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# VINCE HOLDING CORP. 500 5TH AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10110

# NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDER ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT DATE FIRST MAILED TO STOCKHOLDERS: November 7, 2023

#### To Our Stockholders:

This Notice and the accompanying Information Statement are being furnished to the stockholders of Vince Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), to notify stockholders of the actions taken by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") by written consent dated November 6, 2023 and by the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company's common stock by written consent delivered to the Company on November 6, 2023, approving the amendment and restatement of the Company's Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to provide for an extended term and to make other updates to the Plan (as so amended and restated the "Restated Plan").

The extension of the term of the Plan is necessary to continue to provide a means whereby employees, officers, directors and consultants of the Company and its affiliates may be given an opportunity to acquire shares of the common stock of the Company.

As the matters set forth in this Information Statement have been duly authorized and approved by the written consent of the holders of more than a majority of the Company's voting securities, your vote or consent is not requested or required to approve these matters. The Information Statement is provided solely for your information, and also serves the purpose of informing stockholders of the matters described herein pursuant to Section 14(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations prescribed thereunder, including Regulation 14C, and serves as the notice required by Section 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law of the taking of a corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent of the Company's stockholders. You do not need to do anything in response to this Notice and the Information Statement.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Schwefel
Jonathan Schwefel
Chief Executive Officer

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# INFORMATION STATEMENT

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#### ABOUT THIS INFORMATION STATEMENT

#### General

Vince Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries is sending you this Information Statement solely for purposes of informing the Company's stockholders of record as of November 6, 2023 (the "Record Date") of actions taken by the Company's stockholders by less than unanimous written consent in lieu of a special meeting of stockholders. No action is requested or required on your part. When used in this Information Statement, the terms "Vince," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our" refer to Vince Holding Corp, and/or its subsidiaries, depending on the context.

This Information Statement is first being mailed on or about November 7, 2023. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 500 5th Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10110, and the Company's telephone number is (323) 421-5980.

The holders of a majority of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of common stock (the "Majority Stockholders") have approved, by written consent delivered to the Company on November 6, 2023, the Company's Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

Important Notice Regarding the Internet Availability of this Information Statement: a copy of this Notice and the Information Statement is available to you free of charge at http://investors.vince.com.

The Notice and Information Statement is first being mailed on or about November 7, 2023 to the Company's stockholders of record as of the Record Date.

#### **Summary of the Corporate Action**

# Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan

The Majority Stockholders have approved, by written consent delivered to the Company on November 6, 2023, the Company's Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Restated Plan") to provide for an extended term and to make other updates to the Restated Plan.

The Restated Plan will become effective November 27, 2023, the 20th calendar day after the Company mails the Notice and this Information Statement to stockholders of record as of the Record Date.

#### Voting and Vote Required

The Company is not seeking consent, authorizations or proxies from you. Under the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the Company's amended and restated bylaws and the NYSE Rules, the Restated Plan may be approved, without a meeting of stockholders, by a resolution of our Board of Directors (the "Board"), followed by the written consent of the Majority Stockholders. As of the Record Date, the Company had 12,502,343 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote. The written consent was executed by the Majority Stockholders, holding 8,481,318 shares of common stock, representing a majority of the voting power of our common stock as of the Record Date. Accordingly, the written consent was executed by stockholders holding sufficient voting power to approve the actions contemplated by the written consent and no further stockholder action is required. The Majority Stockholders are Sun Cardinal, LLC and SCSF Cardinal, LLC.

#### Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal

The DGCL does not provide dissenters' rights of appraisal to the Company's stockholders in connection with the matters approved by the written consent.

#### Notice Pursuant to the Company's Bylaws and Delaware General Corporation Law

Pursuant to Article II, Section 13(b) of our amended and restated bylaws and Section 228(e) of the DGCL, the Company is required to provide prompt notice of the taking of a corporate action by written consent to the Company's stockholders who have not consented in writing to such action. This Information Statement serves as the notice required by Article II, Section 13(b) of our Bylaws and Section 228(e) of the DGCL.

#### APPROVAL OF VINCE HOLDING CORP. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

The Plan first became effective on November 27, 2013. The Plan was initially adopted in connection with the initial public offering of the Company. The Plan was amended and restated effective April 13, 2018. The Board approved a further amendment and restatement to the Plan by written consent on November 6, 2023, and the Majority Stockholders approved the Restated Plan by written consent on November 6, 2023 (the "Restatement Effective Date").

Set forth below is a summary of the Restated Plan after giving effect to this amendment and restatement of the Plan. The summary of the Restated Plan is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Restated Plan which is attached hereto as Annex A. The terms of the Restated Plan shall apply to awards granted on and after the Restatement Effective Date.

#### The Restated Plan

The Restated Plan removes legacy Code Section 162(m) and pre-IPO provisions of the Plan, extends the expiration date of the Plan to November 27, 2033, and provides that total annual compensation, including equity awards, for each non-employee director will not exceed \$500,000.

#### **Summary of Material Terms of Restated Plan**

Administration. The Restated Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee has the power to: determine the form, amount and other terms and conditions of awards; clarify, construe or resolve any ambiguity in any provision of the Restated Plan or any award agreement; amend the terms of outstanding awards; and adopt such rules, forms, instruments and guidelines for administering the Restated Plan as it deems necessary or proper. The Compensation Committee has authority to administer and interpret the Restated Plan, to grant discretionary awards under the Restated Plan, to determine the persons to whom awards will be granted, to determine the types of awards to be granted, to determine the terms and conditions of each award, to determine the number of shares of common stock to be covered by each award, to accelerate vesting of an award, and to make all other determinations in connection with the Restated Plan and the awards thereunder as the Compensation Committee deems necessary or desirable and to delegate authority under the Restated Plan to our executive officers.

Share Reserve and Limitations.

An aggregate of 2,000,000 shares are reserved for issuance pursuant to awards under the Plan. No shares were added to the Plan's share reserve in the Restated Plan.

The number of shares available for issuance under the Restated Plan is subject to adjustment in the event of a reorganization, stock split, merger or similar change in the corporate structure or the outstanding shares of common stock. In the event of any of these occurrences, we may make any adjustments we consider appropriate to, among other things, the number and kind of shares, stock options or other property available for issuance under the Restated Plan or covered by grants previously made under such plan. The shares available for issuance under the Restated Plan may be, in whole or in part, either authorized and unissued shares of our common stock or shares of common stock held in or acquired for our treasury. In general, if awards under the Restated Plan are for any reason cancelled, or expire or terminate unexercised, the shares covered by such awards may again be available for the grant of awards under the Restated Plan.

The maximum value of all awards granted during any calendar year under the Restated Plan, together with the amount of cash fees or retainers, paid to a non-employee director of the Company with respect to such individual's service as a non-employee director is \$500,000.

Eligibility for Participation. Members of our Board, as well as employees of, and consultants to, us or any of our subsidiaries and affiliates ("Plan Participants") are eligible to receive awards under the Restated Plan.

Award Agreement. Awards granted under the Restated Plan are evidenced by award agreements, which need not be identical, that provide additional terms, conditions, restrictions and/or limitations covering the grant of the award, including, without limitation, additional terms providing for the acceleration of exercisability or vesting of awards in the event of a change of control or conditions regarding the Plan Participant's employment, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Stock Options. The Compensation Committee may grant additional nonqualified stock options to eligible individuals and incentive stock options only to eligible employees. The Compensation Committee will determine the number of shares of our common stock subject to each option, the term of each option, which may not exceed ten years, or five years in the case of an incentive stock option granted to a ten percent stockholder, the exercise price, the vesting schedule, if any, and the other material terms of each option. No incentive stock option or nonqualified stock option may have an exercise price less than the fair market value of a share of our common stock at the time of grant or, in the case of an incentive stock option granted to a ten percent stockholder, 110% of such share's fair market value. Stock options will be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Compensation Committee at the time of the grant and the exercisability of such stock options may be accelerated by the Compensation Committee. The maximum number of shares that may be issued upon the exercise of incentive stock option awards the same number of shares which may be issued under the plan.

Stock Appreciation Rights. The Compensation Committee may grant stock appreciation rights (each, a "SAR") either with a stock option, which may be exercised only at such times and to the extent the related option is exercisable (a "Tandem SAR"), or independent of a stock option, (a "Non-Tandem SAR"). A SAR is a right to receive a payment in shares of our common stock or cash, as determined by the Compensation Committee, equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of one share of our common stock on the date of exercise price per share established in connection with the grant of the SAR. The term of each SAR may not exceed ten years. The exercise price per share covered by a SAR will be the exercise price per share of the related option in the case of a Tandem SAR and will be the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant in the case of a Non-Tandem SAR. The Compensation Committee may also grant limited SARs, either as Tandem SARs or Non-Tandem SARs, which may become exercisable only upon the occurrence of a change in control, as defined in the Restated Plan, or such other event as the Compensation Committee may designate at the time of grant or thereafter.

Restricted Stock. The Compensation Committee may award shares of restricted stock. Except as otherwise provided by the Compensation Committee upon the award of restricted stock, the recipient generally has the rights of a stockholder with respect to the shares, including the right to receive dividends, the right to vote the shares of restricted stock and, conditioned upon full vesting of shares of restricted stock, the right to tender such shares, subject to the conditions and restrictions generally applicable to restricted stock or specifically set forth in the recipient's restricted stock agreement. The Compensation Committee may determine at the time of award that the payment of dividends, if any, will be deferred until the expiration of the applicable restriction period.

Recipients of restricted stock are required to enter into a restricted stock agreement with us that states the restrictions to which the shares are subject, which may include satisfaction of pre-established performance goals, and the criteria or date or dates on which such restrictions will lapse.

If the grant of restricted stock or the lapse of the relevant restrictions is based on the attainment of performance goals, the Compensation Committee will establish for each recipient the applicable performance goals, formulae or standards and the applicable vesting percentages with reference to the attainment of such goals or satisfaction of such formulae or standards.

Other Stock-Based Awards. The Compensation Committee may grant other stock-based awards, including restricted stock units ("RSUs"), stock bonuses, and other awards, which are paid in, valued by reference to, or otherwise related to shares of stock.

Performance Awards. The Compensation Committee may grant any type of award as a performance award ("a Performance Award") which vest and become payable upon the attainment of specific performance goals. These performance goals will be established by the Compensation Committee in its discretion, which may include measures of corporate, business unit or individual performance as a condition to the grant, vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement in cash or shares of such award. In connection with any such Performance Award, the Committee shall determine the extent to which performance measures have been attained and other applicable terms and conditions have been satisfied, and the degree to which the grant, vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement of such award has been achieved. Based on service, performance and/or other factors or criteria, the Compensation Committee may, at or after grant, accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Performance Award. In addition, the Compensation Committee may adjust the performance goals, other vesting conditions, or performance period, for a Performance Award and may adjust the payment for such award to be an amount greater or less than the performance achieved. No dividends will be payable with respect to shares covered by a Performance Award.

Dividends and Dividend Equivalents. Except as otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee at the time that the award is granted, Plan Participants will not receive dividends or dividend equivalents with respect to awards other than restricted stock awards.

Change in Control. In connection with a change in control, as defined in the Restated Plan, the Compensation Committee may accelerate vesting or lapse of restrictions of outstanding awards under the Restated Plan. In addition, such awards may be, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee: (1) assumed and continued or substituted in accordance with applicable law; (2) purchased by us for an amount equal to the excess of the price of a share of our common stock paid in a change in control over the exercise price of the awards; or (3) cancelled for no consideration if the price of a share of our common stock paid in a change in control is less than the exercise price of the award.

Stockholder Rights. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement, and with respect to an award of restricted stock, a Plan Participant has no rights as a stockholder with respect to shares of our common stock covered by any award until the Plan Participant becomes the record holder of such shares.

Amendment and Termination. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Restated Plan, our Board may at any time amend any or all of the provisions of the Restated Plan, or suspend or terminate it entirely, retroactively or otherwise, subject to stockholder approval in certain instances such as a repricing or certain exchanges of stock options or stock appreciation rights or adding shares to the Plan; provided, however, that, unless otherwise required by law or specifically provided in the Restated Plan, the rights of a Plan Participant with respect to awards granted prior to such amendment, suspension or termination may not be adversely affected without the consent of such Plan Participant.

*Transferability.* Awards granted under the Restated Plan generally are nontransferable, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, except as required by law, or where the Compensation Committee may otherwise provide for the transferability of awards to certain family members.

Clawback provisions. All awards under the Restated Plan are subject to our compensation forfeiture and recoupment policy or policies, including with respect to our clawback policy adopted in compliance with the final SEC rules and NYSE listing requirements for incentive compensation forfeiture and recoupment.

Effective Date; Term. The Restated Plan will be effective on November 27, 2023. The Restated Plan will expire on November 27, 2033, ten years following the Restatement Effective Date. Any award outstanding under the Restated Plan at the time of expiration will remain in effect until such award is exercised or has expired in accordance with its terms.

#### U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

The following is a brief summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the issuance and exercise of awards granted under Restated Plan as generally applicable to the Company and to Plan Participants who are subject to U.S. federal taxation. The summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), applicable Treasury Regulations and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, each as in effect on the date of this Information Statement and is, therefore, subject to future changes in the law, possibly with retroactive effect. The summary is general in nature and does not purport to address issues relating to the tax circumstances of any individual Plan Participant or provide legal or tax advice. Furthermore, the summary does not address issues relating to any gift or estate tax consequences or the consequences of any state, local or foreign tax laws. Each Plan Participant is advised to consult his or her particular tax advisor concerning the application of federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax laws to such Plan Participant's particular situation before taking any action with respect to the awards.

Nonqualified Stock Options. A Plan Participant generally will not recognize taxable income upon the grant or vesting of a nonqualified stock option with an exercise price at least equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant and no additional deferral feature. Upon the exercise of a nonqualified stock option, a Plan Participant generally will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares underlying the option on the date of exercise and the option exercise price. When a Plan Participant sells the shares, the Plan Participant will have short-term or long-term capital gain or loss, as the case may be, equal to the difference between the amount the Plan Participant received from the sale and the tax basis of the shares sold. The tax basis of the shares generally will be equal to the greater of the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date or the option exercise price.

Incentive Stock Options. A Plan Participant generally will not recognize taxable income upon the grant of an incentive stock option. If a Plan Participant exercises an incentive stock option during employment as an employee or within a prescribed period after his or her employment ends, the Plan Participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of exercise for regular U.S. federal income tax purposes (although the Plan Participant generally will have taxable income for alternative minimum tax purposes at that time as if the option were a nonqualified stock option). If a Plan Participant sells or otherwise disposes of the shares acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option after the later of (a) one year from the date the Plan Participant exercised the option and (b) two years from the grant date of the option, the Plan Participant generally will recognize long-term capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount the Plan Participant received in the disposition and the option exercise price. If a Plan Participant sells or otherwise disposes of shares acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option before these holding period requirements are satisfied, the disposition will constitute a "disqualifying disposition," and the Plan Participant generally will recognize taxable ordinary income in the year of disposition equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise over the option exercise price (or, if less, the excess of the amount realized on the disposition of the shares over the option exercise price). The balance of the Plan Participant's gain on a disqualifying disposition, if any, will be taxed as short-term or long-term capital gain, as the case may be. The aggregate fair market value of shares of our common stock with respect to which incentive stock options granted to any participant may first become exercisable during any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000. Any incentive stock options that become exercisable in excess of this amount

Stock Appreciation Rights. A Plan Participant generally will not recognize taxable income upon the grant or vesting of a SAR with a grant price at least equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant and no additional deferral feature. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Plan Participant generally will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares underlying the SAR on the date of exercise and the grant price of the SAR.

Restricted Stock Awards. A recipient of a restricted stock award generally will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income when the shares cease to be subject to restrictions in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date the restrictions lapse over the amount, if any, paid by the Plan Participant with respect to the shares. However, no later than 30 days after a Plan Participant receives the restricted stock award, the Plan Participant may elect to recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time of receipt. Provided the election is properly made in a timely manner, when the restrictions on the shares lapse, the Plan Participant will not recognize any additional income. If the Plan Participant forfeits the shares to the Company (e.g., upon the Plan Participant's termination prior to expiration of the restriction period), the Plan Participant may not claim a deduction with respect to the income recognized as a result of making the election. Any dividends paid with respect to shares of restricted stock generally will be taxable as ordinary income to the Plan Participant at the time the dividends are received.

Other Stock-Based Awards. Other awards generally result in income recognition by a participant in an amount equal to the cash or fair market value of the shares received, at the time of such payment or settlement.

Tax Consequences to the Company. In the foregoing cases, the Company generally will be entitled to a deduction at the same time and in the same amount as a Plan Participant recognizes ordinary income, subject to certain limitations imposed under the Code. However, Section 162(m) of the Code denies a deduction for compensation paid to certain "covered employees" to the extent that compensation to the covered employee exceeds \$1,000,000 in a taxable year. Although the Compensation Committee considers the deductibility of compensation as one factor in determining executive compensation, the Compensation Committee retains the discretion to award and pay compensation that is not deductible as it believes that it is in the stockholder' best interests to maintain flexibility in the approach to executive compensation and to structure a program that the Company considers to be the most effective in attracting, motivating and retaining key employees.

Tax Withholding. In general, to the extent required by applicable law, the recipient of any payment or distribution under the Restated Plan must make arrangements satisfactory to the Company for the satisfaction of any withholding tax obligations that arise by reason of such payment or distribution. The Company will not be required to make any payment or distribution under the Restated Plan until such obligations are satisfied.

Code Section 409A. The foregoing description assumes that Section 409A of the Code does not apply to an award. In general, options and stock appreciation rights are exempt from Section 409A if the exercise price per share is at least equal to the fair market value per share of the underlying stock at the time the option or stock appreciation right was granted. RSUs are subject to Section 409A unless they are settled within two and one half months after the end of the later of (a) the end of the Company's fiscal year in which vesting occurs or (b) the end of the calendar year in which vesting occurs. Restricted stock awards are not generally subject to Section 409A. If an award is subject to Section 409A and the provisions for the exercise or settlement of that award do not comply with Section 409A, then the participant would be required to recognize ordinary income whenever a portion of the award vested (regardless of whether it had been exercised or settled). This amount would also be subject to a 20% U.S. federal tax in addition to the U.S. federal income tax at the participant's usual marginal rate for ordinary income.

#### Awards Under the Restated Plan

The Compensation Committee has not yet approved any awards under the Restated Plan. In addition, because all awards under the Restated Plan are discretionary with the Compensation Committee, neither the number nor types of future Plan awards to be received by or allocated to particular participants or groups of participants is presently determinable, except that certain of our non-employee directors are entitled to receive an annual grant of restricted RSUs with a value of \$75,000.

The following table sets forth, with respect to the individuals and groups named below, the aggregate number of shares subject to awards of RSUs granted under the Plan (whether or not outstanding, vested or forfeited, as applicable) during fiscal year 2022. No other types of awards have been granted under the Plan.

Named Executive Officer	Number of RSUs	Value <sup>(1)</sup> of Shares Subject to RSU Awards
Jonathan Schwefel	35,714	\$49,642
David Stefko (2)	15,625	\$21,719
Marie Fogel	12,857	\$17,871
All current executive officers as a group (3)	64,642	\$89,852
All current non-employee directors as a group (3)	53,125	\$73,844
All employees other than current executive officers as a group (3)	159,635	\$221,893

- (1) Value is determined by multiplying the number of shares by the closing price per share of our common stock on November 6, 2023, which was \$1.39.
- (2) Effective February 10, 2023, Mr. Stefko retired and resigned as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Stefko currently serves as a member of the Board.
- (3) As of the Record Date.

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

The following table sets forth, as of the end of fiscal 2022, the Company's common stock that may be issued under the Company's equity compensation plans, which are the Vince 2013 Incentive Plan and the 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("Vince ESPP"). Each of these plans has been approved by the Company's stockholders. The Company does not maintain any equity compensation plans that have not been approved by its stockholders.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights  (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	550,351 (1)	\$ 38.77 (2)	944,203 (3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	_	_	_
Total	550,351	\$ 38.77	944,203

- (1) Consists of: (i) 58 issued and outstanding options under the Vince 2013 Incentive Plan, and (ii) 550,293 issued and outstanding RSUs under the Vince 2013 Incentive Plan.
- (2) Applicable only to outstanding stock options as outstanding RSUs do not have an exercise price.
- (3) Includes 883,628 shares issuable under the Vince 2013 Incentive Plan and 60,575 shares issuable under the Vince ESPP.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table contains information about the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of the Record Date:

- each person, or group of persons, who beneficially owns more than 5% of the Company's capital stock;
- each named executive officer within the meaning of Rule 402(m)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Named Executive Officers");

- · each of the Company's directors; and
- all directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership and percentage ownership are determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and include voting or investment power with respect to shares of the Company's common stock. This information does not necessarily indicate beneficial ownership for any other purpose. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to restrictions, options or warrants held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date are deemed outstanding. Such shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as indicated in the footnotes to the following table or pursuant to applicable community property laws, each stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such stockholder's name.

The calculation of the percentage of beneficial ownership is based on 12,502,343 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding on November 6, 2023. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes, the address of each of the individuals named below is: c/o Vince Holding Corp., 500 5th Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10110.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned Number	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned Percentage
5% Stockholder:		
Sun Capital (1)	8,481,318	67.8%
Fund 1 Investments, LLC (2)	1,225,781	9.8%
Named Executive Officers & Directors:		
Jack Schwefel	28,867	*
David Stefko (3)	124,675	1.0%
Marie Fogel	14,406	*
Matthew Garff (4)	_	_
Jerome Griffith	46,586	*
Robin Kramer	18,347	*
Michael Mardy	39,538	*
Eugenia Ulasewicz	33,965	*
All Executive Officers and Directors as a Group (10 Persons):	330,149	2.6 %

<sup>\*</sup> Represents less than 1.0%.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 6,250,279 shares held of record by Sun Cardinal, 2,083,432 shares held of record by SCSF Cardinal, LLC ("SCSF Cardinal") and 147,607 shares held of record by SK Financial Services, LLC ("SK Financial Services"). Sun Cardinal is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Capital Partners V, L.P. ("SCP V"). SCSF Cardinal is jointly owned by Sun Capital Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("SCSF Offshore") and Sun Capital Securities Fund, L.P. ("SCSF LP"). SK Financial Services is jointly owned by SCSF Offshore, SCP V and SCSF LP. Indirectly through their respective living trusts, Messrs. Marc J. Leder and Rodger Krouse each control 50% of the shares in Sun Capital Partners V, Ltd. ("Sun Partners V Ltd"), which in turn is the general partner of SCP V. As a result, Messrs. Krouse and Leder (and/or their respective living trusts), Sun Partners V Ltd, Sun Advisors V and Sun Partners V LP may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the securities owned directly by Sun Cardinal. Each of Messrs. Krouse and Leder also controls, indirectly through their respective living trusts, 50% of the membership interests in Sun Capital Securities, LLC ("SCSF LLC"), which in turn is the general partner of Sun Capital Securities Advisors, LP ("SCSF Advisors"), which in turn is the general partner of SCSF LP. As a result, Messrs. Krouse and Leder (and their respective living trusts), SCSF LLC, SCSF Advisors, SCSF LP and SCSF Offshore may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the securities

directly owned by SCSF Cardinal. Further, each of Messrs. Krouse and Leder (and their respective living trusts), SCSF LLC, SCSF Advisors, SCSF LP and SCSF Offshore may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the securities directly owned by SK Financial Services. Each of Messrs. Krouse and Leder (and their respective living trusts), Sun Partners V Ltd, Sun Advisors V, Sun Partners V LP, SCSF LLC, SCSF Advisors, SCSF LP and SCSF Offshore expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities in which they do not have a pecuniary interest. The business address for Messrs. Krouse and Leder, Sun Partners V Ltd, Sun Advisors V, Sun Partners V LP, SCSF LLC, SCSF Advisors, SCSF LP and SCSF Offshore is c/o Sun Capital Partners, Inc., 5200 Town Center Circle, 4th Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

- (2) Based on the Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Fund 1 Investments, LLC ("Fund 1") on January 10, 2023 for shares held of record by Fund 1 as of December 31, 2022. The mailing address for Fund I is 100 Carr 115 Unit 1900, Rincon, Puerto Rico 00677. These shares are held for the benefit of private investment vehicles for which Pleasant Lake Partners LLC serves as investment adviser. Fund 1 serves as managing member of Pleasant Lake Partners LLC. Jonathan Lennon serves as managing member of Fund 1. Each of Fund 1, Pleasant Lake Partners LLC and Mr. Lennon disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. In addition, Pleasant Lake Onshore Feeder Fund, LP, a private investment vehicle for which Pleasant Lake Partners LLC serves as investment adviser, has the right to receive and/or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, more than five percent of the common stock of the Company.
- (3) Effective February 10, 2023, Mr. Stefko retired and resigned as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Stefko currently serves as a member of the Board.
- (4) The business address for Mr. Garff is c/o Sun Capital Partners, Inc., 5200 Town Center Circle, 4th Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the reporting and information requirements of the Exchange Act, and as a result files reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These periodic reports, proxy statements and other information are available for inspection and copying at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You also may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains a website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants, such as Company, that file electronically with the SEC. The Company also maintains a website at <a href="https://www.vince.com">www.vince.com</a>, at which you may access these materials free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Company's website is not part of this Information Statement.

#### OTHER MATTERS

#### **Other Business**

The Board knows of no other matters other than those described in this Information Statement that have been approved or considered by the Majority Stockholders.

#### Stockholders Sharing an Address

The Company will deliver only one copy of this Information Statement to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. Furthermore, the Company undertakes to deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of this Information Statement to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of this Information Statement is delivered. A stockholder can notify the Company that the stockholder wishes to receive a separate copy of this Information Statement by contacting the Company at: Vince Holding Corp., 500 5th Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10110, Attention: General Counsel, or by calling (323) 421-5980. Conversely, if multiple stockholders sharing an address receive multiple Information Statements and wish to receive only one, such stockholders can notify the Company at the address or phone number set forth above.

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

#### By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/Jonathan Schwefel
Jonathan Schwefel
Chief Executive Officer

#### ANNEX A

# VINCE HOLDING CORP. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2013 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The Company previously adopted the Vince Holding Corp. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, and subsequently amended and restated the Plan effective April 13, 2018. The Company hereby again amends and restates the Plan, subject to approval of the Company's stockholders, effective on the Restatement Effective Date. The terms of this Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan shall apply to Awards granted on and after the Restatement Effective Date.

The purpose of the Plan is to enhance the profitability and value of the Company for the benefit of its stockholders by enabling the Company to offer Eligible Individuals cash and stock-based incentives in order to attract, retain and reward such individuals and strengthen the mutuality of interests between such individuals and the Company's stockholders.

# ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1 "Affiliate" means each of the following: (a) any Subsidiary; (b) any Parent; (c) any corporation, trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which is directly or indirectly controlled 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) by the Company or one of its Affiliates; (d) any trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which directly or indirectly controls 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) of the Company; and (e) any other entity in which the Company or any of its Affiliates has a material equity interest and which is designated as an "Affiliate" by resolution of the Committee; provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Common Stock subject to any Award constitutes "service recipient stock" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code or otherwise does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- 2.2 "Award" means any award under the Plan of any Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Performance Award, or Other Stock-Based Award. All Awards shall be granted by, confirmed by, and subject to the terms of, a written agreement executed by the Company and the Participant.
  - 2.3 "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to an Award.
  - 2.4 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.5 "Cause" means, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, with respect to a Participant's Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, the following: (a) in the case where there is no employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or an Affiliate and the Participant at the time of the grant of the Award (or where there is such an agreement but it does not define "cause" (or words of like import)), termination due to a Participant's, dishonesty, fraud, moral turpitude, willful misconduct, refusal to perform the Participant's duties or responsibilities for any reason other than illness or incapacity or materially unsatisfactory performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or an Affiliate, as determined by the Committee in its good faith discretion; or (b) in the case where there is an employment agreement, consulting agreement, change in control agreement or similar agreement in effect between the Company or an Affiliate and the Participant at the time of the grant of the Award that defines "cause" (or words of like import), "cause" as defined under such agreement; provided, however, that with regard to any agreement under which the definition of "cause" only applies on occurrence of a change in control, such definition of "cause" shall not apply until a change in control actually takes place and then only with regard to a termination thereafter.

With respect to a Participant's Termination of Directorship, "cause" means an act or failure to act that constitutes cause for removal of a director under applicable Delaware law.

- 2.6 "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.2.
- 2.7 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to any section of the Code shall also be a reference to any successor provision and any treasury regulation promulgated thereunder.
- 2.8 "Committee" means two or more Non-Employee Directors designated by the Board to administer the Plan under Section 3, each member of which shall be (i) an independent director within the meaning of applicable stock exchange rules and regulations and (ii) a non-employee director within the meaning of Exchange Act Rule 16b-3. The Committee shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board unless otherwise specified by the Board.
  - 2.9 "Common Stock" means the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.
  - 2.10" Company" means Vince Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation, and its successors by operation of law.
  - 2.11"Consultant" means any natural person or entity who is an advisor or consultant to the Company or its Affiliates.
- 2.12" <u>Disability</u>" means, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, with respect to a Participant's Termination, a permanent and total disability as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code. A Disability shall only be deemed to occur at the time of the determination by the Committee of the Disability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for Awards that are subject to Section 409A of the Code and payable upon a disability, Disability shall mean that a Participant is disabled under Section 409A(a)(2)(C)(i) or (ii) of the Code.
  - 2.13" Eligible Employees" means each employee of the Company or an Affiliate.
- 2.14"<u>Eligible Individual</u>" means an Eligible Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant who is designated by the Committee in its discretion as eligible to receive Awards subject to the conditions set forth herein.
- 2.15" Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Exchange Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
- 2.16" Fair Market Value" means, for purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of the Code or any regulations issued thereunder, as of any date and except as provided below, the last sales price reported for the Common Stock on the applicable date: (a) as reported on the principal national securities exchange in the United States on which it is then traded or (b) if the Common Stock is not traded, listed or otherwise reported or quoted, the Committee shall determine in good faith the Fair Market Value in whatever manner it considers appropriate taking into account the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of the exercise of any Award, the applicable date shall be the date a notice of exercise is received by the Committee or, if not a day on which the applicable market is open, the next day that it is open.
  - 2.17" Family Member" means "family member" as defined in Section A.1.(a)(5) of the general instructions of Form S-8.
- 2.18" Incentive Stock Option" means any Stock Option awarded to an Eligible Employee of the Company, its Subsidiaries and its Parents (if any) under the Plan intended to be and designated as an "Incentive Stock Option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.
- 2.19"Non-Employee Director" means a director or a member of the Board or the board of directors of any Affiliate who is not an active employee of the Company or any Affiliate.

- 2.20"Non-Qualified Stock Option" means any Stock Option awarded under the Plan that is not an Incentive Stock Option.
- 2.21"Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right to receive an amount in cash and/or stock equal to the difference between (x) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date such right is exercised, and (y) the aggregate exercise price of such right, otherwise than on surrender of a Stock Option.
- 2.22" Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award under Article X of the Plan that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is payable in or otherwise based on, Common Stock, including, without limitation, an Award valued by reference to an Affiliate.
  - 2.23" Parent" means any parent corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(e) of the Code.
  - 2.24"Participant" means an Eligible Individual to whom an Award has been granted pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.25" <u>Performance Award</u>" means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article IX hereof contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals.
  - 2.26" Performance Goals" means goals established by the Committee as contingencies for Awards to vest and/or become exercisable or distributable.
- 2.27"<u>Performance Period</u>" means the designated period during which the Performance Goals must be satisfied with respect to the Award to which the Performance Goals relate.
  - 2.28" Plan" means this Amended and Restated Vince Holding Corp. 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.
  - 2.29"Proceeding" has the meaning set forth in Section 14.9.
  - 2.30"Reference Stock Option" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.1.
  - 2.31"Restatement Effective Date" means November 27, 2023.
  - 2.32"Restricted Stock" means an Award of shares of Common Stock under the Plan that is subject to restrictions under Article VIII.
  - 2.33"Restriction Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.3(a) with respect to Restricted Stock.
  - 2.34"Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act as then in effect or any successor provision.
  - 2.35" Section 409A of the Code" means Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.
- 2.36" Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Reference to a specific section of the Securities Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.
  - 2.37"Separation from Service" means a "separation from service" as such term is defined for purposes of Code Section 409A.
  - 2.38"Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right pursuant to an Award granted under Article VII.

- 2.39"Stock Option" or "Option" means any option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Eligible Individuals pursuant to Article VI.
- 2.40"Subsidiary" means any subsidiary corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code.
- 2.41"<u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Right</u>" shall mean the right to surrender to the Company all (or a portion) of a Stock Option in exchange for an amount in cash and/or stock equal to the difference between (i) the Fair Market Value on the date such Stock Option (or such portion thereof) is surrendered, of the Common Stock covered by such Stock Option (or such portion thereof), and (ii) the aggregate exercise price of such Stock Option (or such portion thereof).
- 2.42" Ten Percent Stockholder" means a person owning stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, its Subsidiaries or its Parent.
  - 2.43"Termination" means a Termination of Consultancy, Termination of Directorship or Termination of Employment, as applicable.
- 2.44"<u>Termination of Consultancy</u>" means: (a) that the Consultant is no longer acting as a consultant to the Company or an Affiliate; or (b) when an entity which is retaining a Participant as a Consultant ceases to be an Affiliate unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, a Consultant to the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that a Consultant becomes an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of such Consultancy, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Consultancy shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Consultant is no longer a Consultant, an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy in the Award Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Consultancy" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- 2.45" <u>Termination of Directorship</u>" means that the Non-Employee Director has ceased to be a director of the Company; except that if a Non-Employee Director becomes an Eligible Employee or a Consultant upon the termination of such Non-Employee Director's directorship, such Non-Employee Director's ceasing to be a director of the Company shall not be treated as a Termination of Directorship unless and until the Participant has a Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, as the case may be.
- 2.46"<u>Termination of Employment</u>" means: (a) a termination of employment (for reasons other than a military or personal leave of absence granted by the Company) of a Participant from the Company and its Affiliates; or (b) when an entity which is employing a Participant ceases to be an Affiliate, unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, employed by the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that an Eligible Employee becomes a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of such Eligible Employee's employment, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Employment shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Eligible Employee is no longer an Eligible Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Employment in the Award Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Employment thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Employment" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.
- 2.47"<u>Transfer</u>" means: (a) when used as a noun, any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other disposition (including the issuance of equity in any entity), whether for value or no value and whether voluntary or involuntary (including by operation of law), and (b) when used as a verb, to directly or indirectly transfer, sell, assign, pledge, encumber, charge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of (including the issuance of equity in any entity) whether for value or for no value and whether voluntarily or involuntarily (including by operation of law). "Transferred" and "Transferable" shall have a correlative meaning.

### ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 The Committee. The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the Committee. To the extent required by applicable law, rule or regulation, it is intended that each member of the Committee shall qualify as (a) a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3 and (b) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange or national securities association, as applicable. If it is later determined that one or more members of the Committee do not so qualify, actions taken by the Committee prior to such determination shall be valid despite such failure to qualify.
- 3.2 <u>Grants of Awards</u>. The Committee shall have full authority to grant, pursuant to the terms of the Plan, to Eligible Individuals: (i) Stock Options, (ii) Stock Appreciation Rights, (iii) Restricted Stock, (iv) Performance Awards; and (v) Other Stock-Based Awards. In particular, the Committee shall have the authority:
  - (a) to select the Eligible Individuals to whom Awards may from time to time be granted hereunder;
- (b) to determine whether and to what extent Awards, or any combination thereof, are to be granted hereunder to one or more Eligible Individuals;
  - (c) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;
- (d) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder (including, but not limited to, the exercise or purchase price (if any), any restriction or limitation, any vesting schedule or acceleration thereof, or any forfeiture restrictions or waiver thereof, regarding any Award and the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion);
  - (e) to determine the amount of cash to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;
- (f) to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances grants of Options and other Awards under the Plan are to operate on a tandem basis and/or in conjunction with or apart from other awards made by the Company outside of the Plan;
- (g) to determine whether and under what circumstances a Stock Option may be settled in cash, Common Stock and/or Restricted Stock under Section 6.4(d);
  - (h) to determine whether a Stock Option is an Incentive Stock Option or Non-Qualified Stock Option;
- (i) to determine whether to require a Participant, as a condition of the granting of any Award, to not sell or otherwise dispose of shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of, or otherwise subject to, an Award for a period of time as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, following the date of the acquisition of such shares; and
- (j) to modify, extend or renew an Award, subject to Article XII and Section 6.4(l), provided, however, that such action does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code without the consent of the Participant.
- 3.3 <u>Guidelines</u>. Subject to Article XII hereof, the Committee shall have the authority to adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices governing the Plan and perform all acts, including the delegation of its responsibilities (to the extent permitted by applicable law and applicable stock exchange rules), as it shall, from time to time, deem advisable; to construe and interpret the terms and provisions of the Plan and any Award issued under the Plan (and any agreements relating thereto); and to otherwise supervise the administration of the Plan.

The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any agreement relating thereto in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of the Plan. The Committee may adopt special guidelines and provisions for persons who are residing in or employed in, or subject to, the taxes of, any domestic or foreign jurisdictions to comply with applicable tax and securities laws of such domestic or foreign jurisdictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no action of the Committee under this Section 3.3 shall impair the rights of any Participant without the Participant's consent. To the extent applicable, the Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3, and the Plan shall be limited, construed and interpreted in a manner so as to comply therewith.

- 3.4 <u>Decisions Final</u>. Any decision, interpretation or other action made or taken in good faith by or at the direction of the Company, the Board or the Committee (or any of its members) arising out of or in connection with the Plan shall be within the absolute discretion of all and each of them, as the case may be, and shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Company and all employees and Participants and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- 3.5 <u>Procedures</u>. If the Committee is appointed, the Board shall designate one of the members of the Committee as chairman and the Committee shall hold meetings, subject to the By-Laws of the Company, at such times and places as it shall deem advisable, including, without limitation, by telephone conference or by written consent to the extent permitted by applicable law. A majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum. All determinations of the Committee shall be made by a majority of its members. Any decision or determination reduced to writing and signed by all of the Committee members in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company, shall be fully effective as if it had been made by a vote at a meeting duly called and held. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and shall make such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it shall deem advisable.
- 3.6 <u>Designation of Consultants/Liability</u>. The Committee may designate employees of the Company and professional advisors to assist the Committee in the administration of the Plan and (to the extent permitted by applicable law and applicable exchange rules) may grant authority to officers to grant Awards and/or execute agreements or other documents on behalf of the Committee. The Committee may employ such legal counsel, consultants and agents as it may deem desirable for the administration of the Plan and may rely upon any opinion received from any such counsel or consultant and any computation received from any such consultant or agent. Expenses incurred by the Committee or the Board in the engagement of any such counsel, consultant or agent shall be paid by the Company. The Committee, its members and any person designated pursuant to sub-section (a) above shall not be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, no officer of the Company or member or former member of the Committee or of the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award granted under it
- 3.7 <u>Indemnification</u>. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Company and to the extent not covered by insurance directly insuring such person, each officer or employee of the Company or any Affiliate and member or former member of the Committee or the Board shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against any cost or expense (including reasonable fees of counsel reasonably acceptable to the Committee) or liability (including any sum paid in settlement of a claim with the approval of the Committee), and advanced amounts necessary to pay the foregoing at the earliest time and to the fullest extent permitted, arising out of any act or omission to act in connection with the administration of the Plan, except to the extent arising out of such officer's, employee's, member's or former member's own fraud or bad faith. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any right of indemnification the employees, officers, directors or members or former officers, directors or members may have under applicable law or under the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Company or any Affiliate. Notwithstanding anything else herein, this indemnification will not apply to the actions or determinations made by an individual with regard to Awards granted to such individual under the Plan.

# ARTICLE IV SHARE LIMITATION

4.1 **Shares**. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued or used for reference purposes or with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan shall not exceed 2,000,000 shares (subject

to any increase or decrease pursuant to Section 4.2), which may be either authorized and unissued Common Stock or Common Stock held in or acquired for the treasury of the Company or both. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options may be granted under the Plan shall be the same number of shares. With respect to Stock Appreciation Rights settled in Common Stock, upon settlement, only the number of shares of Common Stock delivered to a Participant (based on the difference between the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock subject to such Stock Appreciation Right on the date such Stock Appreciation Right is exercised and the exercise price of each Stock Appreciation Right on the date such Stock Appreciation Right was awarded) shall count against the aggregate share limitation set forth under this Section 4.1. If any Option, Stock Appreciation Right or Other Stock-Based Awards granted under the Plan expires, terminates or is canceled for any reason without having been exercised in full, the number of shares of Common Stock underlying any unexercised Award shall again be available for the purpose of Awards under the Plan. If any shares of Restricted Stock, Performance Awards or Other Stock-Based Awards denominated in shares of Common Stock awards denominated in shares of Common Stock shall again be available for purposes of Awards under the Plan. If a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right or a Limited Stock Appreciation Right is granted in tandem with an Option, such grant shall only apply once against the maximum number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued under the Plan. Any Award under the Plan settled in cash shall not be counted against the foregoing maximum share limitations.

4.2 <u>Limits on Awards to Non-Employee Directors</u>. The aggregate grant date fair value (as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable in the United States) of all Awards granted during any calendar year to any Non-Employee Director, together with the amount of any cash fees or retainers paid to such Non-Employee Director during such calendar year with respect to such individual's Service as a Non-Employee Director shall not exceed \$500,000.

# 4.3 Changes.

- (a) The existence of the Plan and the Awards granted hereunder shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Board or the stockholders of the Company to make or authorize (i) any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, (ii) any merger or consolidation of the Company or any Affiliate, (iii) any issuance of bonds, debentures, preferred or prior preference stock ahead of or affecting the Common Stock, (iv) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any Affiliate, (v) any sale or transfer of all or part of the assets or business of the Company or any Affiliate or (vi) any other corporate act or proceeding.
  - (b) Subject to the provisions of Section 11.1:
  - (i) If the Company at any time subdivides (by any split, recapitalization or otherwise) the outstanding Common Stock into a greater number of shares of Common Stock, or combines (by reverse split, combination or otherwise) its outstanding Common Stock into a lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then the respective exercise prices for outstanding Awards that provide for a Participant-elected exercise and the number of shares of Common Stock covered by outstanding Awards shall be appropriately adjusted by the Committee to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to, or available for, Participants under the Plan.

- (ii) Excepting transactions covered by Section 4.2(b)(i), if the Company effects any merger, consolidation, statutory exchange, spin-off, reorganization, sale or transfer of all or substantially all the Company's assets or business, or other corporate transaction or event in such a manner that the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock are converted into the right to receive (or the holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive in exchange therefor), either immediately or upon liquidation of the Company, securities or other property of the Company or other entity, then, subject to the provisions of Section 11.1, (A) the aggregate number or kind of securities that thereafter may be issued under the Plan, (B) the number or kind of securities or other property (including cash) to be issued pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan (including as a result of the assumption of the Plan and the obligations hereunder by a successor entity, as applicable), or (C) the purchase price thereof, shall be appropriately adjusted by the Committee to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to, or available for, Participants under the Plan.
- (iii) If there shall occur any change in the capital structure of the Company other than those covered by Section 4.2(b)(i) or 4.2(b)(ii), including by reason of any extraordinary dividend (whether cash or equity), any conversion, any adjustment, or any issuance of any class of securities convertible or exercisable into, or exercisable for, any class of equity securities of the Company, then the Committee may adjust any Award and make such other adjustments to the Plan to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to, or available for, Participants under the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of any "equity restructuring" (within the meaning of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Stock Compensation), the Committee shall make an equitable or proportionate adjustment to outstanding Awards to reflect such equity restructuring.
- (iv) Any such adjustment determined by the Committee pursuant to this Section 4.2(b) shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Company and all Participants and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns. Any adjustment to, or assumption or substitution of, an Award under this Section 4.2(b) shall be intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and Treasury Regulation §1.424-1 (and any amendments thereto), to the extent applicable. Except as expressly provided in this Section 4.2 or in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall have no additional rights under the Plan by reason of any transaction or event described in this Section 4.2.
- (v) Fractional shares of Common Stock resulting from any adjustment in Awards pursuant to Section 4.2(a) or this Section 4.2(b) shall be aggregated until, and eliminated at, the time of exercise or payment by rounding-down. No cash settlements shall be required with respect to fractional shares eliminated by rounding. Notice of any adjustment shall be given by the Committee to each Participant whose Award has been adjusted and such adjustment (whether or not such notice is given) shall be effective and binding for all purposes of the Plan.
- 4.4 <u>Minimum Purchase Price</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, if authorized but previously unissued shares of Common Stock are issued under the Plan, such shares shall not be issued for a consideration that is less than as permitted under applicable law.

### ARTICLE V ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 <u>General Eligibility</u>. All current and prospective Eligible Individuals are eligible to be granted Awards. Eligibility for the grant of Awards and actual participation in the Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- 5.2 <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only Eligible Employees of the Company, its Subsidiaries and its Parent (if any) are eligible to be granted Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Eligibility for the grant of an Incentive Stock Option and actual participation in the Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

5.3 <u>General Requirement</u>. The vesting and exercise of Awards granted to a prospective Eligible Individual are conditioned upon such individual actually becoming an Eligible Employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director, respectively.

### ARTICLE VI STOCK OPTIONS

- 6.1 **Options**. Stock Options may be granted alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. Each Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be of one of two types: (a) an Incentive Stock Option or (b) a Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- 6.2 <u>Grants</u>. The Committee shall have the authority to grant to any Eligible Employee one or more Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, or both types of Stock Options. The Committee shall have the authority to grant any Consultant or Non-Employee Director one or more Non-Qualified Stock Options. To the extent that any Stock Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option (whether because of its provisions or the time or manner of its exercise or otherwise), such Stock Option or the portion thereof which does not so qualify shall constitute a separate Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- 6.3 <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, no term of the Plan relating to Incentive Stock Options shall be interpreted, amended or altered, nor shall any discretion or authority granted under the Plan be so exercised, so as to disqualify the Plan under Section 422 of the Code, or, without the consent of the Participants affected, to disqualify any Incentive Stock Option under such Section 422.
- 6.4 <u>Terms of Options</u>. Options granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall be in such form and contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem desirable:
- (a) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Stock Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Stock Option shall not be less than 100% (or, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Stockholder, 110%) of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.
- (b) Stock Option Term. The term of each Stock Option shall be fixed by the Committee, provided that no Stock Option shall be exercisable more than 10 years after the date the Option is granted; and provided further that the term of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Stockholder shall not exceed five years.
- (c) Exercisability. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.4, Stock Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant. If the Committee provides, in its discretion, that any Stock Option is exercisable subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that such Stock Option is exercisable only in installments or within certain time periods), the Committee may waive such limitations on the exercisability at any time at or after the time of grant in whole or in part (including, without limitation, waiver of the installment exercise provisions or acceleration of the time at which such Stock Option may be exercised), based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion.

- (d) Method of Exercise. Subject to whatever installment exercise and waiting period provisions apply under Section 6.4(c), to the extent vested, Stock Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time during the Option term, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of shares of Common Stock to be purchased. Such notice shall be accompanied by payment in full of the purchase price as follows: (i) in cash or by check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company; (ii) solely to the extent permitted by applicable law, if the Common Stock is traded on a national securities exchange, and the Committee authorizes, through a procedure whereby the Participant delivers irrevocable instructions to a broker reasonably acceptable to the Committee to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the purchase price; or (iii) on such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Committee (including, without limitation, having the Company withhold shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Stock Option, or by payment in full or in part in the form of Common Stock owned by the Participant, based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the payment date as determined by the Committee). No shares of Common Stock shall be issued until payment therefor, as provided herein, has been made or provided for.
- (e) Non-Transferability of Options. No Stock Option shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant or thereafter that a Non-Qualified Stock Option that is otherwise not Transferable pursuant to this Section is Transferable to a Family Member in whole or in part and in such circumstances, and under such conditions, as specified by the Committee. A Non-Qualified Stock Option that is Transferred to a Family Member pursuant to the preceding sentence (i) may not be subsequently Transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and (ii) remains subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement. Any shares of Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option by a permissible transferee of a Non-Qualified Stock Option or a permissible transferee pursuant to a Transfer after the exercise of the Non-Qualified Stock Option shall be subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.
- (f) Termination by Death or Disability. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is by reason of death or Disability, all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant (or in the case of the Participant's death, by the legal representative of the Participant's estate) at any time within a period of one (1) year from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options; provided, however, that, in the event of a Participant's Termination by reason of Disability, if the Participant dies within such exercise period, all unexercised Stock Options held by such Participant shall thereafter be exercisable, to the extent to which they were exercisable at the time of death, for a period of one (1) year from the date of such death, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.
- (g) <u>Involuntary Termination Without Cause</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is by involuntary termination by the Company without Cause, all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant at any time within a period of ninety (90) days from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.
- (h) <u>Voluntary Resignation</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination is voluntary (other than a voluntary termination described in Section 6.4(i)(y) hereof), all Stock Options that are held by such Participant that are vested and exercisable at the time of the Participant's Termination may be exercised by the Participant at any time within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such Termination, but in no event beyond the expiration of the stated term of such Stock Options.
- (i) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, if a Participant's Termination (x) is for Cause or (y) is a voluntary Termination (as provided in Section 6.4(h)) after the occurrence of an event that would be grounds for a Termination for Cause, all Stock Options, whether vested or not vested, that are held by such Participant shall thereupon terminate and expire as of the date of such Termination.

- (j) <u>Unvested Stock Options</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, or if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, Stock Options that are not vested as of the date of a Participant's Termination for any reason shall terminate and expire as of the date of such Termination.
- (k) Incentive Stock Option Limitations. To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the time of grant) of the Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by an Eligible Employee during any calendar year under the Plan and/or any other stock option plan of the Company, any Subsidiary or any Parent exceeds \$100,000, such Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options. In addition, if an Eligible Employee does not remain employed by the Company, any Subsidiary or any Parent at all times from the time an Incentive Stock Option is granted until three months prior to the date of exercise thereof (or such other period as required by applicable law), such Stock Option shall be treated as a Non-Qualified Stock Option. Should any provision of the Plan not be necessary in order for the Stock Options to qualify as Incentive Stock Options, or should any additional provisions be required, the Committee may amend the Plan accordingly, without the necessity of obtaining the approval of the stockholders of the Company.
- (l) <u>Form, Modification, Extension and Renewal of Stock Options</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions and within the limitations of the Plan, Stock Options shall be evidenced by such form of agreement or grant as is approved by the Committee, and the Committee may (i) modify, extend or renew outstanding Stock Options granted under the Plan (provided that the rights of a Participant are not reduced without such Participant's consent and provided further that such action does not subject the Stock Options to Section 409A of the Code without the consent of the Participant), and (ii) accept the surrender of outstanding Stock Options (to the extent not theretofore exercised) and authorize the granting of new Stock Options in substitution therefor (to the extent not theretofore exercised). Notwithstanding the foregoing, an outstanding Option may not be modified to reduce the exercise price thereof nor may a new Option at a lower price be substituted for a surrendered Option (other than adjustments or substitutions in accordance with Section 4.2), unless such action is approved by the stockholders of the Company.
- (m) <u>Deferred Delivery of Common Stock</u>. The Committee may in its discretion permit Participants to defer delivery of Common Stock acquired pursuant to a Participant's exercise of an Option in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement, which shall be intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.
- (n) <u>Early Exercise</u>. The Committee may provide that a Stock Option include a provision whereby the Participant may elect at any time before the Participant's Termination to exercise the Stock Option as to any part or all of the shares of Common Stock subject to the Stock Option prior to the full vesting of the Stock Option and such shares shall be subject to the provisions of Article VIII and be treated as Restricted Stock. Unvested shares of Common Stock so purchased may be subject to a repurchase option in favor of the Company or to any other restriction the Committee determines to be appropriate.
- (o) Other Terms and Conditions. The Committee may include a provision in an Award Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Option if the Participant has failed to exercise the Non-Qualified Stock Option as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Non-Qualified Stock Option exceeds the exercise price of such Non-Qualified Stock Option on the date of expiration of such Option, subject to Section 14.4. Stock Options may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

#### ARTICLE VII STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

7.1 <u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted in conjunction with all or part of any Stock Option (a "<u>Reference Stock Option</u>") granted under the Plan ("<u>Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>"). In the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, such rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of such Reference Stock Option. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, such rights may be granted only at the time of the grant of such Reference Stock Option.

- 7.2 <u>Terms and Conditions of Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted hereunder shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.
- (b) Term. A Tandem Stock Appreciation Right or applicable portion thereof granted with respect to a Reference Stock Option shall terminate and no longer be exercisable upon the termination or exercise of the Reference Stock Option, except that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant, a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right granted with respect to less than the full number of shares covered by the Reference Stock Option shall not be reduced until, and then only to the extent that the exercise or termination of the Reference Stock Option causes, the number of shares covered by the Tandem Stock Appreciation Right to exceed the number of shares remaining available and unexercised under the Reference Stock Option.
- (c) <u>Exercisability.</u> Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the Reference Stock Options to which they relate shall be exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.4(c).
- (d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. A Tandem Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised by the Participant by surrendering the applicable portion of the Reference Stock Option. Upon such exercise and surrender, the Participant shall be entitled to receive an amount determined in the manner prescribed in this Section 7.2. Stock Options which have been so surrendered, in whole or in part, shall no longer be exercisable to the extent that the related Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights have been exercised.
- (e) <u>Payment</u>. Upon the exercise of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right, a Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but no more than, an amount in cash and/or Common Stock (as chosen by the Committee in its sole discretion) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock over the Option exercise price per share specified in the Reference Stock Option agreement multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock in respect of which the Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall have been exercised, with the Committee having the right to determine the form of payment.
- (f) <u>Deemed Exercise of Reference Stock Option</u>. Upon the exercise of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right, the Reference Stock Option or part thereof to which such Stock Appreciation Right is related shall be deemed to have been exercised for the purpose of the limitation set forth in Article IV of the Plan on the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued under the Plan.
- (g) <u>Non-Transferability.</u> Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be Transferable only when and to the extent that the underlying Stock Option would be Transferable under Section 6.4(e) of the Plan.
- 7.3 Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights. Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights may also be granted without reference to any Stock Options granted under the Plan.
- 7.4 <u>Terms and Conditions of Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted hereunder shall be subject to such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, and the following:
- (a) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Common Stock subject to a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, provided that the per share exercise price of a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock at the time of grant.

- (b) <u>Term.</u> The term of each Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be fixed by the Committee, but shall not be greater than 10 years after the date the right is granted.
- (c) Exercisability. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.4, Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant. If the Committee provides, in its discretion, that any such right is exercisable subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that it is exercisable only in installments or within certain time periods), the Committee may waive such limitations on the exercisability at any time at or after grant in whole or in part (including, without limitation, waiver of the installment exercise provisions or acceleration of the time at which such right may be exercised), based on such factors, if any, as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion.
- (d) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. Subject to whatever installment exercise and waiting period provisions apply under Section 7.4(c), Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised in whole or in part at any time in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement, by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights to be exercised.
- (e) <u>Payment</u>. Upon the exercise of a Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Right a Participant shall be entitled to receive, for each right exercised, up to, but no more than, an amount in cash and/or Common Stock (as chosen by the Committee in its sole discretion) equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date that the right is exercised over the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date that the right was awarded to the Participant.
- (f) <u>Termination</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at grant or, if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, subject to the provisions of the applicable Award Agreement and the Plan, upon a Participant's Termination for any reason, Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights will remain exercisable following a Participant's Termination on the same basis as Stock Options would be exercisable following a Participant's Termination in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6.4(f) through 6.4(j).
- (g) <u>Non-Transferability</u>. No Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all such rights shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant.
- 7.5 <u>Limited Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, grant Tandem and Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights either as a general Stock Appreciation Right or as a "Limited Stock Appreciation Right." Limited Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised only upon the occurrence of a Change in Control or such other event as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, designate at the time of grant or thereafter. Upon the exercise of Limited Stock Appreciation Rights, except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, the Participant shall receive in cash and/or Common Stock, as determined by the Committee, an amount equal to the amount (i) set forth in Section 7.2(e) with respect to Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights, or (ii) set forth in Section 7.4(e) with respect to Non-Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights.
- 7.6 Other Terms and Conditions. The Committee may include a provision in an Award Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Stock Appreciation Right if the Participant has failed to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Stock Appreciation Right exceeds the exercise price of such Stock Appreciation Right on the date of expiration of such Stock Appreciation Right, subject to Section 14.4. Stock Appreciation Rights may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an outstanding Stock Appreciation Right may not be modified to reduce the exercise price thereof nor may a new Stock Appreciation Right at a lower price be substituted for a surrendered Stock Appreciation Right (other than adjustments or substitutions in accordance with Section 4.2), unless such action is approved by the stockholders of the Company.

### ARTICLE VIII RESTRICTED STOCK

- 8.1 <u>Awards of Restricted Stock</u>. Shares of Restricted Stock may be issued either alone or in addition to other Awards granted under the Plan. The Committee shall determine the Eligible Individuals, to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of Restricted Stock shall be made, the number of shares to be awarded, the price (if any) to be paid by the Participant (subject to Section 8.2), the time or times within which such Awards may be subject to forfeiture, the vesting schedule and rights to acceleration thereof, and all other terms and conditions of the Awards.
- 8.2 <u>Awards and Certificates</u>. Eligible Individuals selected to receive Restricted Stock shall not have any right with respect to such Award, unless and until such Participant has delivered a fully executed copy of the agreement evidencing the Award to the Company, to the extent required by the Committee, and has otherwise complied with the applicable terms and conditions of such Award. Further, such Award shall be subject to the following conditions:
- (a) <u>Purchase Price</u>. The purchase price of Restricted Stock shall be fixed by the Committee. Subject to Section 4.3, the purchase price for shares of Restricted Stock may be zero to the extent permitted by applicable law, and, to the extent not so permitted, such purchase price may not be less than par value.
- (b) <u>Acceptance</u>. Awards of Restricted Stock must be accepted within a period of 60 days (or such shorter period as the Committee may specify at grant) after the grant date, by executing a Restricted Stock agreement and by paying whatever price (if any) the Committee has designated thereunder.
- (c) <u>Legend</u>. Each Participant receiving Restricted Stock shall be issued a stock certificate in respect of such shares of Restricted Stock, unless the Committee elects to use another system, such as book entries by the transfer agent, as evidencing ownership of shares of Restricted Stock. Such certificate shall be registered in the name of such Participant, and shall, in addition to such legends required by applicable securities laws, bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Award, substantially in the following form:

"The anticipation, alienation, attachment, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge of the shares of stock represented hereby are subject to the terms and conditions (including forfeiture) of the Vince Holding Corp. (the "Company") Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and an Agreement entered into between the registered owner and the Company dated

Copies of such Plan and Agreement are on file at the principal office of the Company."

- (d) <u>Custody.</u> If stock certificates are issued in respect of shares of Restricted Stock, the Committee may require that any stock certificates evidencing such shares be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that, as a condition of any grant of Restricted Stock, the Participant shall have delivered a duly signed stock power or other instruments of assignment (including a power of attorney), each endorsed in blank with a guarantee of signature if deemed necessary or appropriate by the Company, which would permit transfer to the Company of all or a portion of the shares subject to the Restricted Stock Award in the event that such Award is forfeited in whole or part.
- 8.3 Restrictions and Conditions. The shares of Restricted Stock awarded pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to the following restrictions and conditions:
- (a) Restriction Period. The Participant shall not be permitted to Transfer shares of Restricted Stock awarded under the Plan during the period or periods set by the Committee (the "Restriction Period") commencing on the date of such Award, as set forth in the Restricted Stock Award Agreement and such agreement shall set forth a vesting schedule and any event that would accelerate vesting of the shares of Restricted Stock. Within these limits, based on such factors or criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion, the Committee may condition the grant or provide for the lapse of such restrictions in installments in whole or in part, or may accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Restricted Stock and/or waive the deferral limitations for all or any part of any Restricted Stock.

- (b) <u>Rights as a Stockholder</u>. Except as provided in Section 8.3(a) and this Section 8.3(b) or as otherwise determined by the Committee in an Award Agreement, the Participant shall have, with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock, all of the rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to receive dividends, the right to vote such shares and, subject to and conditioned upon the full vesting of shares of Restricted Stock, the right to tender such shares. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine at the time of grant that the payment of dividends shall be deferred until, and conditioned upon, the expiration of the applicable Restriction Period.
- (c) <u>Termination</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at grant or, if no rights of the Participant are reduced, thereafter, subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, upon a Participant's Termination for any reason during the relevant Restriction Period, all Restricted Stock still subject to restriction will be forfeited in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Committee at grant or thereafter.
- (d) <u>Lapse of Restrictions</u>. If and when the Restriction Period expires without a prior forfeiture of the Restricted Stock, the certificates, if any, for such shares shall be delivered to the Participant. All legends shall be removed from said certificates at the time of delivery to the Participant, except as otherwise required by applicable law or other limitations imposed by the Committee.

# ARTICLE IX PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- 9.1 Performance Awards. Any Award may be granted as a Performance Award if the Committee establishes one or more Performance Goals, which may include measures of corporate, business unit or individual performance which must be attained, and the Performance Period over which the specified performance is to be attained, as a condition to the grant, vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement in cash or Shares of such Award. In connection with any such Performance Award, the Committee shall determine the extent to which performance measures have been attained and other applicable terms and conditions have been satisfied, and the degree to which the grant, vesting, exercisability, lapse of restrictions and/or settlement of such Award has been earned. Each Performance Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement in such form that the Committee may from time to time approve. The Committee shall also have the authority to provide, in an Agreement or otherwise, for the modification of a performance period and/or adjustments to or waivers of the achievement of performance goals. In addition, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, award an amount greater or less than the earned Performance Awards and/or subject the payment of all or part of any Performance Award to additional vesting, forfeiture and deferral conditions as it deems appropriate.
- 9.2 <u>Dividends</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of grant, amounts equal to dividends declared during the Performance Period with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock covered by a Performance Award will not be paid to the Participant.

# ARTICLE X OTHER STOCK-BASED AWARDS

10.1 Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant to Eligible Individuals Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares of Common Stock, including but not limited to, shares of Common Stock awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to restrictions or conditions, shares of Common Stock in payment of the amounts due under an incentive or performance plan sponsored or maintained by the Company or an Affiliate, stock equivalent units, restricted stock units, and Awards valued by reference to book value of shares of Common Stock. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan.

- 10.2 Terms and Conditions. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have authority to determine the Eligible Individuals, to whom, and the time or times at which, such Awards shall be made, the number of shares of Common Stock to be awarded pursuant to such Awards, and all other conditions of the Awards. The Committee may also provide for the grant of Common Stock under such Awards upon the completion of a specified Performance Period. Other Stock-Based Awards made pursuant to this Article X shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (a) <u>Non-Transferability.</u> Subject to the applicable provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, shares of Common Stock subject to Awards made under this Article X may not be Transferred prior to the date on which the shares are issued, or, if later, the date on which any applicable restriction, performance or deferral period lapses.
- (b) <u>Dividends</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of Award, subject to the provisions of the Award Agreement and the Plan, the recipient of an Award under this Article X shall not be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, dividends or dividend equivalents in respect of the number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Award.
- (c) <u>Vesting</u>. Any Award under this Article X and any Common Stock covered by any such Award shall vest or be forfeited to the extent so provided in the Award Agreement, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion.
- (d) <u>Price</u>. Common Stock issued on a bonus basis under this Article X may be issued for no cash consideration. Common Stock purchased pursuant to a purchase right awarded under this Article X shall be priced, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

# ARTICLE XI CHANGE IN CONTROL PROVISIONS

- 11.1 Benefits. In the event of a Change in Control of the Company (as defined below), and except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, a Participant's unvested Awards shall not vest automatically and a Participant's Awards shall be treated in accordance with one or more of the following methods as determined by the Committee:
- (a) Awards, whether or not then vested, shall be continued, assumed, or have new rights substituted therefor, as determined by the Committee in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and restrictions to which shares of Restricted Stock or any other Award granted prior to the Change in Control are subject shall not lapse upon a Change in Control and the Restricted Stock or other Award shall, where appropriate in the sole discretion of the Committee, receive the same distribution as other Common Stock on such terms as determined by the Committee; provided that the Committee may decide to award additional Restricted Stock or other Awards in lieu of any cash distribution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of Incentive Stock Options, any assumed or substituted Stock Option shall comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.424-1 (and any amendment thereto).
- (b) The Committee, in its sole discretion, may provide for the purchase of any Awards by the Company or an Affiliate for an amount of cash equal to the excess (if any) of the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock covered by such Awards over the aggregate exercise price of such Awards

(c) The Committee may, in its sole discretion, terminate all outstanding and unexercised Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, or
any Other Stock-Based Award that provides for a Participant elected exercise, effective as of the date of the Change in Control, by delivering notice of
termination to each Participant at least ten (10) days prior to the date of consummation of the Change in Control, in which case during the period from the date
on which such notice of termination is delivered to the consummation of the Change in Control, each such Participant shall have the right to exercise in full al
of such Participant's Awards that are then outstanding (without regard to any limitations on exercisability otherwise contained in the Award Agreements), bu
any such exercise shall be contingent on the occurrence of the Change in Control, and, provided that, if the Change in Control does not take place within a
specified period after giving such notice for any reason whatsoever, the notice and exercise pursuant thereto shall be null and void.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for accelerated vesting or lapse of restrictions, of an Award at any time.
- 11.2 Change in Control. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the at the time of grant, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to occur if:
- (a) any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under any employee benefit plan of the Company, Sun Capital Partners, Inc. or its affiliates, or any company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Common Stock of the Company), becoming the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities;
- (b) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board, and any new director (other than a director designated by a person who has entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in paragraph (a), (c), or (d) of this Section 11.2 or a director whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board;
- (c) a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) more than 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation; provided, however, that a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no person (other than those covered by the exceptions in Section 11.2(a)) acquires more than 50% of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities shall not constitute a Change in Control of the Company; or
- (d) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or the consummation of a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets other than the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to a person or persons who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the Company at the time of the sale.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Award that is characterized as "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, an event shall not be considered to be a Change in Control under the Plan for purposes of payment of such Award unless such event is also a "change in ownership," a "change in effective control" or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

#### TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF PLAN

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Board may at any time, and from time to time, amend, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of the Plan (including any amendment deemed necessary to ensure that the Company may comply with any regulatory requirement referred to in Article XIV or Section 409A of the Code), or suspend or terminate it entirely, retroactively or otherwise; provided, however, that, unless otherwise required by law or specifically provided herein, the rights of a Participant with respect to Awards granted prior to such amendment, suspension or termination, may not be impaired without the consent of such Participant and, provided further, that without the approval of the holders of the Company's Common Stock entitled to vote in accordance with applicable law, no amendment may be made that would (i) increase the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan (except by operation of Section 4.2); (ii) change the classification of individuals eligible to receive Awards under the Plan; (iii) decrease the minimum option price of any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right; (iv) extend the maximum option period under Section 6.4(b); (v) award any Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right in replacement of a canceled Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right with a higher exercise price than the replacement award; or (vi) require stockholder approval in order for the Plan to continue to comply with Section 422 of the Code. In no event may the Plan be amended without the approval of the stockholders of the Company in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Delaware to increase the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan, decrease the minimum exercise price of any Award, or to make any other amendment that would require stockholder approval under the rules of any exchange or system on which the Company's securities are listed or traded or as required by any other regulation or regulatory body. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Board may amend the Plan or any Award Agreement at any time without a Participant's consent to comply with applicable law including Section 409A of the Code. The Committee may amend the terms of any Award theretofore granted, prospectively or retroactively, but, subject to Article IV or as otherwise specifically provided herein, no such amendment or other action by the Committee shall impair the rights of any holder without the holder's consent.

### ARTICLE XIII UNFUNDED STATUS OF PLAN

The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payment as to which a Participant has a fixed and vested interest but which are not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any right that is greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

# ARTICLE XIV GENERAL PROVISIONS

14.1<u>Legend</u>. The Committee may require each person receiving shares of Common Stock pursuant to a Stock Option or other Award under the Plan to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that the Participant is acquiring the shares without a view to distribution thereof. In addition to any legend required by the Plan, the certificates for such shares may include any legend that the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on Transfer. All certificates for shares of Common Stock delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which the Common Stock is then listed or any national securities exchange system upon whose system the Common Stock is then quoted, any applicable federal or state securities law, and any applicable corporate law, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

14.2 Other Plans. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

- 14.3 No Right to Employment/Directorship/Consultancy. Neither the Plan nor the grant of any Option or other Award hereunder shall give any Participant or other employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director any right with respect to continuance of employment, consultancy or directorship by the Company or any Affiliate, nor shall there be a limitation in any way on the right of the Company or any Affiliate by which an employee is employed or a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is retained to terminate such employment, consultancy or directorship at any time.
- 14.4 Withholding of Taxes. The Company shall have the right to deduct from any payment to be made pursuant to the Plan, or to otherwise require, prior to the issuance or delivery of shares of Common Stock or the payment of any cash hereunder, payment by the Participant of, any federal, state or local taxes required by law to be withheld. Upon the vesting of Restricted Stock (or other Award that is taxable upon vesting), or upon making an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, a Participant shall pay all required withholding to the Company. Any minimum statutorily required withholding obligation with regard to any Participant may be satisfied, subject to the consent of the Committee, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock otherwise deliverable or by delivering shares of Common Stock already owned. Any fraction of a share of Common Stock required to satisfy such tax obligations shall be disregarded and the amount due shall be paid instead in cash by the Participant.
- 14.5 No Assignment of Benefits. No Award or other benefit payable under the Plan shall, except as otherwise specifically provided by law or permitted by the Committee, be Transferable in any manner, and any attempt to Transfer any such benefit shall be void, and any such benefit shall not in any manner be liable for or subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements or torts of any person who shall be entitled to such benefit, nor shall it be subject to attachment or legal process for or against such person.

#### 14.6 Listing and Other Conditions.

- (a) If at any time counsel to the Company shall be of the opinion that any sale or delivery of shares of Common Stock pursuant to an Award is or may in the circumstances be unlawful or result in the imposition of excise taxes on the Company under the statutes, rules or regulations of any applicable jurisdiction, the Company shall have no obligation to make such sale or delivery, or to make any application or to effect or to maintain any qualification or registration under the Securities Act or otherwise, with respect to shares of Common Stock or Awards, and the right to exercise any Option or other Award shall be suspended until, in the opinion of said counsel, such sale or delivery shall be lawful or will not result in the imposition of excise taxes on the Company.
- (b) Upon termination of any period of suspension under this Section 14.6, any Award affected by such suspension which shall not then have expired or terminated shall be reinstated as to all shares available before such suspension and as to shares which would otherwise have become available during the period of such suspension, but no such suspension shall extend the term of any Award.
- (c) A Participant shall be required to supply the Company with certificates, representations and information that the Company requests and otherwise cooperate with the Company in obtaining any listing, registration, qualification, exemption, consent or approval the Company deems necessary or appropriate.
- 14.7 Governing Law. The Plan and actions taken in connection herewith shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware (regardless of the law that might otherwise govern under applicable Delaware principles of conflict of laws).

- 14.8 Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial. Any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Plan or any Award Agreement, or any judgment entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any thereof, shall be resolved only in the courts of the State of Delaware or the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals in such courts. In that context, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company and each Participant shall irrevocably and unconditionally (a) submit in any proceeding relating to the Plan or any Award Agreement, or for the recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof (a "Proceeding"), to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware, the court of the United States of America for the District of Delaware, and appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals from any of the foregoing, and agree that all claims in respect of any such Proceeding shall be heard and determined in such Delaware State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such federal court, (b) consent that any such Proceeding may and shall be brought in such courts and waives any objection that the Company and each Participant may now or thereafter have to the venue or jurisdiction of any such Proceeding in any such court or that such Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agree not to plead or claim the same, (c) waive all right to trial by jury in any Proceeding (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to the Plan or any Award Agreement, (d) agree that service of process in any such Proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy of such process by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such party, in the case of a Participant, at the Participant's address shown in the books and records of the Company or, in the case of the Company, at the Company's principal offices, attention: General Counsel, and (e)
- 14.9 Construction. Wherever any words are used in the Plan in the masculine gender they shall be construed as though they were also used in the feminine gender in all cases where they would so apply, and wherever words are used herein in the singular form they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all cases where they would so apply.
- 14.10 Other Benefits. No Award granted or paid out under the Plan shall be deemed compensation for purposes of computing benefits under any retirement plan of the Company or its Affiliates nor affect any benefit under any other benefit plan now or subsequently in effect under which the availability or amount of benefits is related to the level of compensation.
- 14.11 <u>Costs</u>. The Company shall bear all expenses associated with administering the Plan, including expenses of issuing Common Stock pursuant to Awards hereunder.
- 14.12<u>No Right to Same Benefits</u>. The provisions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant, and such Awards to individual Participants need not be the same in subsequent years.
- 14.13 **Death/Disability**. The Committee may in its discretion require the transferee of a Participant to supply it with written notice of the Participant's death or Disability and to supply it with a copy of the will (in the case of the Participant's death) or such other evidence as the Committee deems necessary to establish the validity of the transfer of an Award. The Committee may also require that the agreement of the transferee to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- 14.14 Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. All elections and transactions under the Plan by persons subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act involving shares of Common Stock are intended to comply with any applicable exemptive condition under Rule 16b-3. The Committee may establish and adopt written administrative guidelines, designed to facilitate compliance with Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, as it may deem necessary or proper for the administration and operation of the Plan and the transaction of business thereunder.

- 14.15 Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. To the extent that any Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, it shall be paid in a manner that will comply with Section 409A of the Code, including proposed, temporary or final regulations or any other guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service with respect thereto. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any provision in the Plan that is inconsistent with Section 409A of the Code shall be deemed to be amended to comply with Section 409A of the Code and to the extent such provision cannot be amended to comply therewith, such provision shall be null and void. The Company shall have no liability to a Participant, or any other party, if an Award that is intended to be exempt from, or compliant with, Section 409A of the Code is not so exempt or compliant or for any action taken by the Committee or the Company and, in the event that any amount or benefit under the Plan becomes subject to penalties under Section 409A of the Code, responsibility for payment of such penalties shall rest solely with the affected Participants and not with the Company. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or Award Agreement, any payment(s) of "nonqualified deferred compensation" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code):
- (a) that are otherwise required to be made under the Plan to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A of the Code) as a result of such employee's Separation from Service (other than a payment that is not subject to Section 409A of the Code) shall be delayed for the first six (6) months following such Separation from Service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the specified employee) and shall instead be paid (in a manner set forth in the Award Agreement) upon expiration of such delay period;
- (b) that are payable under such Award upon a Termination of Consultancy, Termination of Directorship or a Termination of Employment, such termination will be deemed to have occurred only at such time as the Participant has also experienced a Separation from Service;
- (c) Each amount to be paid or benefit to be provided under an Award shall be construed as a separate and distinct payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code;
- (d) If payment under an Award is to be made within a designated period which does not begin and end within one calendar year, the Participant does not have a right to designate the taxable year of the payment.
- 14.16 <u>Successor and Assigns</u>. The Plan shall be binding on all successors and permitted assigns of a Participant, including, without limitation, the estate of such Participant and the executor, administrator or trustee of such estate.
- 14.17 <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. If any provision of the Plan shall be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.
- 14.18 Payments to Minors, Etc. Any benefit payable to or for the benefit of a minor, an incompetent person or other person incapable of receipt thereof shall be deemed paid when paid to such person's guardian or to the party providing or reasonably appearing to provide for the care of such person, and such payment shall fully discharge the Committee, the Board, the Company, its Affiliates and their employees, agents and representatives with respect thereto.
- 14.19 **Headings and Captions**. The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only, shall not be considered part of the Plan, and shall not be employed in the construction of the Plan.
- 14.20 Company Recoupment of Awards. Awards and any compensation associated therewith are subject to forfeiture, recovery by the Company or other action pursuant to any compensation recovery policy adopted by the Board or the Committee at any time, as amended from time to time, which includes but is not limited to any compensation recovery policy adopted by the Board or the Committee including in response to the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act, the SEC's final rules thereunder, and any applicable listing rules or other rules and regulations implementing the foregoing or as otherwise required by law. Any Agreement will be unilaterally amended to comply with any such compensation recovery policy.

# ARTICLE XV EFFECTIVE DATE OF PLAN

The Plan was originally effective on November 27, 2013. This amendment and restatement was approved by the Board by written consent on November 6, 2023 and, subject to the approval of the stockholders, shall become effective on the Restatement Effective Date.

# ARTICLE XVI TERM OF PLAN

No Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date, but Awards granted prior to such tenth anniversary may extend beyond that date.