UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 8, 2024

<u>FREQUENCY ELECTRONICS, INC.</u>

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

<u>1-8061</u> (Commission File Number) <u>11-1986657</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>11553</u>

(Zip Code)

55 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Mitchel Field, NY

(Address of principal executive offices)

<u>(516) 794-4500</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock (par value \$1.00 per share) | FEIM | NASDAQ Global Market |

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

Emerging growth company \Box

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

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

On October 8, 2024, as described below under Item 5.07 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, the stockholders of Frequency Electronics, Inc. (the "Company") approved the Frequency Electronics, Inc. Stock Award Plan (the "Plan"). The Board of Directors of the Company previously adopted the Plan on August 27, 2024, subject to stockholder approval. The Plan provides for grants of stock-based compensation awards, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, incentive units, other stock based or cash based awards, and dividend equivalent awards. All employees, directors and consultants of the Company, any parent of the Company or any affiliate of the Company are eligible to receive awards under the Plan. The Plan is administered by the Board, which may delegate certain of its duties and responsibilities to the Compensation Committee and may further delegate to committees of the Company's directors and/or officers at its discretion (referred to collectively as the "administrator"), subject to certain limitations that may be imposed under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and/or stock exchange rules, as applicable. The administrator has the authority to make all determinations and interpretations under, prescribe all forms for use with, and adopt rules for the administration of the Plan, subject to its express terms and conditions. The administrator also has the authority to grant awards, to determine which eligible persons receive awards, and to set the terms and conditions of all awards under the Plan, including any vesting and vesting acceleration provisions, subject to the conditions and limitations in the Plan.

The aggregate number of shares of the Company's Common Stock available for issuance in connection with awards made under the Plan is equal to the sum of (i) 700,000 shares plus (ii) one share for every one share available for award under the Frequency Electronics, Inc. 2005 Stock Award Plan (the "2005 Plan") (38,916 shares), for a total of 738,916 shares. Any shares subject to an award under the 2005 Plan or the Plan that are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate, or are settled in cash or otherwise do not result in the issuance of all of the shares subject to the award, shall be added to the shares reserved for issuance under the Plan.

The material terms of the Plan are described in "PROPOSAL NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF FREQUENCY ELECTRONICS, INC. STOCK AWARD PLAN AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT" in the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 28, 2024, which description is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

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

On October 8, 2024, the Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"). A total of 6,244,144 shares or 65.26% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting were represented in person or by proxy, and the stockholders:

- · elected each of the Company's nominees for director to serve for terms of one year and until their respective successors are elected and qualified;
- ratified the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025;
- approved, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; and
- approved the Plan.

The voting results at the Annual Meeting were as follows:

1. Election of the following four directors:

| DIRECTOR | FOR | WITHHELD | BROKER NON-VOTES |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Jonathan Brolin | 4,434,697 | 84,292 | 1,725,155 |
| Lance Lord | 2,979,327 | 1,539,662 | 1,725,155 |
| Russell Sarachek | 4,466,258 | 52,731 | 1,725,155 |
| Richard Schwartz | 4,359,260 | 159,729 | 1,725,155 |

Ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year 2. ending April 30, 2025:

| | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 6,154,739 | 88,278 | 1,127 | 0 |
| 3. Ap | pproval of the non-binding advisory | vote on the compensation of th | e Company's named exec | utive officers: |
| | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
| | 4,407,823 | 90,368 | 20,798 | 1,725,155 |
| 4. Ap | pproval of the Plan: | | | |
| | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
| | 4,371,930 | 125,780 | 21,279 | 1,725,155 |
| Item 9.01 | . Financial Statements and E | xhibits. | | |

(d) Exhibits.

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<u>Frequency Electronics, Inc. Stock Award Plan.</u> Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in Inline XBRL).

SIGNATURES

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

FREQUENCY ELECTRONICS, INC.

By:

<u>/s/ Steven Bernstein</u> Steven Bernstein Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: October 9, 2024

Frequency Electronics, Inc.

Stock Award Plan

1. **Purpose**. The purpose of this Stock Award Plan (the "**Plan**") is to assist Frequency Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**") and its Related Entities in attracting, motivating, retaining and rewarding high-quality Employees, officers, Directors and Consultants by enabling such persons to acquire or increase a proprietary interest in the Company in order to strengthen the mutuality of interests between such persons and the Company's shareholders, and providing such persons with annual and long-term performance incentives to expend their maximum efforts in the creation of shareholder value. This Plan is an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2005 Stock Plan, as amended (the "**2005 Plan**") and replaces and supersedes the 2005 Plan. Upon approval of the Plan by the Company's Board, and subject to approval of the Plan by the Company's shareholders, no new awards shall be made under the 2005 Plan, although outstanding awards previously issued under the 2005 Plan shall continue to be governed by the 2005 Plan.

2. **Definitions**. For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below, in addition to such terms defined in Section 1 hereof.

(a) "Applicable Laws" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity compensation plans under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, the rules and regulations of any stock exchange upon which the Common Stock is listed and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are granted under the Plan.

(b) "Award" means any award granted pursuant to the terms of this Plan including, an award of Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock granted as a bonus or in lieu of another award, Dividend Equivalents, or Other Stock-Based Awards, together with any other right or interest, granted to a Participant under the Plan.

(c) "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic document(s) evidencing the terms of an Award granted under the Plan. The provisions of the various Awards Agreements entered into under the Plan need not be identical.

(d) "Beneficiary" means the person, persons, trust or trusts which have been designated by a Participant in his or her most recent written beneficiary designation filed with the Committee to receive the benefits specified under the Plan upon such Participant's death or to which Awards or other rights are transferred if and to the extent permitted under Section 9(e) hereof. If, upon a Participant's death, there is no designated Beneficiary or surviving designated Beneficiary, then the term Beneficiary means the person, persons, trust or trusts entitled by will or the laws of descent and distribution to receive such benefits. The Committee reserves the right to review and approve beneficiary designations and/or require that a particular form be used to be effective with respect to an Award.

(e) "Beneficial Owner", "Beneficially Owning" and "Beneficial Ownership" shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act and any successor to such Rule.

(f) "Board" means the Company's Board of Directors.

(g) "**Cause**" shall, with respect to any Participant, have the equivalent meaning (or the same meaning as "cause" or "for cause") set forth in any employment agreement between the Participant and the Company or a Related Entity or, in the absence of any such agreement, such term shall mean (i) the failure by the Participant to perform his or her duties as assigned by the Company (or a Related Entity) in a reasonable manner, (ii) any violation or breach by the Participant of his or her employment agreement with the Company (or a Related Entity), if any, (iii) any violation or breach by the Participant of his or her confidential information and invention assignment agreement with the Company (or a Related Entity), if any, (iii) any violation or breach by the Participant of dishonesty or bad faith with respect to the Company (or a Related Entity), (v) any material violation or breach by the Participant of the Company's or a Related Entity's policy for employee conduct, if any, (vi) any act by the Participant of the Company (or a Related Entity), (vii) use of alcohol, drugs or other similar substances affecting the Participant or the Company. The good faith determination by the Participant of any act, misdemeanor, or crime reflecting unfavorably upon the Participant or the Company. The good faith determination by the Committee of whether the Participant's Continuous Service was terminated by the Company for "Cause" shall be final and binding for all purposes hereunder.

(h) "Change in Control" means and shall be deemed to have occurred on the earliest of the following dates:

(i) the date on which any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) obtains "beneficial ownership" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act) or a pecuniary interest fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities ("**Voting Stock**");

(ii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction other than a transaction: (1) (a) in which substantially all of the holders of Company's Voting Stock hold or receive directly or indirectly fifty percent (50%)or more of the voting stock of the resulting entity or a parent company thereof, in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to the transaction; or (2) in which the holders of Company's capital stock immediately before such transaction will, immediately after such transaction, hold as a group on a fully diluted basis the ability to elect at least a majority of the directors of the surviving corporation (or a parent company);

(iii) there is consummated a sale, lease, exclusive license or other disposition of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, other than a sale, lease, license or other disposition of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries to an entity, fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale, lease, license or other disposition or

(iv) individuals who, on the date this Plan is adopted by the Board, are Directors (the "**Incumbent Board**") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Directors; provided, however, that if the appointment or election (or nomination for election) of any new Director was approved or recommended by a majority vote of the members of the Incumbent Board then still in office, such new member shall, for purposes of this Plan, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board.

For purposes of determining whether a Change in Control has occurred, a transaction includes all transactions in a series of related transactions, and terms used in this definition but not defined are used as defined in the Plan. The term Change in Control shall not include a sale of assets, merger or other transaction effected exclusively for the purpose of changing the domicile of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this Plan, the definition of Change in Control (or any analogous term) in an individual written agreement between the Company and the Participant shall supersede the foregoing definition with respect to Awards subject to such agreement (it being understood, however, that if no definition of Change in Control or any analogous term is set forth in such an individual written agreement, the foregoing definition shall apply).

(i) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, including regulations thereunder and successor provisions and regulations thereto.

(j) "**Committee**" means a committee designated by the Board to administer the Plan with respect to at least a group of Employees, Directors or Consultants. In the event no such Committee is designated, Committee shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Company. In the discretion of the Board, the Committee may consist solely of two or more "Non-Employee Directors" in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

(k) "**Common Stock**" means the common stock, par value of \$1.00, of the Company or any other securities as may be substituted (or resubstituted) for such common stock of the Company pursuant to Section 9(f) hereof.

(1) "**Consultant**" means any person (other than an Employee or a Director, solely with respect to rendering services in such person's capacity as a director) who is engaged by the Company or any Related Entity to render consulting or advisory services to the Company or such Related Entity.

(m) "**Continuous Service**" means uninterrupted provision of services to the Company as an Employee, a Director, or a Consultant. Continuous Service shall not be considered to be interrupted in the case of (i) any approved leave of absence, (ii) transfers among the Company, any Related Entities, or any successor entities, as either an Employee, a Director, or a Consultant, or (iii) any change in status as long as the individual remains in the service of the Company or a Related Entity as either an Employee, a Director, or a Consultant (except as otherwise provided in the Award Agreement). An approved leave of absence shall include sick leave, military leave, or any other authorized personal leave.

(n) "Corporate Transaction" means the occurrence, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of any one or more of the following events:

(i) a sale, lease, exclusive license or other disposition of all or substantially all, as determined by the Board in its discretion, of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(ii) a sale or other disposition of more than twenty percent (20%) of the outstanding securities of the Company; or (iii) a merger, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction, whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation.

(o) "Director" means a member of the Board or the board of directors of any Related Entity.

(p) "**Disability**" means a permanent and total disability (within the meaning of Section 22(e) of the Code), as determined by a medical doctor satisfactory to the Committee.

(q) "**Dividend Equivalent**" means a right, granted to a Participant under Section 6(g) hereof, to receive cash, Shares, other Awards or other property equal in value to dividends paid with respect to a specified number of Shares, or other periodic payments.

(r) "Effective Date" means the effective date of this Plan, which shall be the date this Plan is adopted by the Board, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company.

(s) "Eligible Person" means all Employees (including officers), Directors and Consultants of the Company or of any Related Entity. The foregoing notwithstanding, only Employees of the Company, the Parent, or any Subsidiary shall be Eligible Persons for purposes of receiving any Incentive Stock Options. An Employee on leave of absence may be considered as still in the employ of the Company or a Related Entity for purposes of eligibility for participation in the Plan.

(t) "Employee" means any person, including an officer or Director, who is an employee of the Company or any Related Entity.

(u) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, including rules thereunder and successor provisions and rules thereto.

(v) "Executive Officer" means an executive officer of the Company as defined under the Exchange Act.

(w) "Fair Market Value" means the fair market value of Shares, Awards or other property as determined by the Plan Administrator, or under procedures established by the Plan Administrator. Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, the Fair Market Value of Shares as of any given date, after which the Shares are publicly traded on a stock exchange or market, shall be the closing sale price per Share reported on a consolidated basis for Shares listed on the principal stock exchange or market on which the Shares are traded on the date as of which such value is being determined or, if there is no sale on that date, then on the last previous day on which a sale was reported.

(x) "Good Reason" shall, with respect to any Participant, have the equivalent meaning (or the same meaning as "good reason" or "for good reason") set forth in any employment agreement between the Participant and the Company or a Related Entity or, in the absence of any such agreement, such term shall mean (i) the assignment to the Participant of any duties inconsistent in any respect with the Participant's position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties or responsibilities as assigned by the Company (or a Related Entity), or any other action by the Company (or a Related Entity) which results in a diminution in such position, authority, duties or responsibilities, excluding for this purpose an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company (or a Related Entity) to comply with its obligations to the Participant as agreed upon, other than an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company (or a Related Entity) promptly after receipt of notice thereof given by the receipt of notice thereof given by the Participant; (ii) any failure by the Company (or a Related Entity) to comply with its obligations to the Participant as agreed upon, other than an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company (or a Related Entity) promptly after receipt of notice thereof given by the Participant; (iii) the Company's (or Related Entity's) requiring the Participant to be based at any office or location more than fifty miles from the location of employment as of the date

of Award, except for travel reasonably required in the performance of the Participant's responsibilities; (iv) any purported termination by the Company (or a Related Entity) of the Participant's Continuous Service otherwise than for Cause as defined in Section 2(g), or by reason of the Participant's Disability as defined in Section 2(9), prior to the Expiration Date; or (v) any reduction in the Participant's base salary.

(y) "**Incentive Stock Option**" means any Stock Option intended to be designated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code or any successor provision thereto.

(z) "Non-Employee Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

(aa) "Other Stock-Based Awards" means Awards granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 6(h) hereof.

(bb) "**Parent**" means any corporation (other than the Company), whether now or hereafter existing, in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Company, if each of the corporations in the chain (other than the Company) owns stock possessing 50 percent or more of the combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.

(cc) "**Participant**" means a person who has been granted an Award under the Plan which remains outstanding, including a person who is no longer an Eligible Person.

(dd) "Plan Administrator" means the Board or any Committee delegated by the Board to administer the Plan.

(ee) "**Prior Stock Plans**" means all prior equity compensation plans of the Company, excluding all of the Company's qualified retirement plans, including, but not limited to, the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan, the Senior Executive Stock Option Plan, the Restricted Stock Plan, the 1997 Independent Contractor Stock Option Plan, the 1993 Non-Statutory Stock Option Plan, the 1987 Incentive Stock Plan, and the 2005 Stock Plan.

(ff) "Related Entity" means any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company.

(gg) "Restricted Stock" means Common Stock granted to a Participant under Section 6(d) hereof, that is subject to certain restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture.

(hh) "**Restricted Stock Unit**" means a right, granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 6(e) hereof, to receive Shares, cash or a combination thereof at the end of a specified period of time.

(ii) "**Rule 16b-3**" and "**Rule 16a-1(c)(3)**" means Rule 16b-3 and Rule 16a-1(c)(3), as from time to time in effect and applicable to the Plan and Participants, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(jj) "Shares" means the shares of Common Stock, and the shares of such other securities as may be substituted (or resubstituted) for Common Stock pursuant to Section 9(f) hereof.



(kk) "Stock Appreciation Right" means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 6(c) hereof.

(ll) "Stock Option" means a right granted to a Participant under Section 6(b) hereof, to purchase Shares or other Awards at a specified price during specified time periods.

(mm) "**Subsidiary**" means any corporation (other than the Company), whether now or hereafter existing, in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company, if each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain owns stock possessing 50 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain.

3. Administration.

(a) Administration by Committee. The Committee (or, in the Board's sole discretion or in the absence of the Committee, the Board) shall administer the Plan and, in connection therewith and without limitation, it shall have full power and discretionary authority:

(i) To determine from time to time which persons are Eligible Persons; of the Eligible Persons, which shall be granted Awards; when and how each Award shall be granted; what type or combination of types of Award shall be granted; the provisions of each Award granted (which need not be identical), including the time or times when a person shall be permitted to receive Shares pursuant to an Award; and the number of Shares with respect to which an Award shall be granted to each such person.

(ii) To construe and interpret the Plan and Awards granted under it, and to establish, amend and revoke rules and regulations for their administration. The Board, in the exercise of this power, may correct any defect, omission or inconsistency in the Plan or in any Award Agreement, in a manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or expedient to make the Plan fully effective.

(iii) To accelerate the exercisability of any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right and to remove any restriction on any Award.

(iv) To appoint such agents as it deems appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan.

(v) To exercise such powers and to perform all other acts it believes reasonable and appropriate to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws and not in conflict with the terms of the Plan.

All determinations, interpretations and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award by the Committee or the Board, as the case may be, shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all parties, including without limitation, the Company, any Participant, and any other person with rights to any Award under the Plan.

(b) **Delegation**. The Committee and the Board shall have the power to delegate to a subcommittee any of the administrative powers the Committee or Board is authorized to exercise (and references in this Plan to the Board or Committee shall thereafter be to such committee or subcommittee), subject, however, to such resolutions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the

Plan, as may be adopted from time to time by the Board or Committee, as applicable. The Board or Committee, as applicable, may abolish, suspend or supersede the Committee or any subcommittee at any time and revest in the Board or Committee, as applicable, the administration of the Plan. To the extent that any permitted action taken by the Board conflicts with action taken by the Committee or subcommittee, the Board action shall control.

(c) **Effect of Board's Decision**. All determinations, interpretations, and constructions made by the Committee or the Board, as the case may be, shall not be subject to review by any person and shall be final, binding and conclusive on all persons.

(d) **Arbitration**. Any dispute or claim concerning any Award granted (or not granted) pursuant to the Plan or any disputes or claims relating to or arising out of the Plan shall be fully, finally and exclusively resolved by binding and confidential arbitration conducted pursuant to the rules of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. ("JAMS") in Nassau County, New York. The Company shall pay all arbitration fees. In addition to any other relief, the arbitrator may award to the prevailing party recovery of its attorneys' fees and costs. By accepting an Award, the Participant and the Company waive their respective rights to have any such disputes or claims tried by a judge or jury.

(e) **Limitation of Liability**. The Committee and the Board, and each member thereof, shall be entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to him or her by any officer or Employee, the Company's independent auditors, Consultants or any other agents assisting in the administration of the Plan. Members of the Committee and the Board, and any officer or Employee acting at the direction or on behalf of the Plan Administrator, shall not be personally liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan, and shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any such action or determination.

4. Common Stock Subject to Plan.

(a) **Limitation on Overall Number of Shares Subject to Awards**. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9(f) hereof, the total number of Shares reserved and available for delivery in connection with Awards under the Plan shall be 738,916 Shares, each of which may be granted as an Incentive Stock Option (subject to the limitations in subsection (b)(iv) below). Any Shares delivered under the Plan may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares or treasury shares.

(b) Availability of Shares Not Delivered under Awards.

(i) If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate without issuance of such Shares, or any Award is settled for cash or otherwise does not result in the issuance of all or a portion of the Shares subject to such Award, the Shares shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration, termination, cash settlement or non-issuance, again be available for Awards under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b)(iv) below. If any Shares subject to an award under the Prior Stock Plans are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate without issuance of such Shares, or any award under the Prior Stock Plans is settled for cash or otherwise does not result in the issuance of all or a portion of the Shares subject to such award, the Shares shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration, termination, cash settlement or non-issuance, be available for Awards under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b)(iv) below.

(ii) If any Shares issued pursuant to an Award are forfeited back to or repurchased by the Company, including, but not limited to, any repurchase or forfeiture caused by the failure to meet a contingency or condition required for the vesting of such shares, then the Shares not acquired under such Award shall revert to and again become available for issuance under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b)(iv) below. If any Shares issued pursuant to an award under the Prior Stock Plans are forfeited back to or repurchased by the Company, including, but not limited to, any repurchase or forfeiture caused by the failure to meet a contingency or condition required for the vesting of such shares, then the Shares not acquired under such award shall become available for issuance under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b) (iv) below.

(iii) In the event that any Stock Option or other Award is exercised through the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, or withholding tax liabilities arising from such Stock Option or other Award are satisfied by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, then only the number of Shares issued net of the Shares tendered or withheld shall be counted for purposes of determining the maximum number of Shares available for grant under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b)(iv) below. In the event that any award granted under the Prior Plans is exercised through the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, or withholding tax liabilities arising from such award granted under the Prior Plans are satisfied by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, or withholding tax liabilities arising from such award granted under the Prior Plans are satisfied by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the tendering of Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Shares by the Company, then the number of Shares tendered or withheld shall become available for issuance under the Plan, subject to Section 4(b)(iv) below.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 4(b) to the contrary and solely for purposes of determining whether Shares are available for the grant of Incentive Stock Options, the maximum aggregate number of shares that may be granted under this Plan shall be determined without regard to any Shares restored pursuant to this Section 4(b) that, if taken into account, would cause the Plan, for purposes of the grant of Incentive Stock Options, to fail the requirement under Code Section 422 that the Plan designate a maximum aggregate number of shares that may be issued.

(c) **Application of Limitations**. The limitation contained in this Section 4 shall apply not only to Awards that are settled by the delivery of Shares but also to Awards relating to Shares but settled only in cash (such as cash-only Stock Appreciation Rights). The Plan Administrator may adopt reasonable counting procedures to ensure appropriate counting, avoid double counting (as, for example, in the case of tandem or substitute awards) and make adjustments if the number of Shares actually delivered differs from the number of shares previously counted in connection with an Award.

5. Eligibility; Per-Person Award Limitations. Awards may be granted under the Plan only to Eligible Persons. In each fiscal year during any part of which the Plan is in effect, an Eligible Person may not be granted an Award under which more than 200,000 Shares could be received by the Participant, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9(f).

6. Terms of Awards.

(a) **General**. Awards may be granted on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 6. In addition, the Plan Administrator may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or thereafter (subject to Section 9(i)), such additional terms and conditions, not

inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Plan Administrator shall determine, including terms requiring forfeiture of Awards in the event of termination of Continuous Service by the Participant and terms permitting a Participant to make elections relating to his or her Award. The Plan Administrator shall retain full power and discretion to accelerate, waive or modify, at any time, any term or condition of an Award that is not mandatory under the Plan.

(b) Stock Options. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Stock Options to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Number of Shares*. Each Stock Option Award Agreement shall specify the number of Shares that are subject to the Award and shall specify whether the Stock Option is an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

(ii) *Exercise Price*. Each Stock Option Award Agreement shall state the price at which a Share subject to the Award may be purchased (the "**Exercise Price**"), which shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant.

(iii) *Time and Method of Exercise*. The Plan Administrator shall determine the time or times at which or the circumstances under which a Stock Option Award may be exercised in whole or in part (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements). The Plan Administrator may also determine the time or times at which Stock Options shall cease to be or become exercisable following termination of Continuous Service or upon other conditions. The Board or the Committee may determine the methods by which such Exercise Price may be paid or deemed to be paid (including, in the discretion of the Plan Administrator, a cashless exercise procedure), the form of such payment, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, net exercise, other Awards or awards granted under other plans of the Company or a Related Entity, other property (including notes or other contractual obligations of Participants to make payment on a deferred basis) or any other form of consideration legally permissible, and the methods by or forms in which Shares will be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants.

(iv) Incentive Stock Options. The terms of any Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan shall comply in all respects with the provisions of Section 422 of the Code. Any Participant awarded an Incentive Stock Option shall notify the Company in writing immediately after the date such Participant makes a disqualifying disposition of any Shares acquired pursuant to an Incentive Stock Option. Anything in the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, no term of the Plan relating to Incentive Stock Options (including any Stock Appreciation Rights in tandem therewith) shall be interpreted, amended or altered, nor shall any discretion or authority granted under the Plan be exercised, so as to disqualify either the Plan or any Incentive Stock Option under Section 422 of the Code, unless the Participant has consented in writing to the change that will result in such disqualification. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if and to the extent required to comply with Section 422 of the Code, Stock Options granted as Incentive Stock Options shall be subject to the following special terms and conditions:

(1) if a Participant owns or is deemed to own (by reason of the attribution rules applicable under Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Related Entity, any Incentive Stock Option granted to such Participant must have an Exercise Price per Share of at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant;

(2) any Incentive Stock Option shall not be exercisable more than ten years after the date such Incentive Stock Option is granted; provided, however, that if a Participant owns or is deemed to own (by reason of the attribution rules of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Parent Corporation and the Incentive Stock Option is granted to such Participant, the term of the Incentive Stock Option shall be (to the extent required by the Code at the time of the grant) for no more than five years from the date of grant; and

(2) if the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date the Incentive Stock Option is granted) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan and all other option plans of the Company, its Parent or any Subsidiary are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, then such Participant's Incentive Stock Option(s) or portions thereof that exceed such \$100,000 limit shall be treated as Nonstatutory Stock Option (in the reverse order in which they were granted, so that the last Incentive Stock Option will be the first treated as a Nonstatutory Stock Option). This paragraph shall only apply to the extent such limitation is applicable under the Code at the time of the grant.

(v) *Prohibition on Repricing*. Other than pursuant to a capitalization adjustment under Section 9(f), without approval of the Company's shareholders, the Plan Administrator shall not be permitted to (A) lower the Exercise Price per Share of a Stock Option after it is granted, (B) cancel a Stock Option when the Exercise Price per Share exceeds the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares in exchange for (x) another Award or (y) cash, or (C) take any other action with respect to a Stock Option that may be treated as a repricing.

(c) **Stock Appreciation Rights**. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Right to Payment*. A Stock Appreciation Right shall confer on the Participant to whom it is granted a right to receive, upon exercise thereof, the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise over (B) the grant price of the Stock Appreciation Right as determined by the Plan Administrator.

(ii) Other Terms. The Plan Administrator shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter, the time or times at which and the circumstances under which a Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised in whole or in part (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), the time or times at which Stock Appreciation Rights shall cease to be or become exercisable following termination of Continuous Service or upon other conditions, the method of exercise, method of settlement, form of consideration payable in settlement, method by or forms in which Shares will be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants, whether or not a Stock Appreciation Right shall be in tandem or in combination with any other Award, and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right. Stock Appreciation Rights may be either freestanding or in tandem with other Awards.

(d) **Restricted Stock**. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Grant and Restrictions*. Restricted Stock shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability, risk of forfeiture and other restrictions, if any, as the Plan Administrator may impose, or as otherwise provided in this Plan. The restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), in such installments or otherwise, as the Plan Administrator may determine at the date of grant or thereafter. Except to the extent restricted under the terms of the Plan and any Award Agreement relating to the Restricted Stock, a Participant granted Restricted Stock shall have all of the rights of a shareholder, including the right to vote the Restricted Stock and the right to receive dividends thereon (subject to any mandatory reinvestment or other requirement imposed by the Plan Administrator). During the restricted period applicable to the Restricted Stock, subject to Section 9(e) below, the Restricted Stock may not be sold, transferred, pledged, hypothecated, margined or otherwise encumbered by the Participant.

(ii) *Certificates for Common Stock.* Restricted Stock granted under the Plan may be evidenced in such manner, as the Plan Administrator shall determine. If certificates representing Restricted Stock are registered in the name of the Participant, the Plan Administrator may require that such certificates bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, that the Company' retain physical possession of the certificates, that the certificates be kept with an escrow agent and that the Participant deliver a stock power to the Company, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Stock.

(iii) *Dividends and Splits.* As a condition to the grant of an Award of Restricted Stock, the Plan Administrator may require that any cash dividends paid on a share of Restricted Stock be automatically reinvested in additional shares of Restricted Stock or applied to the purchase of additional Awards under the Plan. Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, Shares distributed in connection with a Share split or Share dividend, and other property distributed as a dividend, shall be subject to restrictions and a risk of forfeiture to the same extent as the Restricted Stock with respect to which such Shares or other property has been distributed.

(e) **Restricted Stock Units**. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units to Participants, which are rights to receive Shares, cash, or a combination thereof at the end of a specified time period, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) Award and Restrictions. Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to such restrictions (which may include a risk of forfeiture) as the Plan Administrator may impose, if any, which restrictions may lapse at the expiration of the time period or at earlier specified times (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), separately or in combination, in installments or otherwise, as the Plan Administrator may determine. Restricted Stock Units may be settled by delivery of Shares, cash equal to the Fair Market Value of the specified number of Shares covered by the Restricted Stock Units, or a combination thereof, as determined by the Plan Administrator at the date of grant or thereafter. Prior to settlement of any Restricted Stock Units, such Restricted Stock Units carry no voting or dividend or other rights associated with Share ownership.

(ii) *Dividend Equivalents*. Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator at date of grant, any Dividend Equivalents that are granted with respect to any Restricted Stock Units shall be either (A) paid with respect to such Restricted Stock

Units at the dividend payment date in cash or in unrestricted Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, or (B) deferred with respect to such Restricted Stock Units and the amount or value thereof automatically deemed reinvested in additional Restricted Stock Units, other Awards or other investment vehicles, as the Plan Administrator shall determine at the time of grant.

(f) **Bonus Common Stock and Awards in Lieu of Obligations**. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Shares as a bonus, or to grant Shares or other Awards in lieu of Company obligations to pay cash or deliver other property under the Plan or under other plans or compensatory arrangements, provided that, in the case of Participants subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the amount of such grants remains within the discretion of the Committee to the extent necessary to ensure that acquisitions of Shares or other Awards are exempt from liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. Shares or Awards granted hereunder shall be subject to such other terms as shall be determined by the Plan Administrator.

(g) **Dividend Equivalents**. The Plan Administrator is authorized to grant Dividend Equivalents to a Participant entitling the Participant to receive cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property equal in value to dividends paid with respect to a specified number of Shares, or other periodic payments. Dividend Equivalents may be awarded on a free-standing basis or in connection with another Award. The Plan Administrator may provide that Dividend Equivalents shall be paid or distributed when accrued or shall be deemed to have been reinvested in additional Shares, Awards, or other investment vehicles, and subject to such restrictions on transferability and risks of forfeiture, as the Plan Administrator may specify.

(h) **Other Common Stock-Based Awards**. The Plan Administrator is authorized, subject to limitations under applicable law, to grant to Participants such other Awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Common Stock, as deemed by the Plan Administrator to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan, including, without limitation, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Common Stock, purchase rights for Common Stock, Awards with value and payment contingent upon performance of the Company or any other factors designated by the Plan Administrator, and Awards valued by reference to the book value of Common Stock or the value of securities of or the performance of specified Related Entities or business units. The Plan Administrator shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards. Common Stock delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 6(h) shall be purchased for such consideration (including without limitation loans from the Company or a Related Entity), paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, other Awards or other property, as the Plan Administrator shall determine. The Plan Administrator shall have the discretion to grant such other Awards which are exercisable for unvested Shares. Should the Participant's Continuous Service cease while holding such unvested Shares. The terms upon which such repurchase right shall be exercisable (including the period and procedure for exercise and the appropriate vesting schedule for the purchased Shares) shall be established by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the document evidencing such repurchase right. Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to any other the Plan, may also be granted pursuant to this Section 6(h).

7. Certain Provisions Applicable to Awards or Sales.

(a) **Forfeiture**. Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator at the time of the Award, (i) upon termination of a Participant's Continuous Service, any unvested portion of a Participant's outstanding Award(s) shall be forfeited; (ii) upon termination of a Participant's Continuous Service for Cause, any outstanding Award(s) shall be forfeited in full, whether vested or unvested; provided that, in each scenario the Plan Administrator may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award Agreement, or may determine in any individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating such Award shall be waived in whole or in part.

(b) **Stand-Alone, Additional, Tandem, and Substitute Awards**. Awards granted under the Plan may, in the discretion of the Plan Administrator, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution or exchange for, any other Award or any award granted under another plan of the Company, any Related Entity, or any business entity to be acquired by the Company or a Related Entity, or any other right of a Participant to receive payment from the Company or any Related Entity. Such additional, tandem, and substitute or exchange Awards may be granted at any time. If an Award is granted in substitution or exchange for another Award or award, the Plan Administrator shall require the surrender of such other Award or award in consideration for the grant of the new Award. In addition, Awards may be granted in lieu of cash compensation, including in lieu of cash amounts payable under other plans of the Company or any Related Entity.

(c) Form and Timing of Payment Under Awards; Deferrals. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, payments to be made by the Company or a Related Entity upon the exercise of a Stock Option or other Award or settlement of an Award may be made in such forms as the Plan Administrator shall determine, including, without limitation, cash, other Awards or other property, and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis. The settlement of any Award may be accelerated, and cash paid in lieu of Shares in connection with such settlement, in the discretion of the Plan Administrator or upon occurrence of one or more specified events (in addition to a Change in Control). Installment or deferred payments may be required by the Plan Administrator (subject to Section 9(k) of the Plan). Payments may include, without limitation, provisions for the payment or crediting of a reasonable interest rate on installment or deferred payments or the grant or crediting of Dividend Equivalents or other amounts in respect of installment or deferred payments denominated in Common Stock.

(d) **Exemptions from Section 16(b) Liability**. It is the intent of the Company that this Plan comply in all respects with applicable provisions of Rule 16b-3 or Rule 16a-1(c)(3) to the extent necessary to ensure that neither the grant of any Awards to nor other transaction by a Participant who is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act is subject to liability under Section 16(b) thereof (except for transactions acknowledged in writing to be non-exempt by such Participant). Accordingly, if any provision of this Plan or any Award Agreement does not comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 or Rule 16a-1(c)(3) as then applicable to any such transaction, such provision will be construed or deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 or Rule 16a-1(c)(3) so that such Participant shall avoid liability under Section 16(b).

(e) **Code Section 280G.** Unless otherwise set forth in an Award Agreement, in the event that any payment or benefit received or to be received by a Participant in connection with a Change in Control (all such payments and benefits, the "**Total Payments**") would not be deductible (in whole or part), by the Company, a Related Entity or any person making such payment or providing such benefit as a result of Section 280G of the Code, then the portion of the Total Payments due under this Plan or any other arrangement between the Participant and the Company

or an Affiliate shall be reduced if, and only if, such reduction results in the Participant's receipt, on an after-tax basis, of a greater amount of the Total Payments after taking into account all applicable federal, state and local employment taxes, income taxes and the excise tax (all computed at the highest applicable marginal rate). Any reduction in the Total Payments required by this subsection (e) shall first reduce any cash payments due to the Participant (if necessary, to zero), and all other payments shall thereafter be reduced (if necessary, to zero); provided, however, that the Participant may elect to have noncash payments reduced (or eliminated) prior to any reduction of cash payments. For purposes of this subsection (e), (i) no portion of the Total Payments the receipt or enjoyment of which the Participant shall have waived at such time and in such manner as not to constitute a "payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b) of the Code shall be taken into account, (ii) no portion of the Total Payments shall be taken into account which, in the opinion of tax counsel reasonably acceptable to the Participant and selected by the accounting firm which was, immediately prior to the Change of Control, the Company's independent auditor (the "Auditor"), does not constitute a "parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code, including by reason of Section 280G(b)(4)(A) of the Code, and (iii) the value of any noncash benefit or any deferred payment or benefit included in the Total Payments shall be determined by the Auditor in accordance with the principles of Sections 280G(d)(3) and (4) of the Code.

8. Change in Control; Corporate Transaction.

(a) **Change in Control**. The Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, accelerate the vesting, exercisability, lapsing of restrictions, or expiration of deferral of any Award, including if we undergo a Change in Control. In addition, in the event of a Change in Control, the Plan Administrator may in its discretion and upon advance notice to the affected persons, cancel any outstanding vested Awards and pay to the holders thereof, in cash or Shares, or any combination thereof, the value of such vested Awards based upon the price per share of Common Stock received or to be received by other shareholders of the Company in the event.

(b) **Corporate Transactions or Change in Control**. In the event of a Corporate Transaction or a Change in Control, as applicable, any surviving corporation or acquiring corporation may either (i) assume or continue any or all Awards outstanding under the Plan or (ii) substitute similar stock awards for outstanding Awards (it being understood that similar awards include, but are not limited to, awards to acquire the same consideration paid to the shareholders or the Company, as the case may be, pursuant to the Corporate Transaction or Change in Control, as applicable). In the event that any surviving corporation or acquiring corporation does not assume or continue any or all such outstanding Awards or substitute similar stock awards for such outstanding Awards, then with respect to Awards that have been not assumed, continued or substituted, then such Awards shall terminate if not exercised (if applicable) at or prior to such effective time (contingent upon the effectiveness of the Corporate Transaction or Change in Control, as applicable). The Administrator, in its discretion and without the consent of any Participant, may (but is not obligated to) either (i) accelerate the vesting of all Awards (and, if applicable, the time at which such Awards may be exercised) in full or as to some percentage of the Award to a date prior to the effective time of such Corporate Transaction or Change in Control as the Administrator shall determine (contingent upon the effectiveness of each Corporate Transaction or Change in Control as the Administrator shall determine (contingent upon the effectiveness of each Corporate Transaction or Change in Control as applicable) or (ii) provide for a cash payment in exchange for the termination of an Award or any portion thereof where such cash payment is equal to the Fair Market Value of the Shares that the Participant would receive if the Award were fully vested and exercised (if applicable) as of such date (less any applicable exercise price). The Administrator, in its sole discretion,

With respect to Restricted Stock and any other Award granted under the Plan that the Company has any reacquisition or repurchase rights, the reacquisition or repurchase rights for such Awards may be assigned by the Company to the successor of the Company (or the successor's parent company) in connection with such Corporate Transaction or Change in Control, as applicable. In addition, the Administrator, in its discretion, may (but is not obligated to) provide that any reacquisition or repurchase rights held by the Company with respect to such Awards shall lapse in whole or in part (contingent upon the effectiveness of the Corporate Transaction or Change in Control, as applicable).

(c) **Dissolution or Liquidation**. In the event of a dissolution or liquidation of the Company, then all outstanding Awards shall terminate immediately prior to the completion of such dissolution or liquidation, and Shares subject to the Company's repurchase option may be repurchased by the Company notwithstanding the fact that the holder of such Shares is still in Continuous Service.

9. General Provisions.

(a) **Compliance With Legal and Other Requirements**. The Company may, to the extent deemed necessary or advisable by the Plan Administrator, postpone the issuance or delivery of Shares or payment of other benefits under any Award until completion of such registration or qualification of such Shares or other required action under any federal or state law, rule or regulation, listing or other required action with respect to any stock exchange or automated quotation system upon which the Shares or other Company securities are listed or quoted, or compliance with any other obligation of the Company, as the Plan Administrator, may consider appropriate, and may require any Participant to make such representations, furnish such information and comply with or be subject to such other conditions as it may consider appropriate in connection with the issuance or delivery of Shares or payment of other benefits in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, listing requirements, or other obligations. The foregoing notwithstanding, in connection with a Change in Control, the Company shall take or cause to be taken no action, and shall undertake or permit to arise no legal or contractual obligation, that results or would result in any postponement of the issuance or delivery of Shares or payment or the imposition of any other conditions on such issuance, delivery or payment, to the extent that such postponement or other condition would represent a greater burden on a Participant than existed on the 90th day preceding the Change in Control.

(b) Whistleblower Provisions. Nothing contained in the Plan or any Award Agreement prohibits the Participant from: (i) reporting possible violations of federal law or regulations, including any possible securities laws violations, to any governmental agency or entity, (ii) making any other disclosures that are protected under the whistleblower provisions of federal law or regulations, or (iii) otherwise fully participating in any federal whistleblower programs, including but not limited to any such programs managed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange.

(c) Hedging / Pledging. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, an Award will be subject to any policy that the Company or any Related Entity may adopt and/or amend from time to time regarding the hedging or pledging (or any similar transaction) of Common Stock.

(d) **Clawback Policy**. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, any Award will be subject to such deductions and clawback as may be required to be made pursuant to any law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement, or any policy adopted by the Company, including but not limited to the Frequency Electronics, Inc. Clawback Policy.

(e) Limits on Transferability; Beneficiaries.

(i) *General.* Except as provided in an applicable Award Agreement, a Participant may not assign, sell, transfer, or otherwise encumber or subject to any lien any Award or other right or interest granted under this Plan, in whole or in part, other than by will or by operation of the laws of descent and distribution, and such Awards or rights that may be exercisable shall be exercised during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant or his or her guardian or legal representative.

Permitted Transfer of Stock Option. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may permit the transfer of a Stock (ii) Option (but not an Incentive Stock Option, or any other right to purchase Shares other than a Stock Option) as follows: (A) by gift to a member of the Participant's Immediate Family or (B) by transfer by instrument to a trust providing that the Stock Option is to be passed to beneficiaries upon death of the Participant. For purposes of this Section 10(e)(ii), "Immediate Family" shall mean the Participant's spouse (including a former spouse subject to terms of a domestic relations order); child, stepchild, grandchild, child-in-law; parent, stepparent, grandparent, parent-in-law; sibling and sibling-in-law, and shall include adoptive relationships. If a determination is made by counsel for the Company that the restrictions contained in this Section 10(e)(ii) are not required by applicable federal or state securities laws under the circumstances, then the Committee or the Board, in its sole discretion, may permit the transfer of Awards (other than Incentive Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights in tandem therewith) to one or more Beneficiaries or other transferees during the lifetime of the Participant, which may be exercised by such transferees in accordance with the terms of such Award, but only if and to the extent permitted by the Plan Administrator pursuant to the express terms of an Award Agreement (subject to any terms and conditions which the Plan Administrator may impose thereon, and further subject to any prohibitions and restrictions on such transfers pursuant to Rule 16b-3). A Beneficiary, transferee, or other person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Participant shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award Agreement applicable to such Participant, except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, and to any additional terms and conditions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Plan Administrator.

(f) Adjustments to Awards. In the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, or other property), recapitalization, forward or reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, share exchange, liquidation, dissolution or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares and/or such other securities of the Company or any other issuer such that a substitution, exchange, or adjustment is determined by the Plan Administrator to be appropriate, then the Plan Administrator shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable, substitute, exchange, or adjust any or all of (A) the number and kind of Shares which may be delivered in connection with Awards granted thereafter, (B) the number and kind of Shares by which annual per-person Award limitations are measured under Section 5 hereof, (C) the number and kind of Shares subject to or deliverable in respect of outstanding Awards, (D) the exercise price, grant price or purchase price relating to any Award and/or make provision for payment of cash or other property in respect of any outstanding Award, and (E) any other aspect of any Award that the Plan Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(g) **Taxes**. The Company and any Related Entity may satisfy any federal, state, local, or foreign tax withholding requirement resulting from a Participant's participation in the Plan by any of the following means, with such amount and methodology as determined by Committee, in

its discretion: (i) by reducing the Shares otherwise payable under an Award to the extent the Award is settled in Shares, (ii) by withholding from a Participant's salary, compensation or other payments owed to the Participant, (iii) by requiring the Participant to make a cash payment to the Company or a Related Entity in advances of receiving Shares or cash pursuant to the Award, (iv) by withholding from the cash settlement to the extent the Award is settled in cash, (v) by selling Shares on the market either through a cashless exercise transaction or other sale on the market, or (vi) by any combination of the foregoing. No opinion is expressed nor warranties made as to the tax effects under federal, foreign, state or local laws or regulations of any Award granted under the Plan. Regardless of whether Awards are intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment, the Company does not warrant or represent that such treatment will be available.

(h) **Code Section 409A**. The Plan and each Award is intended to either comply with or be exempt from Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or any Award to the contrary, the Plan and each Award shall be interpreted, operated and administered consistent with this intent. To the extent that the Committee determines that a Participant would be subject to the additional excise tax imposed on certain deferred compensation arrangements pursuant to Section 409A of the Code as a result of any provision of any Award or the Plan, to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code, such provision shall be deemed amended to the minimum extent necessary to avoid application of such additional tax, without any consent from the Participant. The Committee shall determine the nature and scope of such amendment. To the extent required by Section 409A of the Code, any payment under the Plan made in connection with the separation from service of a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) of an award that is deferred compensation that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, a Participant's right to receive any installment payments pursuant to this Plan or any Award shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate and distinct payments. In no event shall the Company, any Related Entity, any member of the Board, or any employee, agent or other service provider have any liability to any Participant for any tax, fine or penalty associated with any failure to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

(i) **Changes to the Plan and Awards**. The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate the Plan, or the Committee's authority to grant Awards under the Plan, without the consent of shareholders or Participants. Any amendment or alteration to the Plan shall be subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders if such shareholder approval is deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. In addition, without the consent of an affected Participant, no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination of the Plan may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under any previously granted and outstanding Award. The Plan Administrator may waive any conditions or rights under, or amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate any Award theretofore granted and any Award Agreement relating thereto, except as otherwise provided in the Plan; provided that, without the consent of an affected Participant, no such action may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under such Award.

(j) **Limitation on Rights Conferred Under Plan**. Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as (i) giving any Eligible Person or Participant the right to continue as an Eligible Person or Participant or in the employ of the Company or a Related Entity; (ii) interfering in any way with the right of the Company or a Related Entity to terminate any Eligible Person's or Participant's Continuous Service at any time, (iii) giving an Eligible Person or Participant any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan or to be treated uniformly with any other Participant(s) or Employee(s), or (iv) conferring on a Participant any of the rights of a

shareholder of the Company unless and until the Participant is duly issued or transferred Shares in accordance with the terms of an Award.

(k) Unfunded Status of Awards. The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and/or deferred compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant or obligations to deliver Shares pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company; provided that the Committee may authorize the creation of trusts and deposit therein cash, Shares, other Awards or other property, or make other arrangements to meet the Company's obligations under the Plan. Such trusts or other arrangements shall be consistent with the "unfunded" status of the Plan. The trustee of such trusts may be authorized to dispose of trust assets and reinvest the proceeds in alternative investments, subject to such terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may specify and in accordance with applicable law.

(1) **Nonexclusivity of the Plan**. Neither the adoption of the Plan by the Board nor its submission to the shareholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board or a committee thereof to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable including incentive arrangements.

(m) **Fractional Shares**. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award. The Plan Administrator shall determine whether cash, other Awards or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional shares or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

(n) **Share Certificates**. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, the Company may elect to satisfy any requirement under this Plan for the delivery of Shares certificates through the use of book entry.

(o) **Successor**. The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, 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.

(p) **Severability**. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Plan Administrator, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Plan Administrator, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be construed or deemed are deemed at the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(q) **Governing Law**. The validity, construction and effect of the Plan, any rules and regulations under the Plan, and any Award Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws, and applicable federal law.

(r) **Plan Effective Date and Shareholder Approval; Termination of Plan**. The Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date, subject to subsequent approval within twelve (12) months of its adoption by the Board by shareholders of the Company eligible to vote in the election of directors, by a vote sufficient to meet the requirements of Code Section 422, Rule 16b-3 under

the Exchange Act (if applicable), applicable Nasdaq requirements, and other laws, regulations, and obligations of the Company applicable to the Plan. Awards may be granted subject to shareholder approval, but may not be exercised or otherwise settled in the event shareholder approval is not obtained. The Plan shall terminate no later than ten (10) years from the date of the later of (x) the Effective Date and (y) the date an increase in the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Plan is approved by the Board (so long as such increase is also approved by the shareholders).