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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EAGLE MATERIALS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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Non-accelerated filer

75-2520779 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5960 Berkshire Lane, Suite 900
Dallas, Texas 75225
(214) 432-2000
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

EAGLE MATERIALS INC. 2023 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (Full Title of the Plan)

Matt Newby, Esq.
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Eagle Materials Inc.
5960 Berkshire Lane, Suite 900
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(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

(214) 432-2000 (Telephone Number, including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Copies to:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8, to register 1,425,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Eagle Materials Inc. (the "Company"), which may be issued pursuant to the Eagle Materials Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2023 Plan").

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in this Part 1 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and the instructions to Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Commission part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by us with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, as filed with the Commission on May 19, 2023;
- (b) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, as filed with the Commission on July 27, 2023;
- (c) our Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the Commission on May 23, 2023 and May 26, 2023; and
- (d) the description of our Common Stock contained in <u>Exhibit 4.1</u> of our Annual Report on <u>Form 10-K</u> for the year ended March 31, 2022 and filed with the Commission on May 20, 2022, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by us with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, in an amendment hereto or in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, in any subsequently filed supplement to this Registration Statement or any document that is also incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Delaware General Corporate Law

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership or other enterprise, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. Section 145 further provides that a corporation similarly may indemnify any such person serving in any such capacity who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made against expenses in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of al

Certificate of Incorporation

Article VI of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Certificate of Incorporation") provides that a director of the Company shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, as the same exists or hereafter may be amended or replaced, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived any improper personal benefit. If the DGCL is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as so amended. Any repeal or modification of Article VI of the Certificate of Incorporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Company existing thereunder with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

Bylaws

Article VI of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (as amended, the "Bylaws") provides that the Company shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including Section 145 of the DGCL, any person who is, or who is threatened to be made, a witness in or a party to an action, suit, arbitration or any other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a

director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or is or was serving at the Company's request as a director, officer or administrator of another enterprise, against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding. Pursuant to the Bylaws, this indemnification shall also include advancement of expenses related to such action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Article VI of the Bylaws shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under applicable law, the Bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation, any agreement, vote of stockholders, resolution of the Board of Directors or otherwise. All rights to indemnification under Article VI of the Bylaws shall be deemed to be a contract right benefiting the applicable director, officer, employee or agent who served in such capacity, pursuant to which such person may sue as if these provisions were set forth in a separate written contract between such person and the Company.

Article VI of the Bylaws also includes provisions that specify the procedures and presumptions which are to be employed to determine whether a person is entitled to indemnification thereunder. In some cases, the nature of the procedures specified in Bylaws varies depending on whether there has occurred a "Change in Control" (as defined in the Bylaws) of the Company.

Indemnification Agreements

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each director against any and all expenses (including attorneys' fees and other costs, expenses and obligations) arising out of or related to any threatened or pending action, suit, arbitration, investigation or other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including, but not limited to, judgments, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement, and any interest, assessments or other charges paid or payable in connection with or in respect of any of the foregoing, incurred by the director and arising out of his or her status as a director of the Board of Directors, or his or her service at the Company's request as a director, officer or administrator of another enterprise. In addition, such indemnification agreements provide that after receipt of an appropriate request by a director, the Company will also advance all expenses, costs and other obligations (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to such matters. The Company will not be liable for payment of any liability or expense incurred by a director on account of acts which, at the time taken, were not taken in good faith or in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company.

Insurance

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 145 of the DGCL and the Company's Bylaws, the Company is authorized to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which such person serves at the request of the Company against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company is authorized by the DGCL to indemnify that person. The Company has purchased and maintains such insurance.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8.	Exhibits.
Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Exhibit
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 11, 2006 (File No. 001-12984) and incorporated herein by reference.
4.2	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on November 7, 2022 (File No. 001-12984) and incorporated herein by reference.
4.3	Eagle Materials Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan.
5.1	Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP.
23.1	Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Ernst & Young LLP.
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included in signature page of this Registration Statement).
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Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dallas, State of Texas on August 4, 2023.

EAGLE MATERIALS INC.

By: /s/ Michael R. Haack

Michael R. Haack President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below authorizes each of Michael R. Haack and Matt Newby to execute in the name of such person who is then an officer or director of the Company, and to sign and file any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and to take all such other actions in connection therewith as are necessary or advisable to enable the Company to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in respect thereof, in connection with the registration of the offering and sale of the securities that are the subject of this Registration Statement, which amendments may make such changes to such Registration Statement as such attorney may deem appropriate.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Michael R. Haack Michael R. Haack	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 4, 2023
/s/ William R. Devlin William R. Devlin	Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	August 4, 2023
/s/ D. Craig Kesler D. Craig Kesler	Executive Vice President – Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	August 4, 2023
/s/ Richard Beckwitt Richard Beckwitt	Director	August 4, 2023
/s/ Margot L. Carter Margot L. Carter	Director	August 4, 2023

/s/ George J. Damiris	Director	August 4, 2023
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/s/ Martin M. Ellen	Director	August 4, 2023
Martin M. Ellen		
/s/ Mauro Gregorio	Director	August 4, 2023
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/s/ Michael R. Nicolais	Director	August 4, 2023
Michael R. Nicolais		
/s/ David B. Powers David B. Powers	Director	August 4, 2023
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/s/ Mary P. Ricciardello	Director	August 4, 2023
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/s/ Richard R. Stewart	Director	August 4, 2023
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EAGLE MATERIALS INC. 2023 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purposes. The purposes of the Eagle Materials Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (this "Plan") are (i) to align the interests of the stockholders of Eagle Materials Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") and the recipients of awards under this Plan by increasing the proprietary interest of such recipients in the Company's growth and success, (ii) to advance the interests of the Company by attracting and retaining officers, other employees, Non-Employee Directors, consultants, independent contractors and agents, and (iii) to motivate such persons to act in the long-term best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

1.2 Certain Definitions.

"Agreement" shall mean the written or electronic agreement evidencing an award hereunder between the Company and the recipient of such award.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Change in Control" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.8(b).

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Committee" shall mean the Compensation Committee of the Board, or a subcommittee thereof, or such other committee designated by the Board, in each case, consisting of two or more members of the Board, each of whom is intended to be (i) a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and (ii) "independent" within the meaning of the rules of the New York Stock Exchange or, if the Common Stock is not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, within the meaning of the rules of the principal stock exchange on which the Common Stock is then traded

"Common Stock" shall mean the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, and all rights appurtenant thereto.

"Delay Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.9(c).

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Fair Market Value" shall mean, with respect to a share of Common Stock, the closing transaction price of a share of Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on the date as of which such value is being determined or, if the Common Stock is not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the closing transaction price of a share of Common Stock on the principal national stock exchange on which the Common Stock is traded on the date as of which such value is being determined or, if there shall be no reported transactions for such date, on the next preceding date for which transactions were reported; provided, however, that the Company may in its discretion use the closing transaction price of a share of Common Stock on the day preceding the date as of which such value is being determined to the extent the Company determines such method is more practical for administrative purposes, such as for purposes of tax withholding. If the Common Stock is not listed on a national stock exchange or if Fair Market Value for any date cannot be so determined, Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Committee by whatever means or method as the Committee, in the good faith exercise of its discretion, shall at such time deem appropriate and in compliance with Section 409A of the Code. With respect to any property other than Common Stock, "Fair Market Value" shall mean the market value of such property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee.

"Free-Standing SAR" shall mean an SAR which is not granted in tandem with, or by reference to, an option, which entitles the holder thereof to receive, upon exercise, shares of Common Stock (which may be Restricted Stock) or cash or a combination thereof, with an aggregate value equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date of exercise over the base price of such SAR, multiplied by the number of such SARs which are exercised.

"Incentive Stock Option" shall mean an option to purchase shares of Common Stock that meets the requirements of Section 422 of the Code, or any successor provision, which is intended by the Committee to constitute an Incentive Stock Option.

"Non-Employee Director" shall mean any director of the Company who is not an officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary.

"Nonqualified Stock Option" shall mean an option to purchase shares of Common Stock which is not an Incentive Stock Option.

"Other Stock Award" shall mean an award granted pursuant to Section 3.4.

"<u>Performance Award</u>" shall mean a right to receive an amount of shares of Common Stock (which may be Restricted Stock) or cash or a combination thereof, contingent upon the attainment of specified Performance Measures within a specified Performance Period.

"Performance Measures" shall mean the criteria and objectives, established by the Committee, which shall be satisfied or met (i) as a condition to the grant or exercisability of all or a portion of an option or SAR or (ii) during the applicable Restriction Period or Performance Period as a condition to the vesting of the holder's interest, in the case of a Restricted Stock Award, of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award, or, in the case of a Restricted Stock Unit Award, Other Stock Award or Performance Award, to the holder's receipt of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award or of payment with respect to such award. One or more of the following business criteria for the Company, on a consolidated basis, and/or for specified subsidiaries, affiliates, business or geographical units or operating areas of the Company (except with respect to the total shareholder return and earnings per share criteria) on an individual basis, may be used by the Committee in establishing Performance Measures under this Plan: stock price measures (including but not limited to growth measures and total shareholder return); earnings per share (actual or targeted growth); earnings before and after interest and/or taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA"); economic value added ("EVA"); net income measures (including but not limited to income after capital costs and income before or after taxes); operating income; cash flow measures; return measures (including but not limited to return on assets, return on capital or invested capital, and return on equity); operating measures (including but not limited to sales volumes, production volumes and production efficiency); expense measures (including but not limited to overhead cost and general and administrative expense); margins; and corporate values measures (including but not limited to ethics compliance, environmental, and safety), any combination of the foregoing, or such other goals as the Committee may determine whether or not listed herein. Each such goal may be determined on a pre-tax or post-tax basis or on an absolute or relative basis and may include comparisons based on current internal targets, the past performance of the Company (including the performance of one or more specified subsidiaries, affiliates, business or geographical units or operating areas of the Company, as applicable) or the past or current performance of one or more other companies or market indices (or a combination of such past and current performance). In addition to the ratios specifically enumerated above, performance goals may include comparisons relating to capital (including, but not limited to, the cost of capital), stockholders' equity, shares outstanding, assets or net assets, sales, or any combination thereof. In establishing a Performance Measure or determining the achievement of a Performance Measure, the Committee may provide that achievement of the applicable Performance Measures may be

amended or adjusted to include or exclude components of any Performance Measure, including, without limitation, foreign exchange gains and losses, asset writedowns, acquisitions and divestitures, change in fiscal year, unbudgeted capital expenditures, special charges such as restructuring or impairment charges, debt refinancing costs, extraordinary or noncash items, unusual, infrequently occurring, nonrecurring or one-time events affecting the Company or its financial statements or changes in law or accounting principles. Performance Measures shall be subject to such other special rules and conditions as the Committee may establish at any time.

"Performance Period" shall mean any period designated by the Committee during which (i) the Performance Measures applicable to an award shall be measured and (ii) the conditions to vesting applicable to an award shall remain in effect.

"Prior Plan" shall mean the Eagle Materials Inc. Amended and Restated Incentive Plan, as amended and restated as of August 7, 2013, and as thereafter amended.

"Restricted Stock" shall mean shares of Common Stock which are subject to a Restriction Period and which may, in addition thereto, be subject to the attainment of specified Performance Measures within a specified Performance Period.

"Restricted Stock Award" shall mean an award of Restricted Stock under this Plan.

"Restricted Stock Unit" shall mean a right to receive one share of Common Stock or, in lieu thereof, the Fair Market Value of such share of Common Stock in cash, which shall be contingent upon the expiration of a specified Restriction Period and which may, in addition thereto, be contingent upon the attainment of specified Performance Measures within a specified Performance Period.

"Restricted Stock Unit Award" shall mean an award of Restricted Stock Units under this Plan.

"Restriction Period" shall mean any period designated by the Committee during which (i) the Common Stock subject to a Restricted Stock Award may not be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of, except as provided in this Plan or the Agreement relating to such award, or (ii) the conditions to vesting applicable to a Restricted Stock Unit Award or Other Stock Award shall remain in effect.

"SAR" shall mean a stock appreciation right which may be a Free-Standing SAR or a Tandem SAR.

"Stock Award" shall mean a Restricted Stock Award, Restricted Stock Unit Award or Other Stock Award.

"<u>Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture or similar entity in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, an equity interest possessing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the total outstanding equity interests of such entity.

"Substitute Award" shall mean an award granted under this Plan upon the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding equity awards previously granted by a company or other entity in connection with a corporate transaction, including a merger, combination, consolidation or acquisition of property or stock; provided, however, that in no event shall the term "Substitute Award" be construed to refer to an award made in connection with the cancellation and repricing of an option or SAR.

"Tandem SAR" shall mean an SAR which is granted in tandem with, or by reference to, an option (including a Nonqualified Stock Option granted prior to the date of grant of the SAR), which entitles the holder thereof to receive, upon exercise of such SAR and surrender for cancellation of all or a portion of such option, shares of Common Stock (which may be Restricted Stock) or, cash or a combination thereof, with an aggregate value equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date of exercise over the base price of such SAR, multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock subject to such option, or portion thereof, which is surrendered.

"Tax Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.5.

"Ten Percent Holder" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).

1.3 Administration. This Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Any one or a combination of the following awards may be made under this Plan to eligible persons: (i) options to purchase shares of Common Stock in the form of Incentive Stock Options or Nonqualified Stock Options; (ii) SARs in the form of Tandem SARs or Free-Standing SARs; (iii) Stock Awards in the form of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock Awards; and (iv) Performance Awards. The Committee shall, subject to the terms of this Plan, select eligible persons for participation in this Plan and determine the form, amount and timing of each award to such persons and, if applicable, the number of shares of Common Stock subject to an award, the number of SARs, the number of Restricted Stock Units, the dollar value subject to a Performance Award, the purchase price or base price associated with the award, the time and conditions of exercise or settlement of the award, including, as applicable and pursuant to the Agreement evidencing the award, whether such award shall (or may) be settled in shares of Common Stock (which may be Restricted Stock) or cash or a combination thereof, and all other terms and conditions of the award, including, without limitation, the form of the Agreement evidencing the award. The Committee shall, subject to the terms of this Plan, interpret and construe this Plan and any Agreement thereunder and the application thereof, establish rules and regulations it deems necessary or desirable for the administration of this Plan and may impose, incidental to the grant of an award, conditions with respect to the award, such as limiting competitive employment or other activities. All such interpretations, rules, regulations and conditions shall be conclusive and binding on all parties.

The Committee may, in its sole discretion and for any reason at any time, take action such that (i) any or all outstanding options and SARs shall become exercisable in part or in full, (ii) all or a portion of the Restriction Period applicable to any outstanding awards shall lapse, (iii) all or a portion of the Performance Period applicable to any outstanding awards shall lapse and (iv) the Performance Measures (if any) applicable to any outstanding awards shall be deemed to be satisfied at the target, maximum or any other level.

The Committee may delegate some or all of its power and authority hereunder to the Board or, subject to applicable law, to a subcommittee of the Board, a member of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or such other executive officer of the Company as the Committee deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Committee may not delegate its power and authority to a member of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or other executive officer of the Company with regard to the selection for participation in this Plan of an officer, director or other person subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act or decisions concerning the timing, pricing or amount of an award to such an officer, director or other person.

No member of the Board or Committee, and neither the Chief Executive Officer nor any other executive officer to whom the Committee delegates any of its power and authority hereunder, shall be liable for any act, omission, interpretation, construction or determination made in connection with this Plan in good faith, and the members of the Board and the Committee and the Chief Executive Officer or other executive officer shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement by the Company in respect of any claim, loss, damage or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising therefrom to the full extent permitted by law (except as otherwise may be provided in the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and/or By-Laws) and under any directors' and officers' liability insurance that may be in effect from time to time.

1.4 <u>Eligibility</u></u>. Participants in this Plan shall consist of such officers, other employees, Non-Employee Directors, consultants, independent contractors, agents, and persons expected to become officers, other employees, Non-Employee Directors, consultants, independent contractors and agents of the Company and its Subsidiaries as the Committee in its sole discretion may select from time to time. The Committee's selection of a

person to participate in this Plan at any time shall not require the Committee to select such person to participate in this Plan at any other time. Except as provided otherwise in an Agreement, for purposes of this Plan, references to employment by the Company shall also mean employment by a Subsidiary, and references to employment shall include service as a Non-Employee Director, consultant, independent contractor or agent. The Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, the extent to which a participant shall be considered employed during any periods during which such participant is on a leave of absence.

The aggregate grant date fair value of awards made under this Plan to any Non-Employee Director, when combined with the cash compensation provided to such Non-Employee Director, during any fiscal year of the Company for such Non-Employee Director's services as a Non-Employee Director, shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

1.5 Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5.7 and to all other limits set forth in this Plan, the number of shares of Common Stock that shall initially be available for all awards under this Plan, other than Substitute Awards, shall be 1,425,000 shares. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5.7, no more than 1,425,000 shares of Common Stock in the aggregate may be issued under the Plan in connection with Incentive Stock Options. To the extent that shares of Common Stock subject to an outstanding option, SAR, Stock Award or Performance Award granted under the Plan, other than Substitute Awards, are not issued or delivered by reason of (i) the expiration, termination, cancellation or forfeiture of such award (excluding shares subject to an option cancelled upon settlement in shares of a related Tandem SAR or shares subject to a Tandem SAR cancelled upon exercise of a related option) or (ii) the settlement of an award that can only be settled in cash, then such shares of Common Stock shall again be available under this Plan; provided, however, that shares of Common Stock subject to an award under this Plan shall not again be available for issuance under this Plan if such shares are (x) shares that were subject to an option or stock-settled SAR and were not issued or delivered upon the net settlement (including any shares withheld for the payment of taxes) or net exercise of such option or SAR or (y) shares repurchased by the Company on the open market with the proceeds of an option exercise. For the avoidance of doubt, any shares withheld for the payment of any taxes with respect to an award that is not described in clause (x) above shall again be available for issuance under this Plan. At the time this Plan becomes effective pursuant to Section 5.1 below, none of the shares of Common Stock available for future grant under the Prior Plan shall be available for future grants under this Plan or such Prior Plan.

The number of shares of Common Stock available for awards under this Plan shall not be reduced by (i) the number of shares of Common Stock subject to Substitute Awards or (ii) available shares under a stockholder approved plan of a company or other entity which was a party to a corporate transaction with the Company (as appropriately adjusted to reflect such corporate transaction) which become subject to awards granted under this Plan (subject to applicable stock exchange requirements).

Shares of Common Stock to be delivered under this Plan shall be made available from authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock, or authorized and issued shares of Common Stock reacquired and held as treasury shares or otherwise or a combination thereof.

1.6 Minimum Vesting Conditions. Awards granted under the Plan shall, subject to Section 1.3 above, vest no earlier than the first anniversary of the date on which the award is granted; provided, that the following awards shall not be subject to the foregoing minimum vesting requirement: any (i) Substitute Awards granted in connection with awards that are assumed, converted or substituted pursuant to a merger, acquisition or similar transaction entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) shares delivered in lieu of fully vested cash obligations, (iii) awards to Non-Employee Directors that vest on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of grant and the next annual meeting of stockholders, which is at least 50 weeks after the immediately preceding year's annual meeting (except with respect to any new Non-Employee Director who joins the Board other than in connection with any such annual meeting), and (iv) any additional awards the Committee may grant, up to a maximum of 5% of the available share reserve authorized for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 1.5 (subject to adjustment under Section 5.7).

II. STOCK OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

2.1 <u>Stock Options</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant options to purchase shares of Common Stock to such eligible persons as may be selected by the Committee. Each option, or portion thereof, that is not an Incentive Stock Option shall be a Nonqualified Stock Option. The Committee may grant Incentive Stock Options to any employee of the Company, any Subsidiary or any affiliate of the Company, subject to the requirements of Section 422 of the Code. To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date of grant) of shares of Common Stock with respect to which options designated as Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year (under this Plan or any other plan of the Company, or any parent or Subsidiary) exceeds the amount (currently \$100,000) established by the Code, such options shall constitute Nonqualified Stock Options.

Options shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, as the Committee shall deem advisable:

(a) Number of Shares and Purchase Price. The number of shares of Common Stock subject to an option and the purchase price per share of Common Stock purchasable upon exercise of the option shall be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that the purchase price per share of Common Stock purchasable upon exercise of an option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of such option; provided further, that if an Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any person who, at the time such option is granted, owns capital stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company (or of any parent or Subsidiary) (a "Ten Percent Holder"), the purchase price per share of Common Stock shall not be less than the price (currently 110% of Fair Market Value) required by the Code in order to constitute an Incentive Stock Option.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an option that is a Substitute Award, the purchase price per share of the shares subject to such option may be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided, that the excess of: (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date such Substitute Award is granted) of the shares subject to the Substitute Award, over (ii) the aggregate purchase price thereof does not exceed the excess of: (x) the aggregate fair market value (as of the time immediately preceding the transaction giving rise to the Substitute Award, such fair market value to be determined by the Committee) of the shares of the predecessor company or other entity that were subject to the grant assumed or substituted for by the Company, over (y) the aggregate purchase price of such shares.

- (b) Option Period and Exercisability. The period during which an option may be exercised shall be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that no option shall be exercised later than ten (10) years after its date of grant; provided further, that if an Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to a Ten Percent Holder, such option shall not be exercised later than five (5) years after its date of grant. The Committee may, in its discretion, establish Performance Measures which shall be satisfied or met as a condition to the grant of an option or to the exercisability of all or a portion of an option. The Committee shall determine whether an option shall become exercisable in cumulative or non-cumulative installments and in part or in full at any time. An exercisable option, or portion thereof, may be exercised only with respect to whole shares of Common Stock. If an option is exercised for shares of Restricted Stock, a certificate or certificates representing such Restricted Stock shall be issued in accordance with Section 3.2(c), or such shares shall be transferred to the holder in book entry form with restrictions on the shares duly noted, and the holder of such Restricted Stock shall have such rights of a stockholder of the Company as determined pursuant to Section 3.2(d).
- (c) <u>Method of Exercise</u>. An option may be exercised (i) by giving written notice to the Company specifying the number of whole shares of Common Stock to be purchased and accompanying such notice with payment therefor in full (or arrangement made for such payment to the Company's satisfaction) either (A) in cash or cash equivalents (including certified check or bank check or wire transfer of immediately available funds), (B) by tendering previously acquired shares of Common Stock (either actually or by attestation, valued at their then Fair Market Value), (C) with the consent of the Committee, by delivery of other consideration (including, where

permitted by law and the Committee, other awards) having a Fair Market Value on the exercise date equal to the total purchase price, (D) by withholding shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable in connection with the exercise of the option, (E) through any other method specified in an Agreement, or (F) any combination of any of the foregoing. The notice of exercise, accompanied by such payment, shall be delivered to the Company at its principal business office or such other office as the Committee may from time to time direct, and shall be in such form, containing such further provisions consistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee may from time to time prescribe. In no event may any option granted hereunder be exercised for a fraction of a share of Common Stock. No adjustment shall be made for ordinary cash dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date as of which the optionee exercises the option and becomes the sole owner of the subject shares of Common Stock. No shares of Common Stock shall be issued and no certificate representing shares of Common Stock shall be delivered until the full purchase price therefor and any withholding taxes thereon, as described in Section 5.5, have been paid (or arrangement made for such payment to the Company's satisfaction). An option shall be automatically exercised as of the end of the last day of the term of the option, if the option price is less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on such date, on a net exercise basis as contemplated by this Section 2.1(c) and with tax withholding satisfied by the Company retaining shares from the exercise as contemplated by Section 5.5. In its sole discretion, the Committee may provide, at the time of grant, that the shares to be issued upon an option's exercise shall be in the form of Restricted Stock or other similar securities, or may reserve the right so to provide after the time of grant.

2.2 <u>Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant SARs to such eligible persons as may be selected by the Committee. The Agreement relating to an SAR shall specify whether the SAR is a Tandem SAR or a Free-Standing SAR.

SARs shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, as the Committee shall deem advisable:

(a) <u>Number of SARs and Base Price</u>. The number of SARs subject to an award shall be determined by the Committee. Any Tandem SAR related to an Incentive Stock Option shall be granted at the same time that such Incentive Stock Option is granted. The base price of a Tandem SAR shall be the purchase price per share of Common Stock of the related option. The base price of a Free-Standing SAR shall be determined by the Committee; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such base price shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of such SAR (or, if earlier, the date of grant of the option for which the SAR is exchanged or substituted).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an SAR that is a Substitute Award, the base price per share of the shares subject to such SAR may be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided, that the excess of: (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date such Substitute Award is granted) of the shares subject to the Substitute Award, over (ii) the aggregate base price thereof does not exceed the excess of: (x) the aggregate fair market value (as of the time immediately preceding the transaction giving rise to the Substitute Award, such fair market value to be determined by the Committee) of the shares of the predecessor company or other entity that were subject to the grant assumed or substituted for by the Company, over (y) the aggregate base price of such shares.

(b) Exercise Period and Exercisability. The period for the exercise of an SAR shall be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that no SAR shall be exercised later than ten (10) years after its date of grant; provided further, that no Tandem SAR shall be exercised later than the expiration, cancellation, forfeiture or other termination of the related option. The Committee may, in its discretion, establish Performance Measures which shall be satisfied or met as a condition to the grant of an SAR or to the exercisability of all or a portion of an SAR. The Committee shall determine whether an SAR may be exercised in cumulative or non-cumulative installments and in part or in full at any time. An exercisable SAR, or portion thereof, may be exercised, in the case of a Tandem SAR, only with respect to whole shares of Common Stock and, in the case of a Free-Standing SAR, only with respect to a whole number of SARs. If an SAR is exercised for shares of Restricted Stock, a certificate or certificates representing such Restricted Stock shall be issued in accordance with Section 3.2(c), or such shares shall be

transferred to the holder in book entry form with restrictions on the shares duly noted, and the holder of such Restricted Stock shall have such rights of a stockholder of the Company as determined pursuant to Section 3.2(d). Prior to the exercise of a stock-settled SAR, the holder of such SAR shall have no rights as a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to such SAR.

- (c) Method of Exercise. A Tandem SAR may be exercised (i) by giving written notice to the Company specifying the number of whole SARs which are being exercised, (ii) by surrendering to the Company any options which are cancelled by reason of the exercise of the Tandem SAR and (iii) by executing such documents as the Company may reasonably request. A Free-Standing SAR may be exercised (A) by giving written notice to the Company specifying the whole number of SARs which are being exercised and (B) by executing such documents as the Company may reasonably request. No shares of Common Stock shall be issued and no certificate representing shares of Common Stock shall be delivered until any withholding taxes thereon, as described in Section 5.5, have been paid (or arrangement made for such payment to the Company's satisfaction). In its sole discretion, the Committee may provide, at the time of grant, that the shares to be issued upon a Free-Standing SAR's exercise shall be in the form of Restricted Stock or other similar securities, or may reserve the right so to provide after the time of grant. An SAR shall be automatically exercised as of the end of the last day of the term of the SAR, if the base price is less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on such date, and with tax withholding satisfied by the Company retaining shares from the exercise as contemplated by Section 5.5.
- **2.3** <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan, all of the terms relating to the exercise, cancellation or other disposition of an option or SAR (i) upon a termination of employment with or service to the Company of the holder of such option or SAR, as the case may be, whether by reason of disability, retirement, death or any other reason, or (ii) during a paid or unpaid leave of absence, shall be set forth in the applicable Agreement or as otherwise specified by the Committee.
- **2.4** No Repricing or Reloading. The Committee shall not without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, (i) reduce the purchase price or base price of any previously granted option or SAR, (ii) cancel any previously granted option or SAR in exchange for another option or SAR with a lower purchase price or base price, (iii) cancel any previously granted option or SAR in exchange for cash or another award if the purchase price of such option or the base price of such SAR exceeds the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of such cancellation, in each case, other than in connection with a Change in Control or the adjustment provisions set forth in Section 5.7, or (iv) include provisions with respect to any option or SAR that "reloads" such option or SAR on exercise.
- **2.5 No Dividend Equivalents.** Notwithstanding anything in an Agreement to the contrary, the holder of an option or SAR shall not be entitled to receive dividend equivalents with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock subject to such option or SAR.

III. STOCK AWARDS

- **3.1** <u>Stock Awards</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant Stock Awards to such eligible persons as may be selected by the Committee. The Agreement relating to a Stock Award shall specify whether the Stock Award is a Restricted Stock Award, a Restricted Stock Unit Award or, in the case of an Other Stock Award, the type of award being granted.
- **3.2** <u>Terms of Restricted Stock Awards</u>. Restricted Stock Awards shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, as the Committee shall deem advisable.
- (a) <u>Number of Shares and Other Terms</u>. The number of shares of Common Stock subject to a Restricted Stock Award and the Restriction Period, Performance Period (if any) and Performance Measures (if any) applicable to a Restricted Stock Award shall be determined by the Committee.

- (b) <u>Vesting and Forfeiture</u>. The Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Award shall provide, in the manner determined by the Committee, in its discretion, and subject to the provisions of this Plan, for the vesting of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award (i) if the holder of such award remains continuously in the employment of or service to the Company during the specified Restriction Period and (ii) if specified Performance Measures (if any) are satisfied or met during a specified Performance Period, and for the forfeiture of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award (x) if the holder of such award does not remain continuously in the employment of or service to the Company during the specified Restriction Period or (y) if specified Performance Measures (if any) are not satisfied or met during a specified Performance Period.
- (c) <u>Stock Issuance</u>. During the Restriction Period, the shares of Restricted Stock shall be held by a custodian in book entry form with restrictions on such shares duly noted or, alternatively, a certificate or certificates representing a Restricted Stock Award shall be registered in the holder's name and may bear a legend, in addition to any legend which may be required pursuant to <u>Section 5.6</u>, indicating that the ownership of the shares of Common Stock represented by such certificate is subject to the restrictions, terms and conditions of this Plan and the Agreement relating to the Restricted Stock Award. All such certificates shall be deposited with the Company, together with stock powers or other instruments of assignment (including a power of attorney), each endorsed in blank with a guarantee of signature if deemed necessary or appropriate, which would permit transfer to the Company of all or a portion of the shares of Common Stock subject to the Restricted Stock Award in the event such award is forfeited in whole or in part. Upon termination of any applicable Restriction Period (and the satisfaction or attainment of applicable Performance Measures), subject to the Company's right to require payment of any taxes in accordance with <u>Section 5.5</u>, the restrictions shall be removed from the requisite number of any shares of Common Stock that are held in book entry form, and all certificates evidencing ownership of the requisite number of shares of Common Stock shall be delivered to the holder of such award.
- (d) <u>Rights with Respect to Restricted Stock Awards</u>. Unless otherwise set forth in the Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Award, and subject to the terms and conditions of a Restricted Stock Award and the following sentence, the holder of such award shall have all rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, but not limited to, voting rights, the right to receive dividends and the right to participate in any capital adjustment applicable to all holders of Common Stock. Any distribution or dividend with respect to shares of Common Stock underlying the Restricted Stock Award, including a regular cash dividend, shall be deposited with the Company and shall be subject to the same vesting conditions that apply to such shares of Common Stock.
- **3.3** <u>Terms of Restricted Stock Unit Awards</u>. Restricted Stock Unit Awards shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, as the Committee shall deem advisable.
- (a) <u>Number of Shares and Other Terms</u>. The number of shares of Common Stock subject to a Restricted Stock Unit Award, including the number of shares that are earned upon the attainment of any specified Performance Measures, and the Restriction Period, Performance Period (if any) and Performance Measures (if any) applicable to a Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be determined by the Committee.
- (b) <u>Vesting and Forfeiture</u>. The Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Unit Award shall provide, in the manner determined by the Committee, in its discretion, and subject to the provisions of this Plan, for the vesting of such Restricted Stock Unit Award (i) if the holder of such award remains continuously in the employment of or service to the Company during the specified Restriction Period and (ii) if specified Performance Measures (if any) are satisfied or met during a specified Performance Period, and for the forfeiture of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award (x) if the holder of such award does not remain continuously in the employment of or service to the Company during the specified Restriction Period or (y) if specified Performance Measures (if any) are not satisfied or met during a specified Performance Period.

- (c) <u>Rights with Respect to Restricted Stock Unit Awards; Settlement.</u> Pursuant to <u>Section 1.3</u>, the Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Unit Award shall specify whether such award shall (or may) be settled in shares of Common Stock or cash or a combination thereof. Unless otherwise set forth in the Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Unit Award, and subject to the terms and conditions of a Restricted Stock Unit Award and the following sentence, the holder of such award shall be entitled to receive dividend equivalents. Any dividend equivalents credited with respect to Restricted Stock Units that are subject to vesting conditions shall be subject to the same vesting conditions that apply to the underlying award. Prior to the settlement of a Restricted Stock Unit Award, the holder of such award shall have no rights as a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to such award. If determined by the Committee and to the extent specified in the Agreement relating to a Restricted Stock Unit Award, any such dividend equivalents may be eligible to earn interest, or be subject to the deemed reinvestment into additional Restricted Stock Units under such award.
- **3.4 Other Stock Awards.** Subject to the limitations set forth in the Plan, the Committee is authorized to grant other awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, shares of Common Stock, including without limitation shares of Common Stock granted as a bonus and not subject to any vesting conditions, dividend equivalents, deferred stock units, stock purchase rights and shares of Common Stock issued in lieu of obligations of the Company to pay cash under any compensatory plan or arrangement, subject to such terms as shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such awards, which may include the right to elective deferral thereof, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may specify in its discretion. Any distribution, dividend or dividend equivalents with respect to Other Stock Awards that are subject to vesting conditions shall be subject to the same vesting conditions as the underlying awards.
- **3.5 <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>**. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan, all of the terms relating to the satisfaction of Performance Measures and the termination of the Restriction Period or Performance Period relating to a Stock Award, or any forfeiture and cancellation of such award (i) upon a termination of employment with or service to the Company of the holder of such award, whether by reason of disability, retirement, death or any other reason, or (ii) during a paid or unpaid leave of absence, shall be set forth in the applicable Agreement or as otherwise specified by the Committee.

IV. PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- **4.1** <u>Performance Awards</u>. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant Performance Awards to such eligible persons as may be selected by the Committee.
- **4.2** <u>Terms of Performance Awards</u>. Performance Awards shall be subject to the following terms and conditions and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, as the Committee shall deem advisable.
- (a) <u>Value of Performance Awards and Performance Measures</u>. The method of determining the value of the Performance Award and the Performance Measures and Performance Period applicable to a Performance Award shall be determined by the Committee.
- (b) <u>Vesting and Forfeiture</u>. The Agreement relating to a Performance Award shall provide, in the manner determined by the Committee, in its discretion, and subject to the provisions of this Plan, for the vesting of such Performance Award if the specified Performance Measures are satisfied or met during the specified Performance Period and for the forfeiture of such award if the specified Performance Measures are not satisfied or met during the specified Performance Period.
- (c) <u>Rights with Respect to Performance Awards</u>; <u>Settlement.</u> Pursuant to <u>Section 1.3</u>, the Agreement relating to a Performance Award shall specify whether such award shall (or may) be settled in shares of Common Stock (including shares of Restricted Stock) or cash or a combination thereof. If a Performance Award is settled in shares of Restricted Stock, such shares of Restricted Stock shall be issued to the holder in book entry form or a certificate or certificates representing such Restricted Stock shall be issued in accordance with <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> and the holder of such Restricted Stock shall have such rights as a stockholder of the Company as determined pursuant to <u>Section 3.2(d)</u>. Any dividends or dividend equivalents with respect to a Performance Award shall be subject to the same vesting and other restrictions that apply to such Performance Award. Prior to the settlement of a Performance Award in shares of Common Stock, including Restricted Stock, the holder of such award shall have no rights as a stockholder of the Company.

4.3 <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan, all of the terms relating to the satisfaction of Performance Measures and the termination of the Performance Period relating to a Performance Award, or any forfeiture and cancellation of such award (i) upon a termination of employment with or service to the Company of the holder of such award, whether by reason of disability, retirement, death or any other reason, or (ii) during a paid or unpaid leave of absence, shall be set forth in the applicable Agreement or as otherwise specified by the Committee.

V. GENERAL

5.1 Effective Date and Term of Plan. This Plan shall be submitted to the stockholders of the Company for approval at the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders on August 3, 2023, and, if approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at such annual meeting of stockholders, shall become effective as of the date on which the Plan was approved by stockholders. This Plan shall terminate as of the first annual meeting of the Company's stockholders to occur on or after the tenth anniversary of its effective date, unless terminated earlier by the Board. Termination of this Plan shall not affect the terms or conditions of any award granted prior to termination. No awards shall be granted under the Prior Plan after this Plan becomes effective.

Awards hereunder may be made at any time prior to the termination of this Plan; provided, that no Incentive Stock Option may be granted later than ten (10) years after the date on which the Plan was approved by the Board. In the event that this Plan is not approved by the stockholders of the Company, this Plan and any awards hereunder shall be void and of no force or effect.

- **5.2** <u>Amendments</u>. The Board may amend this Plan as it shall deem advisable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no amendment to the Plan shall be effective without the approval of the Company's stockholders if (i) stockholder approval is required by applicable law, rule or regulation, including any rule of the New York Stock Exchange, or any other stock exchange on which the Common Stock is then traded, or (ii) such amendment seeks to modify the Non-Employee Director compensation limit set forth in <u>Section 1.4</u> or the prohibition on repricing set forth in <u>Section 2.4</u> hereof; <u>provided further</u>, that no amendment may materially impair the rights of a holder of an outstanding award without the consent of such holder.
- **5.3** <u>Agreement</u>. Each award under this Plan shall be evidenced by an Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to such award. No award shall be valid until an Agreement is executed by the Company and, to the extent required by the Company, either executed by the recipient or accepted by the recipient by electronic means approved by the Company within the time period specified by the Company. Upon such execution or execution and electronic acceptance, and delivery of the Agreement to the Company, such award shall be effective as of the effective date set forth in the Agreement.
- **5.4** Non-Transferability. No award shall be transferable other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to beneficiary designation procedures approved by the Company or, to the extent expressly permitted in the Agreement relating to such award, to the holder's family members, a trust or entity established by the holder for estate planning purposes, a charitable organization designated by the holder or pursuant to a domestic relations order, in each case, without consideration. Except to the extent permitted by the foregoing sentence or the Agreement relating to an award, each award may be exercised or settled during the holder's lifetime only by the holder or the holder's legal representative or similar person. Except as permitted by the second preceding sentence, no award may be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated, encumbered or otherwise disposed of (whether by operation of law or otherwise) or be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to so sell, transfer, assign, pledge, hypothecate, encumber or otherwise dispose of any award, such award and all rights thereunder shall immediately become null and void.

5.5 Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the right to require, prior to the issuance or delivery of any shares of Common Stock or the payment of any cash pursuant to an award made hereunder, payment by the holder of such award of any federal, state, local or other taxes which may be required to be withheld or paid in connection with such award. An Agreement may provide that (i) the Company shall withhold whole shares of Common Stock which would otherwise be delivered to a holder, having an aggregate Fair Market Value determined as of the date the obligation to withhold or pay taxes arises in connection with an award (the "Tax Date"), or withhold an amount of cash which would otherwise be payable to a holder, in the amount necessary to satisfy any such obligation or (ii) the holder may satisfy any such obligation by any of the following means: (A) a cash payment to the Company; (B) delivery (either actual delivery or by attestation procedures established by the Company) to the Company of previously owned whole shares of Common Stock having an aggregate Fair Market Value, determined as of the Tax Date, equal to the amount necessary to satisfy any such obligation; (C) authorizing the Company to withhold whole shares of Common Stock which would otherwise be delivered having an aggregate Fair Market Value, determined as of the Tax Date, or withhold an amount of cash which would otherwise be payable to a holder, in either case equal to the amount necessary to satisfy any such obligation; (D) in the case of the exercise of an option, a cash payment by a broker-dealer acceptable to the Company to whom the participant has submitted an irrevocable notice of exercise or (E) any combination of (A), (B) and (C), in each case to the extent set forth in the Agreement relating to the award.

5.6 Restrictions on Shares. Each award made hereunder shall be subject to the requirement that if at any time the Company determines that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares of Common Stock subject to such award upon any securities exchange or under any law, or the consent or approval of any governmental body, or the taking of any other action is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the delivery of shares thereunder, such shares shall not be delivered unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent, approval or other action shall have been effected or obtained, free of any conditions not acceptable to the Company. The Company may require that certificates evidencing shares of Common Stock delivered pursuant to any award made hereunder bear a legend indicating that the sale, transfer or other disposition thereof by the holder is prohibited except in compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

5.7 Adjustment. In the event of any equity restructuring (within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, or any successor or replacement accounting standard) that causes the per share value of shares of Common Stock to change, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spinoff, rights offering or recapitalization through an extraordinary cash dividend, the number and class of securities available, and the individual share limitations for recipients of awards, under this Plan, the terms of each outstanding option and SAR (including the number and class of securities subject to each outstanding option or SAR and the purchase price or base price per share), the terms of each outstanding Stock Award (including the number and class of securities subject thereto), and the terms of each outstanding Performance Award (including the number and class of securities subject thereto) shall be appropriately adjusted by the Committee, such adjustments to be made in the case of outstanding options and SARs in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. In the event of any other change in corporate capitalization, including a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or partial or complete liquidation of the Company, such equitable adjustments described in the foregoing sentence may be made as determined to be appropriate and equitable by the Committee to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights of participants. In either case, the decision of the Committee regarding any such adjustment shall be final, binding and conclusive.

5.8 Change in Control.

- (a) Subject to the terms of the applicable award Agreements, in the event of a Change in Control:
 - (1) to the extent the corporation resulting from or succeeding to the business of the Company pursuant to such Change in Control, or a parent corporation thereof, (the "<u>Acquiring Corporation</u>"), shall not assume the outstanding awards under the Plan or substitute new awards therefor having an equivalent value for such outstanding awards, the Board (as

constituted prior to such Change in Control), shall require that (i) outstanding options and SARs shall become exercisable in full or in part, (ii) the Restriction Period applicable to outstanding Stock Awards shall lapse in full or in part, (iii) the Performance Period applicable to outstanding awards shall lapse in full or in part, and (iv) the Performance Measures applicable to some or all outstanding awards shall be deemed to be satisfied at the greater of target level performance or actual performance (measured as of the date that immediately precedes the date of such Change in Control); and

to the extent the Acquiring Corporation shall assume the outstanding awards under the Plan or substitute new awards therefor having an equivalent value for such outstanding awards, such assumed awards or substitute new awards shall not become exercisable, the Restriction Period or Performance Period for such awards shall not lapse, and the Performance Measures shall be not deemed satisfied, in each case solely as a result of the occurrence of a Change in Control; provided that the Board (as constituted prior to such Change in Control), shall require that if the Acquiring Corporation terminates a participant's employment or service without cause upon or within two years after the Change in Control, (i) the participant's outstanding options and SARs shall become exercisable in full or in part, (ii) the Restriction Period applicable to the participant's outstanding Stock Awards shall lapse in full or in part, (iii) the Performance Period applicable to the participant's outstanding awards shall lapse in full or in part, and (iv) the Performance Measures applicable to some or all outstanding awards shall be deemed to be satisfied at the greater of target level performance or actual performance (measured as of the date that immediately precedes the date of such Change in Control).

(b) For purposes of this Plan, a "Change in Control" shall mean:

- an acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 35% or more of either (x) the then outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (y) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (1), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (A) any acquisition directly from the Company; (B) any acquisition by the Company; (C) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any entity controlled by the Company; or (D) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a transaction that complies with clauses (A), (B) and (C) of subsection (3) of this Section 5.8(b);
- (2) a change in the composition of the Board such that the individuals who, as of the date the applicable award is granted, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section 5.8(b), any individual who becomes a member of the Board subsequent to the date on which the applicable award is granted and whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of those individuals who are members of the Board and who were also members of the Incumbent Board (or deemed to be such pursuant to this proviso) shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board; provided further, that any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board shall not be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board;

- the consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or securities of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination: (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including an entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; (B) no Person (excluding any entity resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such entity resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 35% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent securities) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such entity except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination; and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a noncorporate entity, equivalent body or committee) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or
- (4) the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company;

provided, that with respect to any award that constitutes "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code and that is payable on account of a Change in Control (including any installments or stream of payments that are accelerated on account of a Change in Control), the transaction or event described in clause (1), (2), (3) or (4) also constitutes a "change in control event," as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.409A-3(i)(5) if required in order for the payment not to violate Section 409A of the Code (i.e., if such event also constitutes a "change in the ownership", "change in effective control", and/or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of assets" of the Company as those terms are defined under Treasury Regulation §1.409A-3(i)(5)), but only to the extent necessary to establish a time or form of payment that complies with Section 409A of the Code, without altering the definition of Change in Control for purposes of determining whether a participant's rights to such award become vested or otherwise unconditional upon the Change in Control.

5.9 Deferrals and Section 409A.

(a) Awards made under this Plan are intended to comply with or be exempt from Section 409A of the Code, and ambiguous provisions, if any, set forth herein or any Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with such intent. No payment, benefit or consideration shall be substituted for an award if such action would result in the imposition of taxes Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if any Plan provision or award under this Plan would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A of the Code, that Plan provision or award shall be reformed, to the extent permissible under Section 409A of the Code, to avoid imposition of the additional tax, and no such action shall be deemed to materially impair the rights of a holder of an outstanding award.

- (b) Unless the Committee provides otherwise in an Agreement, each Stock Award or Performance Award (or portion thereof if the award is subject to a vesting schedule) shall be settled no later than the 15th day of the third month after the end of the first calendar year in which the award (or such portion thereof) is no longer subject to a "substantial risk of forfeiture" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may determine that the delivery of shares of Common Stock or the payment of cash, or a combination thereof, upon the settlement of all or a portion of any award made hereunder shall be deferred, or the Committee may, in its sole discretion, approve deferral elections made by holders of awards. Deferrals shall be for such periods and upon such terms as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.
- (c) If a holder of an award is determined on the date of the holder's termination of employment to be a "specified employee" within the meaning of that term under Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code, then, with regard to any payment under this Plan that is considered nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code and which is payable on account of a "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), such payment shall be delayed until the earlier of (i) the first business day following the six-month anniversary of the holder's "separation from service" and (ii) the date of the holder's death (the "Delay Period"). Upon the expiration of the Delay Period, all payments delayed pursuant to this Section 5.9(c) (whether they would have otherwise been payable in a single lump sum or in installments in the absence of such delay) will be paid in a lump sum, without interest, on the first business day following the expiration of the Delay Period and any remaining payments due under the award will be paid in accordance with the normal payment dates specified for them in the applicable Agreement. For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, each payment made under this Plan or any award shall be treated as a separate payment.
- **5.10** No Right of Participation, Employment or Service. Unless otherwise set forth in an employment agreement, no person shall have any right to participate in this Plan. Neither this Plan nor any award made hereunder shall confer upon any person any right to continued employment by or service with the Company, any Subsidiary or any affiliate of the Company or affect in any manner the right of the Company, any Subsidiary or any affiliate of the Company to terminate the employment or service of any person at any time without liability hereunder.
- **5.11** <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. No person shall have any right as a stockholder of the Company with respect to any shares of Common Stock or other equity security of the Company which is subject to an award hereunder unless and until such person becomes a stockholder of record with respect to such shares of Common Stock or equity security.
- **5.12** <u>Designation of Beneficiary</u>. To the extent permitted by the Company, a holder of an award may file with the Company a written designation of one or more persons as such holder's beneficiary or beneficiaries (both primary and contingent) in the event of the holder's death or incapacity. To the extent an outstanding option or SAR granted hereunder is exercisable, such beneficiary or beneficiaries shall be entitled to exercise such option or SAR pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Company. Each beneficiary designation shall become effective only when filed in writing with the Company during the holder's lifetime on a form prescribed by the Company. The spouse of a married holder domiciled in a community property jurisdiction shall join in any designation of a beneficiary other than such spouse. The filing with the Company of a new beneficiary designation shall cancel all previously filed beneficiary designations. If a holder fails to designate a beneficiary, or if all designated beneficiaries of a holder predecease the holder, then each outstanding award held by such holder, to the extent vested or exercisable, shall be payable to or may be exercised by such holder's executor, administrator, legal representative or similar person.
- **5.13** <u>Unfunded Plan</u>. This Plan and all of the awards granted hereunder shall be unfunded. To the extent any holder of an award acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such rights shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured general creditor of the Company, and such individual shall not have any rights in or against any specific assets of the Company.

- **5.14** <u>Awards Subject to Clawback</u>. The awards granted under this Plan and any cash payment or shares of Common Stock delivered pursuant to an award are subject to forfeiture, recovery by the Company or other action pursuant to the applicable Agreement or the clawback or recoupment policy of the Company, as amended from time to time, including without limitation, any amendments to such policy that the Company may be required to maintain under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder, or as otherwise required by law.
- **5.15** <u>Governing Law</u>. This Plan, each award hereunder and the related Agreement, and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant thereto, to the extent not otherwise governed by the Code or the laws of the United States, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and construed in accordance therewith without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws.
- **5.16** Foreign Employees. Without amending this Plan, the Committee may grant awards to eligible persons who are foreign nationals and/or reside outside of the United States on such terms and conditions different from those specified in this Plan as may in the judgment of the Committee be necessary or desirable to foster and promote achievement of the purposes of this Plan and, in furtherance of such purposes the Committee may make such modifications, amendments, procedures, subplans and the like as may be necessary or advisable to comply with provisions of laws in other countries or jurisdictions in which the Company or its Subsidiaries operates or has employees.



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August 4, 2023

Eagle Materials Inc. 5960 Berkshire Lane, Suite 900 Dallas, Texas 75225

Re: 1,425,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>") being filed by Eagle Materials Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), relating to the registration of 1,425,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "<u>Registered Shares</u>"), of the Company which may be issued under the Eagle Materials Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>").

This opinion letter is being delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

We have examined the Registration Statement, the Company's certificate of incorporation, the Plan and the resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the Company relating to the Registration Statement and the Plan and the proposal approved by the stockholders of the Company relating to the approval of the Plan at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders. We have also examined originals, or copies of originals certified to our satisfaction, of such agreements, documents, certificates and statements of the Company and other corporate documents and instruments, and have examined such questions of law, as we have considered relevant and necessary as a basis for this opinion letter. We have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all persons and the conformity with the original documents of any copies thereof submitted to us for examination. As to facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied without independent investigation or verification upon, and assumed the accuracy and completeness of, certificates, letters and oral and written statements and representations of public officials and officers and other representatives of the Company.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that each Registered Share that is newly issued pursuant to the Plan will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended, shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) such Registered Share shall have been duly issued and delivered in accordance with the Plan; and (iii) a certificate representing such Registered Share shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered to the person entitled thereto against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof, or, if any Registered Share is to be issued in uncertificated form, the Company's books shall reflect the issuance of such Registered Share to the person entitled thereto against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof, all in accordance with the Plan.

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This opinion letter is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion as to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the federal laws of the United States of America or any state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an Exhibit to the Registration Statement and to all references to our Firm included in or made a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidley Austin LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 to be filed on or about August 4, 2023) pertaining to the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan of Eagle Materials Inc. of our reports dated May 19, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Eagle Materials Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Eagle Materials Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended March 31, 2023, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Dallas, Texas

August 4, 2023

Calculation of Filing Fee Table

FORM S-8 (Form Type)

Eagle Materials Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Newly Registered Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	Rules 457(c) and 457(h)	1,425,000	\$182.58	\$260,176,500	.00011020	\$28,671.45
	Total Offering Amounts							\$28,671.45
	Total Fee Offsets							\$—
	Net Fee Due							\$28,671.45

- (1) This Registration Statement covers 1,425,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Eagle Materials Inc. ("Registrant") available for issuance pursuant to awards under the Eagle Materials Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to Rule 416(a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, this Registration Statement also covers any additional shares of Registrant's Common Stock that become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration that results in an increase to the number of outstanding shares of Registrant's Common Stock, as applicable.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$182.58 per share, the average of the high and low sale prices of the Registrant's Common Stock, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, on July 28, 2023.