Josef B. Volman, Esq. Robert A. Petitt, Esq. Blank Rome LLP 125 High Street Boston, MA 02110 Telephone: (617) 415-1200 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated filer		Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	X	Smaller reporting company	X
		Emerging growth company	

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

INTRODUCTION

Byrna Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Registrant**" or the "**Company**") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-260106) on October 7, 2021 (the '**2021 Registration Statement**"), pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 for the purpose of registering under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), 2,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "**Common Stock**"), issuable to employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company under the Byrna Technologies Inc. Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**"). Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the 2021 Registration Statement is incorporated into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "**Registration Statement**") by reference.

The Registrant also filed with the Commission its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-268796) on December 14, 2022 (the '2022 Registration Statement''), pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of General Instruction E to Form S-8, for the purpose of registering under the Securities Act an additional 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the Plan. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the 2022 Registration Statement is incorporated into this Registration Statement by reference.

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, the Registrant is filing this Registration Statement for the purpose of registering an additional 2,375,000 shares of the Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the Plan, pursuant to an amendment to the Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for awards under the Plan by 2,375,000 shares of Common Stock, which amendment was approved by the Company's Board of Directors on October 21, 2024 and the Company's stockholders at its 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on November 20, 2024.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with it which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents instead of having to repeat the information in this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the Commission under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering:

(a) the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2024, filed with the Commission on February 7, 2025, pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act; and

(b) the description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-256684) filed with the Commission on June 1, 2021 and as amended on July 6, 2021 and July 12, 2021, in each case pursuant to the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All other reports and documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than Current Reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits furnished on such form that relate to such items) shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the respective date of filing of each of those reports or documents until the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates either that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all of the securities under this Registration Statement then remaining unsold.

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

Item 8. Exhibits.

The Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Andover, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on this 7th day of February, 2025.

BYRNA TECHNOLOGIES INC.

By:	/s/ Bryan Ganz				
	Bryan Ganz				
	President and Chief Executive Officer				

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Bryan Ganz and Laurilee Kearnes, and each of them singly (with full power to each of them to act alone), as such person's true and lawful attorney in fact and agent with full power of substitution, for such person in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (including post effective amendments), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney in fact, proxy and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney in fact, proxy and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date		
/s/ Bryan Ganz Bryan Ganz	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	February 7, 2025		
/s/ Laurilee Kearnes Laurilee Kearnes	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	February 7, 2025		
/s/ Herbert Hughes Herbert Hughes	_ Chairman	February 7, 2025		
/s/ Chris Lavern Reed Chris Lavern Reed	Director	February 7, 2025		
/s/ Emily Rooney Emily Rooney	Director	February 7, 2025		
/s/ Leonard Elmore Leonard Elmore	_ Director	February 7, 2025		

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description							
4.1	Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 26, 2021 and incorporated by reference thereto).							
4.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, filed April 28, 2021 (previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2021 and incorporated by reference thereto).							
4.3	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, filed June 17, 2022 (previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 17, 2022 and incorporated by reference thereto).							
4.4	Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended and restated effective April 19, 2021 (previously filed as an exhibit to the Registrants Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 26, 2021 and incorporated by reference thereto).							
4.5*	Byrna Technologies Inc. Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan							
5.1*	Opinion of Blank Rome LLP							
23.1*	Consent of EisnerAmper LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm							
23.2	Consent of Blank Rome LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)							
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (contained on signature page hereto)							
107*	Calculation of Filing Fee Table							

* Filed herewith.

BYRNA TECHNOLOGIES INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED 2020 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1 . Purpose. The purpose of the Byrna Technologies Inc. 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is to increase stockholder value and advance the interests of the Company and its Affiliates by furnishing economic incentives designed to attract, retain and motivate key personnel and to provide a means whereby directors, officers, managers, employees, consultants and advisors of the Company and its Affiliates by providing a means for them to acquire and maintain an equity interest in the Company, or be paid incentive compensation, which may (but need not) be measured by reference to the value of Common Shares, thereby strengthening their commitment to the welfare of the Company and its Affiliates and aligning their interests with those of the Company's stockholders.

In connection with the termination of the Company's 2017 Stock Option Plan (the "*Prior Plan*") and consistent with the Company's prior administrative practice, each option certificate evidencing a stock option granted under the Prior Plan that remains outstanding as of the date of the termination of the Prior Plan (each such stock option, a "*Prior Plan Option*") shall be cancelled and replaced with an Award Agreement evidencing an equivalent Award under the Plan with no change to any of the material provisions of the Prior Plan Option, including without limitation, the Date of Grant, the Exercise Price, and the expiration of such Prior Plan Option, and such Prior Plan Option shall be deemed to be granted under the Plan and shall become, and be, subject to the provisions of the Plan; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that to the extent that (i) the application of any provision of the Plan to a Participant's Prior Plan Option which was intended to be a stock option 409A of the Code and the applicable guidance thereunder) of the Prior Plan Option, or (ii) the application of any provision of the Plan to a Participant or renewal" (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code) would be considered a "modification, extension or renewal" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the applicable guidance thereunder) of the Prior Plan Option, or (ii) the application or renewal" (within the meaning of Section 424(h) of the Code and applicable guidance thereunder) of the Plan shall not apply to such Prior Plan Option and the provision of the Prior Plan, extension or renewal" (within the meaning of Section 424(h) of the Code and applicable guidance thereunder) of the Prior Plan Option, extension or renewal" (within the meaning of Section 424(h) of the Code and applicable guidance thereunder) of the Prior Plan Option, apply to such Prior Plan Option and the provision of the Prior Plan, Plan Option of the Prior Plan Option and the provision of the Prior Plan, of the Prior Plan Option, apply to such Prior Plan Option and the p

2. *Definitions*. The following definitions shall be applicable throughout this Plan:

(a) "<u>Affiliate</u>" means (i) any person or entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company and/or (ii) to the extent provided by the Committee, any person or entity in which the Company has a significant interest as determined by the Committee in its discretion. The term "control" (including, with correlative meaning, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as applied to any person or entity, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person or entity, whether through the ownership of voting or other securities, by contract or otherwise.

(b) "<u>Applicable Law</u>" means the requirements related to or implicated by the administration of the Plan under applicable state corporate law, United States federal and state securities laws, the Code, any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Shares are listed or quoted, and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are granted under the Plan or in which the Common Shares are listed or quoted on a securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system.

(c) "<u>Award</u>" means, individually or collectively, any Incentive Stock Option, Nonqualified Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit or Stock Bonus Award granted under this Plan.

(d) "<u>Award Agreement</u>" means a written agreement, contract, certificate or other instrument or document made and delivered in accordance with<u>Section</u> <u>14(a)</u> evidencing the terms and conditions of an Award granted hereunder. Each Award Agreement shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

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(e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) "*Cause*" means, in the case of a particular Award, unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise, (i) the Company or an Affiliate having "cause" to terminate a Participant's employment or service, as defined in any employment or consulting agreement or similar document or policy between the Participant and the Company or an Affiliate in effect at the time of such termination, or (ii) in the absence of any such employment or consulting agreement, document or policy (or the absence of any definition of "Cause" contained therein), (A) a continuing material breach or material default (including, without limitation, any material dereliction of duty) by Participant of any agreement between the Participant and the Company or an Affiliate, except for any such breach or default which is caused by the physical disability of the Participant (as determined by a neutral physician), or a continuing failure by the Participant to follow the direction of a duly authorized representative of the Company or an Affiliate; (B) gross negligence, willful misfeasance or breach of fiduciary duty to the Company or an Affiliate by the Participant; (C) any material volation of the policies of the Company or an Affiliate, including, but not limited to, those relating to sexual harassment or the disclosure or misuse of confidential information, or those set forth in the manuals or statements of policy of the Company or an Affiliate; (D) the commission by the Participant of an act of fraud, embezzlement or any felony or other crime of dishonesty in connection with the Participant's duties to the Company or Affiliate of the Company; (E) misappropriation by the Participant of any assets or business or portunities of the Company or an Affiliate; (I) the business reputation of the Company or an Affiliate; of the Company, or (II) the performance of the Participant's duties to the Company.

If, subsequent to the termination of a Participant's employment or service with the Company or an Affiliate for any reason other than for Cause, it is discovered that the Participant's employment or service could have been terminated for Cause, such Participant's employment or service shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be deemed to have been terminated by the Company or an Affiliate for Cause for all purposes under the Plan, and the Participant shall be required to repay to the Company all amounts received by him or her in respect of any Award following such termination that would have been forfeited under the Plan had such termination been by for Cause. Any determination of whether Cause exists shall be made by the Committee in its sole discretion.

(g) "Change in Control," shall, in the case of a particular Award, unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise or contains a different definition of "Change in Control," be deemed to occur upon:

(i) A tender offer (or series of related offers) made and consummated for the ownership of 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Company, unless as a result of such tender offer more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or entity shall be owned in the aggregate by (A) the shareholders of the Company (as of the time immediately prior to the commencement of such offer), or (B) any employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries, and their Affiliates;

(ii) The merger or consolidation of the Company with another corporation or entity, unless as a result of such merger or consolidation more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or entity shall be owned in the aggregate by (A) the shareholders of the Company (as of the time immediately prior to such transaction); <u>provided</u>, that a merger or consolidation of the Company with another company which is controlled by persons owning more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Company shall constitute a Change in Control unless the Committee, in its discretion, determines otherwise, or (B) any employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries, and their Affiliates;

(iii) The sale of substantially all of the Company's assets to another entity that is not wholly owned by the Company, unless as a result of such sale more than 50% of such assets shall be owned in the aggregate by (A) the shareholders of the Company (as of the time immediately prior to such transaction), or (B) any employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries, and their Affiliates;

(iv) The acquisition by a Person (as defined below) of 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the Company (whether directly, indirectly, beneficially or of record), unless as a result of such acquisition more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the surviving or resulting corporation or entity shall be owned in the aggregate by (A) the shareholders of the Company (as of the time immediately prior to the first acquisition of such securities by such Person), or (B) any employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries, and their Affiliates; or



(v) The cessation of individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the members of the Board (the "<u>Current Board Members</u>"), by reason of a financing, merger, combination, acquisition, takeover or other non-ordinary course transaction affecting the Company, to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board unless such change is approved by the Current Board Members.

For purposes of this <u>Section 2(g)</u>, ownership of voting securities shall take into account and shall include ownership as determined by applying the provisions of Rule 13d-3(d)(I)(i) (as in effect on the Effective Date) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "<u>Exchange Act</u>"). In addition, for such purposes, "Person" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that "Person" shall not include (A) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (B) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (C) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities; or (D) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportion as their ownership of stock of the Company.

(h) "<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor thereto. References in this Plan to any section of the Code shall be deemed to include any regulations or other interpretative guidance of general applicability issued by any governmental authority under such section, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, regulations or guidance.

(i) "<u>Committee</u>" means a committee of at least two (2) individuals as the Board may appoint to administer this Plan or, if no such committee has been appointed by the Board, the Board. Unless altered by an action of the Board, the Committee shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board.

(j) "<u>Common Shares</u>" means the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company, or such other securities of the Company as may be designated by the Committee from time to time in substitution thereof.

- (k) "Company" means Byrna Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.
- (l) "<u>Current Board Members</u>" has the meaning set forth in <u>Section 2(g)</u>.
- (m) "Date of Grant" means the date on which the granting of an Award is authorized, or such other date as may be specified in such authorization.

(n) "<u>Disability</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in any individual employment agreement or Award Agreement with the Participant or, if no such agreement exists or the agreement does not define "Disability," Disability means a "permanent and total" disability incurred by a Participant while in the employ or service of the Company or an Affiliate. For this purpose, a permanent and total disability shall mean that the Participant is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, for purposes of determining the term of an Incentive Stock Option pursuant to <u>Section 7(c)(ii)</u>, the term "Disability" shall have the meaning ascribed to it under Section 22(e)(3) of the Code. Except in situations where the Committee is determining Disability for purposes of the term of an Incentive Stock Option pursuant to <u>Section 7(c)(ii)</u> within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code, the Committee may rely on any determination that a Participant is disabiled for purposes of benefits under any Long-Term disability plan maintained by the Company or any Affiliate in which a Participant participates or, in the absence of Participant's nearticipation in such a Long-Term disability plan, the determination of whether a Participant has incurred a permanent and total disability shall be made by a physician designated by the Committee, whose determinion shall be final and binding.

- (o) "Effective Date" means the date as of which this Plan is adopted by the Board, subject to Section 3.
- (p) "Eligible Director" means an individual who is a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act.



(q) "<u>Eligible Person</u>" means any (i) individual employed by the Company or an Affiliate; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be an Eligible Person unless and to the extent that such eligibility is set forth in such collective bargaining agreement or in an agreement or instrument relating thereto; (ii) director of the Company or an Affiliate; or (iii) consultant or advisor to the Company or an Affiliate; <u>provided</u>, that if the Securities Act applies, such persons must be eligible to be offered securities registrable on Form S-8 under the Securities Act.

(r) "Exchange Act" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(g), and any reference in this Plan to any section of (or rule promulgated under) the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other interpretative guidance of general applicability issued by any governmental authority under such section or rule, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations or guidance.

(s) "Exercise Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(b).

(t) "Fair Market Value", unless otherwise provided by the Committee in accordance with Applicable Law, means, on a given date, (i) if the Common Shares are listed on a national securities exchange, the closing sales price on the principal exchange of the Common Shares on such date or, in the absence of reported sales on such date, the closing sales price on the immediately preceding date on which sales were reported, or (ii) if the Common Shares are not listed on a national securities exchange, the mean between the bid and offered prices as quoted by any nationally recognized interdealer quotation system for such date or, in the absence of quoted bid and offered prices on such date, the mean between the bid and offered prices as quoted on the immediately preceding date on which such amounts were quoted. In the event that the Common Shares are not listed on a national securities exchange or quoted on a nationally recognized interdealer quotation system, Fair Market Value will be determined by such other method as the Committee determines in good faith to be reasonable and in compliance with Code Section 409A, if applicable, and such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.

(u) "Immediate Family Members" has the meaning set forth in Section 14(b).

(v) "<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>" means an Option that is designated by the Committee as an incentive stock option as described in Section 422 of the Code and otherwise meets the requirements set forth in this Plan.

- (w) "Indemnifiable Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(e).
- (x) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means an Option that is not designated by the Committee as an Incentive Stock Option.
- (y) "Option" means an Award granted under Section 7.
- (z) "Option Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(c).
- (aa) "Participant" means an Eligible Person who has been selected by the Committee to participate in this Plan and to receive an Award pursuant

to Section 6.

- (bb) "Permitted Transferee" has the meaning set forth in Section 14(b).
- (cc) "Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(g).
- (dd) "Plan" means this Byrna Technologies Inc. 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(ee) "<u>Restricted Period</u>" means the period of time determined by the Committee during which an Award may not be sold, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of, pledged or hypothecated as collateral for a loan or as security for the performance of any obligation or for any other purpose, or is otherwise subject to restrictions or, as applicable, the period of time within which performance is measured for purposes of determining whether an Award has been earned.

(ff) "<u>Restricted Stock</u>" means Common Shares, subject to certain specified restrictions (including, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous services for a specified period of time), granted under <u>Section 9</u>.

(gg) "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" means an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver Common Shares, cash, other securities or other property, subject to certain specified restrictions (including, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous services for a specified period of time), granted under <u>Section 9</u>.

(hh) "<u>Retirement</u>" means the fulfillment of each of the following conditions: (i) the Participant is in good standing with the Company and/or an Affiliate of the Company as determined by the Committee; (ii) the voluntary termination by a Participant of such Participant's employment or service with the Company and/or an Affiliate; and (iii) that at the time of such voluntary termination, the sum of: (A) the Participant's age (calculated to the nearest month, with any resulting fraction of a year being calculated as the number of months in the year divided by 12), and (B) the Participant's years of employment or service with the Company and/or an Affiliate (calculated to the nearest month, with any resulting fraction of a year being calculated as the number of months in the year divided by 12) is greater than or equal to 62; provided that, in any case, the foregoing shall only be applicable if, at the time of such Retirement, the Participant shall be at least 55 years of age and shall have been employed by or served with the Company for no less than five (5) years.

(ii) "<u>SAR Period</u>" has the meaning set forth in <u>Section 8(c)</u>.

(jj) "<u>Securities Act</u>" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in this Plan to any section of the Securities Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other official interpretative guidance of general applicability issued by any governmental authority under such section, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations or guidance.

(kk) "<u>Stock Appreciation Right</u>" or "<u>SAR</u>" means the right pursuant to an Award granted under <u>Section 8</u> to receive, upon exercise, an amount payable in cash or Common Shares equal to the number of Common Shares subject to the Stock Appreciation Right that is being exercised multiplied by the excess of (i) the Fair Market Value of a Common Share on the date the Award is exercised, over (ii) the Strike Price specified in the Award Agreement and which meets all of the requirements of Section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(i)(B) of the Treasury Regulations.

(ll) "Stock Bonus Award" means an Award granted under Section 10.

(mm) "<u>Strike Price</u>" means, except as otherwise provided by the Committee in the case of Substitute Awards, (i) in the case of a SAR granted in tandem with an Option, the Exercise Price of the related Option, or (ii) in the case of a SAR granted independent of an Option, the Fair Market Value of a Common Share on the Date of Grant.

(nn) "Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person:

(i) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of voting securities (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders' agreement that effectively transfers voting power) is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

(ii) any partnership or limited liability company (or any comparable foreign entity) (a) the sole general partner or managing member (or functional equivalent thereof) or the managing general partner of which is such Person or Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners or managing members (or functional equivalents thereof) of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

(oo) "Substitute Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(f).

(pp) "Treasury Regulations, whether proposed, temporary or final, promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Code, and any successor provisions.



3. *Effective Date; Duration.* The Plan shall be effective as of the Effective Date, but no Incentive Stock Options shall be exercised unless and until this Plan has been approved by the stockholders of the Company, which approval shall be within 12 months after the date this Plan is adopted by the Board. The Plan shall terminate automatically on 10th anniversary of the Effective Date, and no Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan after such date; <u>provided, however</u>, that such termination shall not affect Awards then outstanding, and the terms and conditions of this Plan shall continue to apply to such Awards.

4. Administration.

(a) The Committee shall administer this Plan. To the extent required to comply with the provisions of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act (if the Board is not acting as the Committee under this Plan), each member of the Committee shall, at the time he takes any action with respect to an Award under this Plan, be an Eligible Director. However, the fact that a Committee member shall fail to qualify as an Eligible Director shall not invalidate any Award granted by the Committee that is otherwise validly granted under this Plan. The acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present or acts approved in writing by all of the members of the Committee without a meeting shall be deemed the acts of the Committee. Whether a quorum is present shall be determined based on the Committee's charter as approved by the Board.

Subject to the provisions of this Plan and Applicable Law, the Committee shall have the sole and plenary authority, in addition to other express (b) powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by this Plan and its charter, to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Common Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, Common Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited, or suspended, and the methods by which Awards may be settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances the delivery of cash, Common Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be made; (vii) construe, interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, settle any controversy regarding, correct any defect in and/or complete any omission in this Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or Award granted under, this Plan; (viii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive any rules and regulations and appoint such agents as the Committee shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of this Plan; (ix) accelerate the vesting or exercisability of, payment for or lapse of restrictions on, Awards, whether or not in connection with a Change in Control; (x) authorize any person to execute, on behalf of the Company, any instrument required to carry out the purposes of the Plan; and (xi) exercise discretion to make any other determination and to take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of this Plan. The Committee's determinations under the Plan need not be uniform and may be made by it selectively among persons who are eligible to receive, or actually receive, Awards. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall be entitled to make non-uniform and selective determinations, amendments and adjustments, and to enter into non-uniform and selective Award Agreements.

(c) The Committee may, by resolution, expressly delegate to a special committee, consisting of one or more directors or other individuals who may, but need not, be officers of the Company, the authority, within specified parameters as to the number and types of Awards, to (i) designate officers and/or employees of the Company or any of its Affiliates to be recipients of Awards under this Plan, and (ii) to determine the number of such Awards to be received by any such Participants; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (A) the resolution so authorizing such officer or officers shall specify the total number of Awards such officer or officers may so award and the time period during which such officer or officers may so award, and (B) such delegation of duties and responsibilities may not be made with respect to grants of Awards to persons subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The acts of such delegates shall be treated as acts of the Committee, and such delegates shall report regularly to the Board and the Committee regarding the delegated duties and responsibilities and any Awards granted. The Committee may not authorize an officer to designate himself or herself as a recipient of any such rights or options.

(d) Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to this Plan or any Award or any documents evidencing Awards granted pursuant to this Plan shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all persons or entities, including, without limitation, the Company, any Affiliate, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award, and any stockholder of the Company.

No member of the Board, the Committee, delegate of the Committee or any employee, advisor or agent of the Company or the Board or the (e) Committee (each such person, an "Indemnifiable Person") shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken or any determination made in good faith with respect to this Plan or any Award hereunder. Each Indemnifiable Person shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from (and the Company shall pay or reimburse on demand for) any loss, cost, liability, or expense (including court costs and attorneys' fees) that may be imposed upon or incurred by such Indemnifiable Person in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which such Indemnifiable Person may be a party or in which such Indemnifiable Person may be involved by reason of any action taken or omitted to be taken under this Plan or any Award Agreement and against and from any and all amounts paid by such Indemnifiable Person with the Company's approval, in settlement thereof, or paid by such Indemnifiable Person in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding against such Indemnifiable Person; provided, that the Company shall have the right, at its own expense, to assume and defend any such action, suit or proceeding and once the Company gives notice of its intent to assume the defense, the Company shall have sole control over such defense with counsel of the Company's choice. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available to an Indemnifiable Person to the extent that a final judgment or other final adjudication (in either case not subject to further appeal) binding upon such Indemnifiable Person determines that the acts or omissions of such Indemnifiable Person giving rise to the indemnification claim resulted from such Indemnifiable Person's bad faith, fraud or willful criminal act or omission or that such right of indemnification is otherwise prohibited by law or by the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which any such Indemnifiable Person may be entitled under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, under the Committee's charter, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any other power that the Company may have to indemnify such Indemnifiable Persons or hold them harmless.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Plan, the Board may, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, grant Awards and administer this Plan with respect to such Awards. In any such case, the Board shall have all the authority granted to the Committee under this Plan.

5. Grant of Awards; Shares Subject to this Plan; Limitations

(a) The Committee may, from time to time, grant Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units and/or Stock Bonus Awards to one or more Eligible Persons.

(b) Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 11, no more than 6,175,000 Common Shares, less the number of Common Shares underlying any unexercised awards under the Company's 2013 Stock Option Plan and the Company's 2017 Stock Option Plan as of the Effective Date, shall be available for the grant of Awards under the Plan, all or any portion of which may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options. Each Common Share subject to an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right will reduce the number of Common Shares available for issuance by one share, and each Common Share underlying an Award of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Bonus Awards and Performance Compensation Awards will reduce the number of Common Shares available for issuance by one share.

(c) Common Shares underlying Awards under this Plan that are forfeited, cancelled, expire unexercised, or are settled in cash shall be available again for Awards under this Plan at the same ratio at which they were previously granted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following Common Shares shall not be available again for Awards under the Plan: (i) shares tendered or held back upon the exercise of an Option or settlement of an Award to cover the Exercise Price of an Award; (ii) shares that are used or withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the Participant; and (iii) shares subject to a Stock Appreciation Right that are not issued in connection with the stock settlement of the SAR upon exercise thereof.

(d) Awards that do not entitle the holder thereof to receive or purchase Common Shares shall not be counted against the aggregate number of Common Shares available for Awards under the Plan.

(e) Common Shares delivered by the Company in settlement of Awards may be authorized and unissued shares, shares held in the treasury of the Company, shares purchased on the open market or by private purchase, or any combination of the foregoing.

(f) Awards may, in the sole discretion of the Committee, be granted under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines ("<u>Substitute Awards</u>"). Substitute Awards shall not be counted against the aggregate number of Common Shares available for Awards under the Plan; <u>provided</u> that, Substitute Awards issued in connection with the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding options intended to qualify as Incentive Stock Options shall be counted against the aggregate number of Common Shares available for Incentive Stock Options shall be counted against the aggregate number of an entity directly or indirectly acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines (as appropriately adjusted to reflect such acquisition or transaction) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not count against the aggregate number of Common Shares available for Awards under the Plan.

6. *Eligibility*. Participation shall be limited to Eligible Persons who have entered into an Award Agreement or who have received written notification from the Committee, or from a person designated by the Committee, that they have been selected to participate in this Plan.

Options.

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(a) Generally. Each Option granted under this Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)), which agreements need not be identical. Each Option so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 7, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with this Plan as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. All Options granted under this Plan shall be Nonqualified Stock Options unless the applicable Award Agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option. Notwithstanding any designation of an Option, to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of Common Shares with respect to which Options designated as Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any Participant during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company or any Subsidiary) exceeds \$100.000, such excess Options shall be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options. Incentive Stock Options shall be granted only to Eligible Persons who are employees of the Company and its Affiliates, and no Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any Eligible Person who is ineligible to receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Code. No Option shall be treated as an Incentive Stock Option unless this Plan has been approved by the stockholders of the Company in a manner intended to comply with the stockholder approval requirements of Section 422(b)(1) of the Code; provided that, any Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option shall not fail to be effective solely on account of a failure to obtain such approval, but rather such Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option unless and until such approval is obtained. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the terms and conditions of such grant shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code. If for any reason an Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option (or any portion thereof) shall not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, then, to the extent of such nonqualification, such Option or portion thereof shall be regarded as a Nonqualified Stock Option appropriately granted under this Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have no liability to any Participant or any other person if an Option designated as an Incentive Stock Option fails to qualify as such at any time or if an Option is determined to constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the terms of such Option do not satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

(b) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The price at which a Common Share may be purchased upon the exercise of an Option (the <u>Exercise Price</u>") shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such share determined as of the Date of Grant; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant of such Option, owns (or is deemed to own pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) shares representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of shares of the Company or any Affiliate, the Exercise Price per share shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per share on the Date of Grant; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the Committee may, in accordance with Applicable Law (including the applicable provisions of Section 409A or 424 of the Code) designate an Exercise Price below Fair Market Value on the Date of Grant if the Option is granted in substitution for an option previously granted by an entity that is acquired by or merged with the Company or an Affiliate; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Exercise Price shall not be less than the par value per Common Share.

(c) <u>Vesting and Expiration</u>. Options shall vest and become exercisable in such manner and on such date or dates determined by the Committee and as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, and shall expire after such period, not to exceed 10 years from the Date of Grant, as may be determined by the Committee (the "<u>Option Period</u>"); provided, however, that the Option Period shall not exceed five (5) years from the Date of Grant in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who on the Date of Grant owns (or is deemed to own pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) shares representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of shares of the Company or any Affiliate; provided, further, that notwithstanding any vesting dates set by the Committee, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the exercisability of any Option at any time and for any reason. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement:

(i) an Option shall vest and become exercisable with respect to one-third of the Common Shares subject to such Option on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Date of Grant;

(ii) upon termination of employment or service of the Participant granted such Option, the unvested portion of such Option shall expire, and the vested portion of such Option shall remain exercisable for:

(A) one (1) year following termination of employment or service by reason of such Participant's death or Disability (with the determination of Disability to be made by the Committee on a case by case basis), but in no event later than the expiration of the Option Period;

(B) for directors, officers and employees of the Company only, for three (3) months following termination of employment or service by reason of such Participant's Retirement, but in no event later than the expiration of the Option Period;

(C) three (3) months following termination of employment or service for any reason other than such Participant's death, Disability or Retirement, and other than such Participant's termination of employment or service for Cause, but in no event later than the expiration of the Option Period; and

(iii) both the unvested and the vested portion of an Option shall immediately expire upon the termination of the Participant's employment or service by the Company for Cause.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7(c) and consistent with the requirements of Applicable Law, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may extend the post-termination of employment period during which a Participant may exercise vested Options.

(d) <u>Method of Exercise and Form of Payment</u>. No Common Shares shall be delivered pursuant to the exercise of an Option until payment in full of the aggregate Exercise Price therefor is received by the Company and the Participant has paid to the Company an amount equal to any applicable federal, state, local and/or foreign income and employment taxes required to be withheld. Options that have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Award Agreement accompanied by payment of the aggregate Exercise Price. The aggregate Exercise Price shall be payable (i) in cash, by certified or bank check, or cash equivalent; and (ii) by such other method as the Committee may permit in accordance with Applicable Law, in its sole discretion, including without limitation: (A) in other property having a fair market value (as determined by the Committee in its discretion) on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate Exercise Price; (B) if there is a public market for the Common Shares at such time, by means of a broker-assisted "cashless exercise" pursuant to which the Company is delivered a copy of irrevocable instructions to a stockbroker to sell the Common Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price, (C) by a "net exercise" method whereby the Company withholds from the delivery of the Common Shares for which the Option was exercised that number of Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Exercise Price for the Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Exercise Price for the Common Shares for which the Option was exercised that number of Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Exercise Price for the Common Shares for which the Option was exercised that number of Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Exercise Price for the Common Shar

(e) <u>Notification upon Disgualifying Disposition of an Incentive Stock Option</u>. Each Participant awarded an Incentive Stock Option under this Plan shall notify the Company in writing immediately after the date he makes a "disqualifying disposition" (as defined below) of all or any portion of the Common Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Incentive Stock Option. A disqualifying disposition is any "disposition" (within the meaning of Section 424 of the Code and including, without limitation, any sale) of such Common Shares before the later of (i) two (2) years after the Date of Grant of the Incentive Stock Option, or (ii) one (1) year after the date of exercise of the Incentive Stock Option. Such written notice shall advise the Company of the occurrence of the disqualifying disposition and the price realized upon the disposition of such Common Shares. The Company may, if determined by the Committee and in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, retain possession of any Common Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option as agent for the applicable Participant until the end of the period described in the preceding sentence.

(f) <u>Compliance with Laws, etc.</u> Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a Participant be permitted to exercise an Option in a manner that the Committee determines would violate the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, if applicable, or any other Applicable Law.

(g) <u>Dividends</u>. The holder of an Option granted under this Plan shall not have the right to receive dividends or to any dividend equivalent on any unvested or unexercised Option nor shall any dividend or dividend equivalent be accrued, due, or paid upon vesting or settlement of any Option.

8. Stock Appreciation Rights.

(a) <u>Generally</u>. Each SAR granted under this Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)), which agreements need not be identical. Each SAR so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this <u>Section 8</u>, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with this Plan as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Any Option granted under this Plan may include tandem SARs (i.e., SARs granted in conjunction with an Award of Options under this Plan). The Committee also may award SARs to Eligible Persons independent of any Option.

(b) <u>Strike Price</u>. The Strike Price for each SAR granted in conjunction with the Award of an Option shall be the Exercise Price of the related Option, and the Strike Price of a SAR granted independent of an Option shall be the Fair Market Value of a Common Share determined as of the Date of Grant; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Committee may, in accordance with Applicable Law (including the applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code) designate a Strike Price below Fair Market Value on the Date of Grant if the SAR is granted in substitution for an appreciation right previously granted by an entity that is acquired by or merged with the Company or an Affiliate.

(c) <u>Vesting and Expiration</u>. A SAR granted in connection with an Option shall become exercisable and shall expire according to the same vesting schedule and expiration provisions as the corresponding Option, and a SAR granted independent of an Option shall vest and become exercisable and shall expire in such manner and on such date or dates determined by the Committee and shall expire after such period, not to exceed 10 years from the Date of Grant, as may be determined by the Committee (each, the "<u>SAR Period</u>"); provided, however, that notwithstanding any vesting dates set by the Committee, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the exercisability of any SAR at any time and for any reason. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement:

(i) a SAR shall vest and become exercisable with respect to one-third of the Common Shares subject to such SAR on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Date of Grant;

(ii) upon termination of employment or service of the Participant granted the SAR, the unvested portion of a SAR shall expire, and the vested portion of such SAR shall remain exercisable for:

(A) one (1) year following termination of employment or service by reason of such Participant's death or Disability (with the determination of Disability to be made by the Committee on a case by case basis), but in no event later than the expiration of the SAR Period;

(B) for directors, officers and employees of the Company only, for the remainder of the SAR Period following termination of employment or service by reason of such Participant's Retirement;

(C) three (3) months following termination of employment or service for any reason other than such Participant's death, Disability or Retirement, and other than such Participant's termination of employment or service for Cause, but in no event later than the expiration of the SAR Period; and

(iii) both the unvested and the vested portion of a SAR shall expire immediately upon the termination of the Participant's employment or service by the Company for Cause.

(d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. SARs that have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Award, specifying the number of SARs to be exercised and the Date of Grant of the SARs to be exercised. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the last day of the SAR Period (i) the Fair Market Value exceeds the Strike Price, (ii) the Participant has not exercised the SAR or the corresponding Option (if applicable), and (iii) neither the SAR nor the corresponding Option (if applicable) has expired, such SAR shall be deemed to have been exercised by the Participant on such last day of the SAR Period and the Company shall make the appropriate payment therefor.

(e) <u>Payment</u>. Upon the exercise of a SAR, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the number of Common Shares subject to the SAR that are being exercised multiplied by the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of one Common Share on the exercise date over the Strike Price, less an amount equal to any applicable federal, state, local and non-U.S. income and employment taxes required to be withheld. The Company shall pay such amount in cash, in Common Shares valued at Fair Market Value, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Committee. Any fractional Common Share shall be settled in cash.

(f) <u>Dividends</u>. The grantee of a SAR shall not have the right to receive dividends or to any dividend equivalent on any unvested or unexercised SAR, nor shall any dividend or dividend equivalent be accrued, due or paid upon vesting or settlement of any SAR.

9. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

(a) <u>Generally</u>. Each grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)), which agreements need not be identical. Each such grant shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this <u>Section 9</u>, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with this Plan as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions as the Committee may impose (including, for example, limitations on the right to vote Restricted Stock. These restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances, in such installments, upon the satisfaction of Performance Goals or otherwise, as the Committee determines at the time of the grant of an Award or thereafter.

(b) <u>Restricted Stock Accounts; Escrow or Similar Arrangement</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, upon the grant of Restricted Stock, a book entry in a restricted account shall be established in the Participant's name at the Company's transfer agent and, if the Committee determines that the Restricted Stock shall be held by the Company or in escrow rather than held in such restricted account pending the release of the applicable restrictions, the Committee may also require the Participant to execute and deliver to the Company (i) an escrow agreement satisfactory to the Committee, if applicable, and (ii) the appropriate stock power (endorsed in blank) with respect to the Restricted Stock covered by such agreement. If a Participant shall fail to execute an Award Agreement evidencing an Award of Restricted Stock and, if applicable, an escrow agreement and blank stock power within the amount of time specified by the Committee, the Award shall be null and void *ab initio*. Subject to the restricted Stock, including without limitation the right to vote such Restricted Stock, *provided* that the Participant shall not have the rights to receive dividends on any unvested shares of Restricted Stock. To the extent shares of Restricted Stock are forfeited, any share certificates issued to the Participant evidencing such shares shall be returned to the Company, and all rights of the Participant to such shares and as a stockholder with respect thereto shall terminate without further obligation on the part of the Company.

(c) <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>. The terms and conditions of a grant of Restricted Stock Units shall be reflected in an Award Agreement. No Common Shares shall be issued at the time a Restricted Stock Unit is granted, and the Company will not be required to set aside funds for the payment of any such Award. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a stockholder (including, without limitation, voting rights) with respect to Restricted Stock Units until such time as Common Shares are paid in settlement of such Awards. The Committee may also grant Restricted Stock Units with a deferral feature, whereby settlement is deferred beyond the vesting date until the occurrence of a future payment date or event set forth in an Award Agreement in a manner consistent with the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code. At the discretion of the Committee, each Restricted Stock Unit (representing one Common Share) may be credited with an amount equal to the cash and stock dividends paid by the Company in respect of one Common Share ("*Dividend Equivalents*"). Dividend Equivalents shall be withheld by the Company and credited to the Participant's account, and interest may be credited on the amount of cash Dividend Equivalents credited to the Participant's account at a rate and subject to such terms as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Dividend Equivalents credited to a Participant's account at articular Restricted Stock Unit (and earnings thereon, if applicable) shall be distributed in cash or, at the discretion of the Committee, in Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such Dividend Equivalents and earnings, if applicable, to the Participant upon settlement of such Restricted Stock Unit and, if such Restricted Stock Unit is forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such Dividend Equivalents.

(d) <u>Vesting: Acceleration of Lapse of Restrictions</u>. The Restricted Period with respect to Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall lapse pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, the unvested portion of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall terminate and be forfeited upon the termination of employment or service of the Participant granted the applicable Award.

(e) <u>Delivery of Restricted Stock and Settlement of Restricted Stock Units</u>. (i) Upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to any shares of Restricted Stock, the restrictions set forth in the applicable Award Agreement shall be of no further force or effect with respect to such shares, except as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. If an escrow arrangement is used, upon such expiration, the Company shall deliver to the Participant, or his beneficiary, without charge, the share certificate evidencing the shares of Restricted Stock that have not then been forfeited and with respect to which the Restricted Period has expired (rounded down to the nearest full share). Dividends, if any, that may have been withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular share of Restricted Stock shall be distributed to the Participant in cash or, at the sole discretion of the Committee, in shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, upon the release of restrictions on such shares of Restricted Stock and, if such shares of Restricted Stock are forfeited, the Participant shall have no right to such dividends (except as otherwise set forth by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement).

(ii) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to the outstanding Restricted Stock Units held by any Participant and no later than March 15th of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such expiration occurs, the Company shall deliver a copy of irrevocable instructions to a stockbroker or other third party agent to (A) sell a sufficient number of Common Shares on behalf of such Participant, in order to fully satisfy the Company's tax withholding obligations with respect to such Restricted Stock Units, and (B) hold the remainder of the Participant's Common Shares with respect to such Restricted Stock Units in an individual account with such stockbroker or other third party agent on behalf of, and for the benefit of, such Participant.

(f) <u>Section 83(b) Election</u>. Subject to compliance with Section 83 of the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, a Participant may file an election under Section 83(b) of the Code with respect to grants of Restricted Stock; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that it shall be the sole responsibility of such Participant to complete and file such election in accordance with and in the manner provided by Section 83 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.83-2.

10. Stock Bonus Awards. The Committee may issue unrestricted Common Shares, or other Awards denominated in Common Shares, under this Plan to Eligible Persons, either alone or in tandem with other Awards, in such amounts as the Committee shall from time to time in its sole discretion determine. Each Stock Bonus Award granted under this Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)), which agreements need not be identical. Each Stock Bonus Award so granted shall be subject to such conditions not inconsistent with this Plan as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of any Stock Bonus Award granted under this Plan shall not have the right to receive dividends or to any dividend equivalent on any Stock Bonus Award prior to settlement, nor shall any dividend or dividend equivalent be accrued, due, or paid upon settlement of any Stock Bonus Award.

11. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capital Structure and Similar Events. In the event of changes in the outstanding Common Shares or in the capital structure of the Company by reason of any stock or extraordinary cash dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, an extraordinary corporate transaction such as any recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, exchange, or other relevant change in capitalization occurring after the Date of Grant of any Award, Awards granted under the Plan and any Award Agreements, the Exercise Price of Options and the Strike Price of Stock Appreciation Rights, the maximum number of Common Shares subject to all Awards stated in Section 5 shall be equitably adjusted or substituted, as to the number, price or kind of a Common Share or other consideration subject to such Awards to the extent necessary to preserve the economic intent of such Award and to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of rights under such Award. In the case of adjustments made pursuant to this Section 11, unless the Committee specifically determines that such adjustment is in the best interests of the Company or its Affiliates, the Incentive Stock Options, ensure that any adjustments under this Section 11 will not constitute a modification, extension or renewal of the Incentive Stock Options within the meaning of Section 424(h)(3) of the Code and in the case of Nonqualified Stock Options, ensure that any adjustments made under this Section 11 will not constitute a modification of such Nonqualified Stock Options within the meaning of Section 11 shall be made in a manner which does not adversely affect the exemption provided pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act. The Company shall furnish each Participant written notice of an adjustment hereunder and, upon notice, such adjustment shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes.

12. Effect of Change in Control Notwithstanding Section 11, except as provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement or otherwise, in connection with (i) a merger, amalgamation, or consolidation involving the Company in which the Company is not the surviving corporation, (ii) a merger, amalgamation, or consolidation involving the Company is the surviving corporation but the holders of Common Shares receive securities of another corporation or other property or cash, (iii) a Change in Control, or (iv) the reorganization, dissolution or liquidation of the Company (each, a "Corporate Event"), all Awards outstanding on the effective date of such Corporate Event shall be treated in the manner described in the definitive transaction agreement (or, in the event that the Corporate Event does not entail a definitive agreement to which the Company is a party, in the manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion), which agreement may provide, without limitation, for one or more of the following:

(a) The assumption or substitution of any or all Awards in connection with such Corporate Event, in which case the Awards shall be subject to the adjustment set forth in <u>Section 11</u>, and to the extent that such Awards vest subject to the achievement of performance objectives or criteria, such objectives or criteria shall be adjusted appropriately to reflect the Corporate Event;

(b) The acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards, subject to the consummation of such Corporate Event;

(c) The cancellation of any or all Awards (whether vested or unvested) as of the consummation of such Corporate Event, together with the payment to the Participants holding vested Awards (including any Awards that would vest upon the Corporate Event but for such cancellation) so canceled of an amount in respect of cancellation based upon the per-share consideration being paid for the Common Shares in connection with such Corporate Event, less, in the case of Options and SARs, the Exercise Price or Strike Price, as applicable, (such amounts to be paid on substantially the same schedule and subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as the consideration payable for the Common Shares in connection with the Corporate Event, unless otherwise determined by the Committee); provided, however, that Participants holding Options or SARs shall be entitled to consideration in respect of cancellation of such Awards only if the per-share consideration less the Exercise Price or Strike Price, as applicable, is greater than zero dollars (\$0), and to the extent that the per-share consideration is less than or equal to the Exercise Price or Strike Price, as applicable, such Awards shall be canceled for no consideration;

(d) The cancellation of any or all Options and SARs (whether vested or unvested) as of the consummation of such Corporate Event; provided, that all Options and SARs to be so cancelled pursuant to this subsection (d) shall first become exercisable for a period of at least 10 days prior to such Corporate Event, with any exercise during such period of any unvested Options or SARs to be (i) contingent upon and subject to the occurrence of the Corporate Event, and (ii) effectuated by such means as are approved by the Committee; and

(e) The replacement of any or all Awards (other than Awards that are intended to qualify as "stock rights" that do not provide for a "deferral of compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) with a cash incentive program that preserves the value of the Awards so replaced (determined as of the consummation of the Corporate Event), with subsequent payment of cash incentives subject to the same vesting conditions as applicable to the Awards so replaced and payment to be made within 30 days of the applicable vesting date (or such later date on which the applicable consideration is payable for the Common Shares in connection with the Corporate Event, unless otherwise determined by the Committee).

Payments to holders pursuant to <u>Section 12(c)</u> shall be made in cash or, in the sole discretion of the Committee, in the form of such other consideration necessary for a Participant to receive property, cash, or securities (or a combination thereof) as such Participant would have been entitled to receive upon the occurrence of the transaction if the Participant had been, immediately prior to such transaction, the holder of the number of Common Shares covered by the Award at such time (less any Exercise Price or Strike Price, as applicable). In addition, in connection with any Corporate Event, prior to any payment or adjustment contemplated under this <u>Section 12</u>, the Committee may require a Participant to (x) represent and warrant as to the unencumbered title to his or her Awards, (y) bear such Participant's pro-rata share of any post-closing indemnity obligations and be subject to the same post-closing purchase price adjustments, escrow terms, offset rights, holdback terms, and similar conditions as the other holders of Common Shares, and (z) deliver customary transfer documentation as reasonably determined by the Committee.

The Committee need not take the same action or actions with respect to all Awards or portions thereof or with respect to all Participants. The Committee may take different actions with respect to the vested and unvested portions of an Award.

13. Amendments and Termination.

(a) <u>Amendment and Termination of this Plan</u>. The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate this Plan or any portion thereof at any time; <u>provided</u>, that (i) no amendment to the definition of Eligible Person in<u>Section 2(q)</u> shall be made without stockholder approval, and (ii) no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination shall be made without stockholder approval if such approval is necessary to comply with Applicable Law; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award theretofore granted shall not to that extent be effective without the prior written consent of the affected Participant, holder or beneficiary.

(b) <u>Amendment of Award Agreements</u>. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, any Award theretofore granted or the associated Award Agreement, prospectively or retroactively; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of the Participant with respect to such Award shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the affected Participant; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that without stockholder approval, except as otherwise permitted under <u>Section 11</u>, (i) no amendment or modification may reduce the Exercise Price of any Option or the Strike Price of any SAR, (ii) the Committee may not cancel any outstanding Option or SAR and replace it with a new Option or SAR, another Award or cash or take any action that would have the effect of treating such Award as a new Award for tax or accounting purposes, and (iii) the Committee may not take any other action that is considered a "repricing" for purposes of the stockholder approval rules of the applicable securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Shares are listed or quoted.

14. General.

(a) <u>Award Agreements</u>. Each Award under this Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which shall be delivered to the Participant (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)) and shall specify the terms and conditions of the Award and any rules applicable thereto, including without limitation, the effect on such Award of the death, Disability or termination of employment or service of a Participant, or of such other events as may be determined by the Committee. Each Award Agreement shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Company's failure to specify any term of any Award in any particular Award Agreement shall not invalidate such term, provided such terms was duly adopted by the Board or the Committee. Award Agreements authorized under the Plan may contain such other provisions not inconsistent with the Plan, including, without limitation, restrictions upon the exercise of Awards, as the Committee may deem advisable.

(b) Nontransferability; Trading Restrictions.

(i) Each Award shall be exercisable only by a Participant during the Participant's lifetime, or, if permissible under Applicable Law, by the Participant's legal guardian or representative. No Award may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or an Affiliate; <u>provided</u>, that the designation of a beneficiary shall not constitute an assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit Awards (other than Incentive Stock Options) to be transferred by a Participant, with or without consideration, subject to such rules as the Committee may adopt consistent with any applicable Award Agreement to preserve the purposes of this Plan, to: (A) any person who is a "family member" of the Participant, as such term is used in the instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act (an "*Inmediate Family Member*"); (B) a trust solely for the benefit of the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members; (C) a partnership or limited liability company whose only partners or members are the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members; (C) and (D) by the Board or the Committee in its sole discretion, or (II) as provided in the applicable Award Agreement (each transfere described in clauses (A), (B), (C) and (D) above is hereinafter referred to as a "*Permitted Transferee*"); provided, that the Participant hall provide the Committee advance written notice describing the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer and the Committee sol In orthy the Participant in writing that such a transfer would comply with the requirements of this Plan.

(iii) The terms of any Award transferred in accordance with <u>Section 14(b)(ii)</u> shall apply to the Permitted Transferee and any reference in this Plan, or in any applicable Award Agreement, to a Participant shall be deemed to refer to the Permitted Transferee, except that (A) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to transfer any Award, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (B) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to exercise any transferred Option unless there shall be in effect a registration statement on an appropriate form covering the Common Shares to be acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Option if the Committee determines, consistent with any applicable Award Agreement, that such a registration statement is necessary or appropriate; (C) the Committee or the Company shall not be required to provide any notice to a Permitted Transferee, whether or not such notice is or would otherwise have been required to be given to the Participant under this Plan or otherwise; and (D) the consequences of the termination of the Participant, including, without limitation, that an Option shall be exercisable by the Permitted Transferee only to the extent, and for the periods, specified in this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

(iv) The Committee shall have the right, either on an Award-by-Award basis or as a matter of policy for all Awards or one or more classes of Awards, to condition the delivery of vested Common Shares received in connection with such Award on the Participant's agreement to such restrictions as the Committee may determine.

(c) Tax Withholding.

(i) A Participant shall be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate, or the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold, from any cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property deliverable under any Award or from any compensation or other amounts owing to a Participant, the amount (in cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property) of any required withholding taxes in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under this Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Committee or the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such withholding taxes. In addition, the Committee, in its discretion, may make arrangements with a stockbroker or other third party agent for the Participant to facilitate the payment of applicable income and self-employment taxes.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of <u>Section 14(c)(i)</u>, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit a Participant to satisfy, in whole or in part, the foregoing withholding obligations by (A) tendering a cash payment, (B) the delivery of Common Shares (which are not subject to any pledge or other security interest) owned by the Participant having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such withholding obligations, or (C) authorizing the Company to withhold from the number of Common Shares otherwise issuable or deliverable pursuant to the exercise or settlement of the Award a number of Common Shares with an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such withholding obligation).

(d) <u>No Claim to Awards; No Rights to Continued Employment; Waiver</u>. No employee of the Company or an Affiliate, or other person, shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award under this Plan or, having been selected for the grant of an Award, to be selected for a grant of any other Award. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant and may be made selectively among Participants, whether or not such Participants are similarly situated. Neither this Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as giving any Participant any right to be retained in the employ or service of the Company or an Affiliate, nor shall it be construed as giving any Participant any rights to continued service on the Board. The Company or any of its Affiliates may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or discontinue any consulting relationship, free from any liability or any claim under this Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Plan or any Award Agreement. By accepting an Award under this Plan, a Participant shall thereby be deemed to have waived any claim to continued Agreement, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any written employment or other agreement between the Company or its Affiliates and the Participant, whether any such agreement is executed before, on or after the Date of Grant.

(e) <u>International Participants</u>. With respect to Participants who reside or work outside of the United States of America, the Committee may in its sole discretion amend the terms of this Plan or outstanding Awards (or establish a sub-plan) with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the requirements of local law or to obtain more favorable tax or other treatment for such Participants, the Company or its Affiliates.

(f) <u>Designation and Change of Beneficiary</u>. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, each Participant may file with the Committee a written designation of one or more persons as the beneficiary(ies) who shall be entitled to receive the amounts payable with respect to an Award, if any, due under this Plan upon his or her death. A Participant may, from time to time, revoke or change his or her beneficiary designation without the consent of any prior beneficiary by filing a new designation with the Committee. The last such designation filed with the Committee shall be controlling; provided, however, that no designation, or change or revocation thereof, shall be effective unless received by the Committee prior to the Participant's death, and in no event shall it be effective as of a date prior to such receipt. If no beneficiary designation is filed by a Participant, the beneficiary shall be deemed to be his or her spouse or, if the Participant is unmarried at the time of death, his or her estate.

(g) <u>Termination of Employment/Service</u>. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee at any point following such event: (i) neither a temporary absence from employment or service due to illness, vacation or leave of absence nor a transfer from employment or service with the Company to employment or service with an Affiliate (or vice-versa) shall be considered a termination of employment or service with the Company or an Affiliate; and (ii) if a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates, but such Participant continues to provide services to the Company and its Affiliates in a non-employee capacity (or vice-versa), such change in status shall not be considered a termination of employment with the Company or an Affiliate for purposes of this Plan unless the Committee, in its discretion, determines otherwise.

(h) <u>No Rights as a Stockholder</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan or any Award Agreement, no person shall be entitled to the privileges of ownership in respect of Common Shares that are subject to Awards hereunder until such shares have been issued or delivered to that person.

(i) Government and Other Regulations.

(i) The obligation of the Company to settle Awards in Common Shares or other consideration shall be subject to Applicable Law and to such approvals by governmental agencies as may be required. Notwithstanding any terms or conditions of any Award to the contrary, the Company shall be under no obligation to offer to sell or to sell, and shall be prohibited from offering to sell or selling, any Common Shares pursuant to an Award unless such shares have been properly registered for sale pursuant to the Securities Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission or other Applicable Law or unless the Company has received an opinion of counsel, satisfactory to the Company, that such shares may be offered or sold without such registration pursuant to an available exemption therefrom and the terms and conditions of such exemption have been fully complied with. The Company shall be under no obligation to register for sale under the Securities Act any of the Common Shares to be offered or sold under this Plan. The Committee shall have the authority to provide that all certificates for Common Shares or other securities of the Company or any Affiliate delivered under this Plan shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system upon which such shares or other securities are then listed or quoted and any other Applicable Law, and, without limiting the generality of <u>Section 9</u>, the Committee reserves the right to add any terms or provisions to any Award granted under this Plan that it deems necessary or advisable in its sole discretion in order that such Award complies with the legal requirements of any governmental entity to whose jurisdiction the Award is subject.

(ii) The Committee may cancel an Award or any portion thereof if it determines, in its sole discretion, that legal or contractual restrictions and/or blockage and/or other market considerations would make the Company's acquisition of Common Shares from the public markets, the Company's issuance of Common Shares to the Participant, the Participant's acquisition of Common Shares from the Company and/or the Participant's sale of Common Shares to the public markets, illegal, impracticable or inadvisable. If the Committee determines to cancel all or any portion of an Award in accordance with the foregoing, unless doing so would violate Section 409A of the Code, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the excess of (A) the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Common Shares subject to such Award or portion thereof canceled (determined as of the applicable exercise date, or the date that the shares would have been vested or delivered, as applicable), over (B) the aggregate Exercise Price or Strike Price (in the case of an Option or SAR, respectively) or any amount payable as a condition of delivery of Common Shares (in the case of any other Award). Such amount shall be delivered to the Participant as soon as practicable following the cancellation of such Award or portion thereof. The Committee shall have the discretion to consider and take action to mitigate the tax consequence to the Participant in cancelling an Award in accordance with this clause.

(j) <u>Payments to Persons Other Than Participants</u>. If the Committee shall find that any person to whom any amount is payable under this Plan is unable to care for his affairs because of illness or accident, or is a minor, or has died, then any payment due to such person or his estate (unless a prior claim therefor has been made by a duly appointed legal representative) may, if the Committee so directs the Company, be paid to his spouse, child, relative, an institution maintaining or having custody of such person, or any other person deemed by the Committee to be a proper recipient on behalf of such person otherwise entitled to payment. Any such payment shall be a complete discharge of the liability of the Committee and the Company therefor.

(k) <u>Nonexclusivity of this Plan</u>. Neither the adoption of this Plan by the Board nor the submission of this Plan to the stockholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of stock options or other equity-based awards otherwise than under this Plan, and such arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

(1) <u>No Trust or Fund Created</u>. Neither this Plan nor any Award granted hereunder shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Affiliate, on the one hand, and a Participant or other person or entity, on the other hand. No provision of this Plan or any Award Agreement shall require the Company, for the purpose of satisfying any obligations under this Plan, to purchase assets or place any assets in a trust or other entity to which contributions are made or otherwise to segregate any assets, nor shall the Company maintain separate bank accounts, books, records or other evidence of the existence of a segregated or separately maintained or administered fund for such purposes. Participants shall have no rights under this Plan other than as general unsecured creditors of the Company, except that insofar as they may have become entitled to payment of additional compensation by performance of services, they shall have the same rights as other employees under Applicable Law.

(m) <u>Reliance on Reports</u>. Each member of the Committee and each member of the Board shall be fully justified in acting or failing to act, as the case may be, and shall not be liable for having so acted or failed to act in good faith, in reliance upon any report made by the independent public accountant of the Company and/or its Affiliates and/or any other information furnished in connection with this Plan by any agent of the Company or the Committee or the Board, other than himself.

(n) <u>Relationship to Other Benefits</u>. No payment under this Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, profit sharing, group insurance or other benefit plan of the Company except as otherwise specifically provided in such other plan.

(o) <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions.

(p) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Plan or any Award or Award Agreement is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any person or entity or Award, or would disqualify this Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to Applicable Law in the manner that most closely reflects the original intent of the Award or the Plan, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of this Plan or the Award, such provision shall be construed or deemed stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or entity or Award and the remainder of this Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(q) <u>Obligations Binding on Successors</u>. The obligations of the Company under this Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, amalgamation, consolidation or other reorganization of the Company, or upon any successor corporation or organization succeeding to substantially all of the assets and business of the Company.

(r) <u>Expenses; Gender; Titles and Headings</u>. The expenses of administering this Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Affiliates. Masculine pronouns and other words of masculine gender shall refer to both men and women. The titles and headings of the sections in this Plan are for convenience of reference only, and in the event of any conflict, the text of this Plan, rather than such titles or headings shall control.

(s) <u>Other Agreements</u>. Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may require, as a condition to the grant of and/or the receipt of Common Shares under an Award, that the Participant execute lock-up, stockholder or other agreements, as it may determine in its sole and absolute discretion.

(t) <u>Section 4094</u>. The Plan and all Awards granted hereunder are intended to comply with, or otherwise be exempt from, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. The Plan and all Awards granted under this Plan shall be administered, interpreted, and construed in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code to the extent necessary to avoid the imposition of additional taxes under Section 409A(a)(1)(B) of the Code. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, in no event shall the Committee exercise its discretion to accelerate the payment or settlement of an Award where such payment or settlement constitutes deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code unless, and solely to the extent that, such accelerated payment or settlement is permissible under Section 1.409A-3(j)(4) of the Treasury Regulations. If a Participant is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 1.409A-1(i) of the Treasury Regulations) at any time during the 12-month period ending on the date of his termination of employment, and any Award hereunder subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, is to be satisfied on account of the Participant's termination of employment, satisfaction of such Award shall be suspended until the date that is six (6) months after the date of such termination of employment. While the Awards granted hereunder are intended to be structured in a manner to avoid the imposition of any penalty taxes under Section 409A of the Code, in no event whatsoever shall the Company or any Affiliate be liable for any additional tax, interest, or penalties that may be imposed on a Participant as a result of Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code or any similar state or local laws (other than for withholding obligations or other obligations applicable to employers, if any, under Section 409A of the Code).

(u) <u>Section 16</u>. It is the intent of the Company that the Plan satisfy, and be interpreted in a manner that satisfies, the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 as promulgated under Section 16 of the Exchange Act so that Participants will be entitled to the benefit of Rule 16b-3, or any other rule promulgated under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and will not be subject to short-swing liability under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, if the operation of any provision of the Plan would conflict with the intent expressed in this <u>Section 14(u)</u>, such provision to the extent possible shall be interpreted and/or deemed amended so as to avoid such conflict.

(v) <u>Payments</u>. Participants shall be required to pay, to the extent required by Applicable Law, any amounts required to receive Common Shares under any Award made under this Plan.

(w) <u>Minimum Vesting</u>. No Award shall be granted with terms providing for any right of exercise or lapse of any vesting obligations earlier than a date that is at least one year following the date of grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may grant up to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the aggregate number of shares of Common Shares available for issuance under this Plan (subject to adjustment under Section 11), without regard for any limitations or other requirements for exercise or vesting as set forth in this Section 14(w), and the minimum vesting requirement does not apply to (A) any Substitute Awards, (B) Awards to directors that vest on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of stockholders which is at least 50 weeks after the immediately preceding year's annual meeting, and (C) the Committee's discretion to provide for accelerated exercisability or vesting of any Award, including in cases of retirement, death, disability or a Change in Control, in the terms of the Award or otherwise.



(x) <u>Clawback</u>. Awards under the Plan shall be subject to the Company's clawback policy, as in effect from time to time. If there shall be no such clawback policy in effect, (1) awards under the Plan and any Common Shares issued pursuant to Awards under the Plan (and any gains thereon) shall be subject to recovery or "clawback" by the Company if and to the extent that the vesting of such Awards was determined or calculated based on materially inaccurate financial statements or any other material inaccurate performance metric criteria; and (2) if the Company or its subsidiaries terminate a Participant's service relationship due to the Participant's gross negligence or willful misconduct (whether or not such actions also constitute "cause" under an Award Agreement), which conduct, directly or indirectly, results in the Company preparing an accounting restatement, any Awards under the Plan, whether or not vested, as well as any Common Shares issued pursuant to Awards under this Plan (and any gains thereon) shall be subject to forfeiture, recovery and "clawback."

As adopted by the Board of Directors of Byrna Technologies Inc. on October 23, 2020.

As approved by the shareholders of Byrna Technologies Inc. on November 19, 2020.

As amended by the Board of Directors of Byrna Technologies, Inc. on February 24, 2021.

Amendment and restatement approved by the Board of Directors of Byrna Technologies Inc. on April 26, 2022.

Amendment and restatement approved by the shareholders of Byrna Technologies Inc. on June 17, 2022.

As amended by the Board of Directors of Byrna Technologies, Inc. on October 21, 2024.

As approved by the shareholders of Byrna Technologies, Inc. on November 20, 2024

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Exhibit 5.1

February 7, 2025

Byrna Technologies Inc. 100 Burtt Road, Suite 115 Andover, Massachusetts 01810

> Re: Byrna Technologies Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "*Registration Statement*") filed on the date hereof by Byrna Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"), with respect to the registration of up to an aggregate of 2,375,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "*Shares*"), that may be issued pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended through the date hereof (the "*Plan*").

We have examined originals or certified copies of such corporate records of the Company and other certificates and documents of officials of the Company, public officials and others as we have deemed relevant or appropriate for purposes of this opinion letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic original documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed and certified or reproduced copies. We have also assumed that all of the shares eligible for issuance under the Plan following the date hereof will be issued for not less than par value.

Based upon, and subject to, the foregoing, it is our opinion that the 2,375,000 Shares, when sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the Registration Statement and the related prospectus, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinions in this opinion letter are qualified in their entirety and subject to the following:

1. We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.



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2. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. We assume herein no obligation, and hereby disclaim any obligation, to make any inquiry after the date hereof or to advise you of any future changes in the foregoing or of any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention.

We consent to the reference to this firm as your counsel in the Registration Statement and to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/BLANK ROME LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Byrna Technologies, Inc. on Form S-8 to be filed on or about February 7, 2025 of our report dated February 7, 2025, on our audits of the financial statements as of November 30, 2024 and 2023 and for each of the years then ended, which report was included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 7, 2025.

/s/ EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP Iselin, New Jersey February 7, 2025

Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

FORM S-8

(Form Type)

BYRNA TECHNOLOGIES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	alculation Amount		 Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1) (2)		Fee Rate		Amount of Registration Fee	
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) (4)	2,375,000 shares (3)	\$ 25.90	\$ 61,512,500	\$	0.00015310	\$	9417.56	
		*	Total Offering A Total Fee Offset		\$ 61,512,500			\$	9,417.56		
			Net Fee Due	5					\$	9,417.56	

 The securities to be registered include options and other rights to acquire the common stock of Byrna Technologies Inc. (the "Registrant") issuable pursuant to the Registrant's Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2020 Plan").

- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement also registers an indeterminate number of additional shares that may be issued pursuant to the above-named plans as the result of any future stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of our outstanding shares of common stock.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock that were added to the number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2020 Plan, pursuant to an amendment to the 2020 Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock available for awards under the 2020 Plan, which amendment was approved by the Registrant's Board of Directors on October 21, 2024 and the Registrant's stockholders at the Registrant's 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on November 20, 2024.
- (4) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act. The computation is based on \$25.90 per share, which is the average high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on February 4, 2025.