UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 3, 2022

Eagle Materials Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

5960 Berkshire Ln., Suite 900 Dallas, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 1-12984 (Commission File Number) 75-2520779 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> 75225 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (214) 432-2000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	EXP	New York Stock Exchange

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

Emerging growth company \Box

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

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On November 3, 2022, the Board of Directors of Eagle Materials Inc. (the "Company") approved and adopted the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the "Bylaws"), which became effective as of such date. These amendments were intended primarily to (a) revise and clarify the provisions of the Bylaws relating to the process to be followed by stockholders in proposing business to be submitted to a vote at an annual meeting of stockholders or in nominating directors for election at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders and (b) revise the forum selection provision contained in the Bylaws.

In particular, the amendments made a number of changes to the advance notice provisions applicable to stockholder proposals and nominations so that (i) stockholders seeking to propose business to be submitted to a vote at an annual meeting of the stockholders must provide additional information regarding the stockholder and the stockholder's relationship with the Company and (ii) stockholders seeking to nominate directors for election at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders must provide additional information regarding the stockholder and the stockholders must provide additional information regarding the stockholder and the stockholder's relationship with the Company, complete a director questionnaire and, if requested, participate in an interview with representatives of the Company. The purposes of these amendments include informing the Company and its stockholders more fully regarding business and nominations to be acted upon at a stockholders meeting in advance of the meeting date.

The amendments also revised the forum selection provisions of the Bylaws so that they now provide that the federal district courts are the exclusive forum for adjudicating claims arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The purposes of these amendments include avoiding duplicative lawsuits asserting the same or similar claims in multiple forums.

The amended Bylaws also contain minor changes intended to (i) clarify that the Company is allowed to hold shareholder meetings and to provide notice of such meetings by means of remote communication to the extent permitted by Delaware law, (ii) clarify that the Board (or a committee thereof) may fill any vacancy occurring in any office of the Company and (iii) make certain other minor changes intended to promote clarity and consistency.

In the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement relating to its 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 24, 2022, the Company stated that, in order to be considered for inclusion in the proxy material for the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders (as provided in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), a stockholder proposal must be received by the Company's Secretary at the executive offices of the Company not later than February 24, 2023. The amendments to the Bylaws described above do not alter this deadline.

Such amendments do, however, modify the period during which stockholder proposals must be submitted to the Company in order to be considered at the meeting. In particular, as a result of such amendments, a stockholder proposal must, in order to be considered at the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, be submitted in writing and received by the Company's Secretary at the executive offices of the Company during the period beginning on April 7, 2023 and ending May 7, 2023. The deadlines described in this paragraph do not affect the right of a stockholder to submit proposals under Rule 14a-8 by the deadline described in the preceding paragraph.

The above description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Bylaws filed as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Eagle Materials Inc.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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

EAGLE MATERIALS INC.

By: /s/ Matt Newby

Matt Newby Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: November 7, 2022

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

OF

EAGLE MATERIALS INC.

ARTICLE I OFFICES

SECTION 1.1 Registered Office. The registered office of Eagle Materials Inc. (the "<u>Corporation</u>") in the State of Delaware shall be in care of The Corporation Trust Company, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, in the State of Delaware.

SECTION 1.2 Other Offices. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within and without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

SECTION 2.1 Place of Meetings. All meetings of the stockholders shall be held at such place, either within or without the State of Delaware, or by means of remote communication in accordance with <u>Section 2.13</u>, as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of meeting.

SECTION 2.2 Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the stockholders, for the purpose of electing directors and transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting, shall be held on such date in each year and at such time as shall be designated by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting. A failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time or to elect a sufficient number of directors to conduct the business of the Corporation shall not affect otherwise valid corporate acts or work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Corporation, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law. If the annual meeting for election of directors is not held on the date designated therefor, the directors shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as convenient. Notice of the annual meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given not less than ten nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting. Notice may be given personally, by mail or by electronic transmission in accordance with Section 232 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"). If mailed, such notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, directed to the stockholder at the stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. Notice by electronic transmission shall be deemed given as provided in Section 232 of the DGCL. An affidavit that notice has been given, executed by the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or any transfer agent or other agent of the Corporation, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the notice in the absence of fraud. Notice shall be deemed to have been given to all stockholders who share an address if notice is given in accordance with the "householding" rules set forth in Rule 14a-3(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. and the rules and regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") thereunder (the "Exchange Act") and Section 233 of the DGCL. Any previously scheduled meeting of the stockholders may be postponed by resolution of the Board of Directors upon Public Disclosure (as defined in Section 2.11) given prior to the date previously scheduled for such meeting of stockholders.

SECTION 2.3 Special Meeting. Unless otherwise prescribed by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, a special meeting of the stockholders, for any purpose or purposes, may be called only by the Chairman of the Board or in his or her absence by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by the Secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, and may not be called by the stockholders of the Corporation. Any request to call a special meeting directed to the Secretary by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Notice of a special meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors not less than ten nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting. Such notice of a special meeting shall be provided to the stockholders entitled to vote at such meeting (and shall be deemed given to such stockholders) in accordance with the notice procedures set forth in <u>Section 2.2</u>. Business transacted at any special meeting shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice thereof (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors. Any special meeting of the stockholders may be postponed or cancelled by resolution of the Board of Directors upon Public Disclosure given prior to the date previously scheduled for such special meeting of stockholders.

SECTION 2.4 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, the presence, in person or represented by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote on any matter shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of considering such matter at a meeting of the stockholders. If a quorum is not present or represented at any meeting of the stockholders, then the chairman of the meeting, or a majority of the stockholders entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have the power to adjourn or recess the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present or represented. Subject to the last sentence of this <u>Section 2.4</u>, when a meeting is adjourned to another time or place (including an adjournment taken to address a technical failure to convene or continue a meeting at which the adjournment is taken, (ii) displayed, during the time scheduled for the meeting, on the same electronic network used to enable stockholders and proxy holders to participate in the meeting by means of remote communications or (iii) provided for in the notice of meeting. At the adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, the Corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed in accordance with <u>Section 5.6</u> for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

SECTION 2.5 Voting. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any question brought before any meeting of stockholders shall be decided by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter.

SECTION 2.6 Conduct of Meetings of Stockholders. At each meeting of the stockholders, the Chairman of the Board or, in his or her absence, the President or, in his or her absence, a chairman chosen by the Board of Directors, shall preside and act as chairman of the meeting. The Secretary or, in his or her absence, an Assistant Secretary, or, in the absence of the Secretary and all Assistant Secretaries, a person whom the chairman of such meeting shall appoint, shall act as secretary of such meeting and keep the minutes thereof. The Board of Directors, or the person presiding at a meeting of the stockholders, may adopt such rules, procedures and regulations and do all acts as it, he or she determines are reasonably necessary, appropriate or convenient in connection with the organization and conduct of any meeting of the stockholders. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Directors or the person presiding at a meeting of the stockholders, in its, his or her discretion may require that any votes cast at such meeting be cast by written ballot.

SECTION 2.7 Proxies. Each stockholder entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A duly executed proxy shall be irrevocable if it states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. A proxy may be made irrevocable regardless of whether the interest with which it is coupled is an interest in the stock itself or an interest in the Corporation generally. A stockholder may revoke any proxy which is not irrevocable by attending the meeting and voting in person or by delivering to the Secretary of the Corporation a revocation of the proxy or a duly executed new proxy bearing a later date.

SECTION 2.8 Stockholder List. The officer or agent who has charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall prepare and make available, at least ten days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Nothing in this <u>Section 2.8</u> shall require the Corporation to include electronic mail addresses or other electronic contact information on such list. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder for any purpose germane to the meeting for a period of at least ten days prior to the meeting; (i) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of the meeting, or (ii) during ordinary business hours, at the principal place of business of the Corporation.

SECTION 2.9 Stock Ledger. The stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to (i) examine (A) the stock ledger, (B) the list required by <u>Section 2.8</u> or (C) the books of the Corporation, or (ii) vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of the stockholders.

SECTION 2.10 Stockholder Action by Written Consent. No action required to be taken or which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation may be taken by written consent, without a meeting, as the power of the stockholders to take action by written consent is specifically denied.

SECTION 2.11 Stockholder Proposals to Transact Business at Annual or Special Meetings.

At an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as shall have been properly brought before the meeting.

In order to be properly brought before an annual meeting of the stockholders, business must be (a) specified in the Authorized Meeting Notice (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>), (b) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (c) properly brought before the meeting by an Eligible Stockholder (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>) in accordance with the procedures set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u>, which shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to submit business to be considered or acted upon at an annual meeting of stockholders (other than stockholder proposals properly submitted in accordance with and complying with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act that are included in the Authorized Meeting Notice).

To be properly brought before a special meeting of the stockholders, business must be specified in the Authorized Meeting Notice, and stockholders shall not be entitled to submit business to be considered or acted upon at any special meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall not be construed to prohibit the nomination by stockholders of persons for election as directors at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.12</u>.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, in order for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, (i) the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the Corporation and (ii) such business must be a proper matter for stockholder action.

In order for business to be timely brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder in accordance with this <u>Section 2.11</u>, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to, or mailed and received by, the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation, by registered mail or a nationally recognized private overnight courier service, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, or if no annual meeting was held in the preceding year, to be timely, such notice must be so delivered, or mailed and received not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or, if notice of the meeting or Public Disclosure of the date of such annual meeting is given or made less than 100 days prior to the date of such annual meeting, not later than the tenth day following the date on which such notice was mailed or Public Disclosure of the date of such annual meeting is first made by the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act shall be considered timely if received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation prior to the deadline specified in Rule 14a-8. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of notice by a stockholder as described above.

To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth, as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting, the text of the proposal or business to be presented (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, in the event that such proposal or business includes a proposal to amend the Bylaws or any other document or instrument, the text of the proposed amendment) and a brief description of the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting. In addition, to be in proper written form a stockholder's notice shall set forth, as to the stockholder giving the notice, the following (the "<u>Required Stockholder Information</u>"):

(a) the name and record address of the stockholder, as they appear in the books and records of the Corporation, and of the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is being made and of each other Stockholder Associated Person (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>) with respect to which any information is required to be provided as contemplated by paragraphs (b) through (o) below;

(b) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation that are owned beneficially or of record by the stockholder and any Stockholder Associated Person;

(c) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and any Stockholder Associated Person relating to the business to be conducted at the meeting;

(d) a description of any material interest of the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person in the business to be conducted at the meeting;

(e) a description of any Derivative Instrument (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>) directly or indirectly owned beneficially or of record by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of capital stock of the Corporation;

(f) a description of any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship (i) pursuant to which the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person has a right to vote, directly or indirectly, any shares of capital stock of the Corporation or (ii) the effect or intent of which is to increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to any shares of capital stock of the Corporation;

(g) a description of any (i) Short Interest (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>) of the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person in any shares of capital stock of the Corporation and (ii) direct or indirect legal, economic or financial interest (including Short Interest) in any Principal Competitor (as defined in this <u>Section 2.11</u>) of the Corporation held by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person;

(h) a description of any rights to dividends on the shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned beneficially or of record by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of capital stock of the Corporation;

(i) a description of any proportionate interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership or a limited liability company in which the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person is a general partner, manager or managing member or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner, manager or managing member;

(j) a description of any performance-related fees (other than a fee based solely on the amount of assets under management) to which the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person is or may be entitled, directly or indirectly, based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of capital stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments;

(k) any direct or indirect interest of the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person in any contract to which the Corporation, any affiliate of the Corporation or any Principal Competitor or affiliate of a Principal Competitor is a party;

(l) a complete and accurate description of any pending, or to such stockholder's knowledge, threatened, legal proceeding in which such stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person is a party or participant involving the Corporation or its business, operations, assets or liabilities;

(m) a complete and accurate description of any events of the type described in Section 506(d)(1) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person;

(n) all other information relating to such stockholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing made with the SEC if, with respect to any such nomination or item of business, such stockholder was a participant in a contested solicitation subject to Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, whether or not any such stockholder intends to deliver a proxy statement or conduct its own proxy solicitation;

(o) all information that would be required to be set forth in a Schedule 13D filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act or an amendment pursuant to Rule 13d-2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act as if such schedule or amendment were required to be filed under the Exchange Act by such stockholder (regardless of whether such stockholder is actually required to file a Schedule 13D);

(p) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to bring such business before the meeting;

(q) a representation that such stockholder and Stockholder Associated Person has complied, and will comply, in all respects with all applicable requirements of state law and the Exchange Act with respect to matters set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u>, including without limitation the requirements of Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act; and

(r) a representation that the notice contains all of the information required to be provided therein pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (o) above and an undertaking to update such information and the representations contained in paragraphs (p) through (q), by delivery in writing to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation by registered mail or a nationally recognized private overnight courier service, not later than (i) five days after the record date for the meeting so as to ensure that such information and representations are true and correct as of the record date and (ii) eight days prior to the date for the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof so as to ensure that such information and representations are true and correct as of the date that is ten days prior to the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof (it being understood that, if such representations are not true and correct in all respects or if such stockholder fails to comply with such undertakings as and when required pursuant to this paragraph (r), the business proposed by such stockholder shall not be deemed to have been proposed in accordance with the procedures described in this <u>Section 2.11</u>). For the avoidance of doubt, any updated information provided pursuant to this paragraph (r) shall not be deemed to cure any deficiencies in any notice previously provided by such stockholder, extend any applicable deadlines under this <u>Section 2.11</u> or enable or be deemed to permit such stockholder to amend or update any proposal or to submit any new proposal, including by changing or adding nominees, matters, business and/or resolutions proposed to be brought before a meeting of stockholders.

For a stockholder notice given pursuant to this <u>Section 2.11</u> to comply with the requirements of this <u>Section 2.11</u>, (i) it must directly respond to and specifically indicate the provisions of this <u>Section 2.11</u> to which the information is intended to be responsive and (ii) it must set forth in writing directly within the body of the stockholder notice (as opposed to by reference to, or incorporation by reference from, any other document or writing) all the information required to be included therein as set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u>.

In addition to the information described above, the Corporation may, as a condition to any such business being deemed properly brought before any meeting, require such stockholder to furnish in writing, within five business days of the Corporation's request, such other information or certifications as may reasonably be requested by, and reasonably satisfactory to, the Corporation to demonstrate or confirm the accuracy or completeness of any information submitted by such stockholder pursuant to this <u>Section 2.11</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws, no business (other than (i) stockholder proposals properly submitted in accordance with and complying with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act that are included in the Authorized Meeting Notice or (ii) a nomination of an individual for election as a director in accordance with <u>Section 2.12</u>) shall be brought before or conducted at an annual meeting of the stockholders except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u>; provided, however, that nothing in this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall be deemed to preclude discussion by any stockholder (subject to such reasonable procedures and limitations as shall be imposed by the chairman of the annual meeting) of any business properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with said procedures.

The Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors, or, if no action has been taken by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof prior to the date of the annual meeting, the chairman of the annual meeting, shall have the power to (i) determine whether any business proposed to be brought before the annual meeting was proposed in accordance with the foregoing procedures and (ii) if the Board of Directors or the chairman of any annual meeting, as the case may be, determines that business was not properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with the foregoing procedures, the chairman shall be authorized to declare to the annual meeting that such proposed business was not properly brought before the annual meeting. Unless otherwise required by law, or otherwise determined by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, as the case may be, if the stockholder does not provide the information and representations required under this Section 2.11, in the manner prescribed herein, to the Corporation within the time frames specified, or if the stockholder does not comply with any representations required under this Section 2.11 or does not appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to present the business proposed to be brought before the annual meeting, such business shall not be submitted to a vote at the annual meeting, such business shall not be submitted to a vote at the annual meeting.

Except as otherwise required by law, any business (other than a nomination of an individual for election as a director) that has been properly brought before an annual meeting of stockholders by a stockholder in compliance with the procedures set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall require for approval thereof the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote on the applicable matter. Any vote of stockholders required by the immediately preceding sentence shall be in addition to any other vote of stockholders of the Corporation that may be required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, by any agreement with a national securities exchange or otherwise.

A stockholder who wishes to bring any business before an annual meeting of stockholders shall, in addition to the requirements set forth above, comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act; provided, however, that any references in this <u>Section 2.11</u> to the Exchange Act shall not be construed to limit the application of such requirements to proposals made in accordance with any provision of the Exchange Act, including, but not limited to, Rule 14a-8 thereunder. Nothing contained in this <u>Section 2.11</u> shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act. Subject to the requirements of the Exchange Act, including Rule 14a-8 thereunder, nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed to permit any stockholder, or give any stockholder the right, to include or have disseminated or described in the Corporation's proxy statement any nomination of director or directors or any other business proposal.

As used in these Bylaws, the terms set forth below shall have the following respective meanings:

"<u>Authorized Meeting Notice</u>" means the Corporation's notice of meeting of stockholders (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> or <u>Section 2.3</u>, as the case may be.

"Derivative Instrument" means any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, or any derivative or synthetic arrangement having the characteristics of a long position in any class or series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, or any contract, derivative, swap or other transaction or series of transactions designed to produce economic benefits and risks that correspond substantially to the ownership of any class or series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, including due to the fact that the value of such contract, derivative, swap or other transaction or series of transactions is determined by reference to the price, value or volatility of any class or series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Corporation, and without regard to whether the stockholder of record, beneficial owner, or any affiliates or associates or others acting in concert therewith, may have entered into transactions that hedge or mitigate the economic effect of such instrument, contract or right, or any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation.

"<u>Eligible Stockholder</u>" means a stockholder of the Corporation (i) who is a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice by such stockholder provided for in this <u>Section 2.11</u> or <u>Section 2.12</u> (as the case may be) and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the applicable annual or special meeting of the stockholders, (ii) who is entitled to vote on the business proposed in such notice to be conducted at an annual meeting of the stockholders (in the case of <u>Section 2.12</u>) or for the election of directors to be elected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders (in the case of <u>Section 2.12</u>) and (iii) who complies with the applicable procedures set forth in this <u>Section 2.11</u> or <u>Section 2.12</u> (as the case may be).

"<u>Principal Competitor</u>" means a principal competitor of the Corporation with respect to any material line of business of the Corporation as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation (it being understood that a stockholder may request from the Corporation a list of the Principal Competitors prior to submitting a notice described in this <u>Section 2.11</u> and the Secretary shall provide such list to the stockholder within ten days after receipt of such request).

"<u>Public Disclosure</u>" means, with respect to an annual or special meeting of stockholders, disclosure of the date of such meeting in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the SEC pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

"Short Interest" of any person in shares of any class or series of capital stock of the Corporation means that such person directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of such shares.

"Stockholder Associated Person" means, with respect to any stockholder of the Corporation, (i) any beneficial owner of shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned of record by such stockholder, (ii) any affiliate or associate of such stockholder or any beneficial owner referred to in clause (i) above, (iii) in the case of the stockholder or any other person referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above that is a natural person, any member of the immediate family of such stockholder or other person sharing the same household as such stockholder or (iv) any person acting in concert with such stockholder or any other person referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above.

SECTION 2.12 Stockholder Nominations of Persons for Election to the Board of Directors.

In addition to any other applicable eligibility requirements, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be made (i) at any annual meeting of stockholders or (ii) at any special meeting of stockholders, but only if the Authorized Meeting Notice specifies that directors are to be elected at such special meeting: (a) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or (b) by any Eligible Stockholder in accordance with the procedures set forth in this <u>Section 2.12</u>, which shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations for the election of directors in connection with an annual or special meeting of stockholders.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a stockholder, such stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the Corporation.

In order for a stockholder nomination to be timely made in connection with an annual or special meeting by a stockholder in accordance with this <u>Section 2.12</u>, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to, or mailed and received by, the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation, by registered mail or a nationally recognized private overnight courier service, (i) in the case of an annual meeting, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, or if no annual meeting was held in the preceding year, to be timely, such notice must be so delivered, or mailed and received, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or, if notice of the meeting or Public Disclosure of the date of such annual meeting is given or made less than 100 days prior to the date of such annual meeting is first made by the Corporation, or (ii) in the

case of a special meeting for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to such special meeting; provided, however, if notice of the special meeting or Public Disclosure of the date of such special meeting is given or made less than 100 days prior to the date of such special meeting, such notice must be delivered, or mailed and received, not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of the meeting was mailed or Public Disclosure of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual or special meeting of stockholders commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice shall set forth, (i) the Required Stockholder Information set forth in Section 2.11 (except that any references in the definition of the term Required Stockholder Information to the business to be conducted at the meeting shall be deemed to refer to the stockholder nomination for election at such meeting and any references therein to a meeting shall be deemed to refer to an annual meeting or special meeting, as the case may be), and (ii) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director, (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (B) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (C) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by the person, (D) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among the stockholder Associated Person, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, and his or her respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert with any of them, on the other hand, including, but not limited to, all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K if the stockholder making the nomination and any Stockholder Associated Person were the "registrants" for purposes of such rule and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrants, (E) all other information relating to such person to the stockholder making the exchange Act and the rules and regulations proxies in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and (F) an undertaking to cause such person to deliver to the Corporation the questionnaire, representation and agreement, consent and statement described in

To be eligible to be nominated by a stockholder for election as a director of the Corporation, a person must deliver (prior to or on the applicable due date and time for delivery of the stockholder's notice set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph) to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation (i) a completed and signed written questionnaire with respect to the background and qualifications of such person and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made (in the form required by the Corporation (which form such stockholder shall request in writing from the Secretary prior to submitting the notice and which the Secretary shall provide to such stockholder within ten days after receipt of such request)), (ii) a completed and signed written representation and agreement (which form such stockholder shall request in writing from the Secretary prior to

submitting the notice and which the Secretary shall provide to such stockholder within ten days after receipt of such request) that such person (A) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question (a "<u>Voting Commitment</u>") that has not been disclosed to the Corporation, or any Voting Commitment that could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law, (B) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed therein, (C) in such person's individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the Corporation, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Corporation approved by the Board of Directors (which policies and guidelines such stockholder shall request in writing from the Secretary prior to submitting the notice and which the Secretary shall provide to such stockholder within ten days of the receipt of such request), (D) consents to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director, if elected, for a full term, and (E) if elected, intends to tender, promptly following such election, his or her resignation effective upon such person's failure to receive the required vote for reelection at the next meeting at which such person would face reelection and upon acceptance of such resignation by the Board of Dir

For a stockholder notice given pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u> to comply with the requirements of this <u>Section 2.12</u> (including the requirements of <u>Section 2.11</u> referred to above), (i) it must directly respond to and specifically indicate the provisions of this <u>Section 2.12</u>, as the case may be, to which the information is intended to be responsive and (ii) it must set forth in writing directly within the body of the stockholder notice (as opposed to by reference to, or incorporation by reference from, any other document or writing) all the information required to be included therein as set forth in this <u>Section 2.12</u>.

In addition to the information described above, the Corporation may, as a condition to any such nomination of such person being deemed properly brought before any meeting, require such person or stockholder nominating such person to furnish in writing, within five business days of the Corporation's request, such other information or certifications as may reasonably be required by the Corporation (i) to (A) demonstrate or confirm the accuracy or completeness of any information submitted by such stockholder or such proposed nominee pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u>, (B) determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation and (C) determine whether such proposed nominee qualifies as an "independent director" or "audit committee financial expert" or other subject matter expert under applicable law, securities exchange rule or regulation, or any publicly disclosed corporate governance guideline or committee charter of the Corporation and (ii) that could be material, in the reasonable judgment of the Corporation, to a stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee. The number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at a meeting may not exceed the number of directors to be elected at such meeting, and for the avoidance of doubt, no such stockholder shall be entitled to make additional or substitute nominations following the expiration of the time periods set forth in this <u>Section 2.12</u>.

In addition to the foregoing, the Board of Directors may require any person nominated to the Board of Directors in accordance with this <u>Section 2.12</u> to submit to interviews with the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or their agents or representatives for the purpose of (i) answering inquiries with respect to the information submitted pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u> with respect to such person and (ii) obtaining such other information with respect to such person as may reasonably be required in connection with the procedures and determinations contemplated by this <u>Section 2.12</u>, and such person shall make himself or herself available for any such interviews within no less than five business days following the date of such request.

If (i) any stockholder provides notice pursuant to Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act and (ii) such stockholder subsequently either (A) notifies the Corporation that such stockholder no longer intends to solicit proxies in support of a proposed nominee other than the Corporation's nominees in accordance with Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act or (B) fails to comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-19(a)(2) or Rule 14a-19(a)(3) under the Exchange Act, then the Corporation shall disregard any proxies or votes solicited for the nominees proposed by such stockholder. Upon request by the Corporation, if any stockholder provides notice pursuant to Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act, such stockholder shall deliver to the Secretary, no later than five business days prior to the applicable meeting date, reasonable evidence, certified by such stockholder in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation, that the requirements of Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act have been satisfied.

The Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors, or, if no action has been taken by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof prior to the date of the meeting, the chairman of any annual or special meeting of stockholders, shall have the power to (i) determine whether any stockholder nomination for election to the Board of Director at an annual or special meeting was made in accordance with the foregoing procedures and (ii) if the Board of Directors or the chairman of any annual or special meeting, as the case may be, determines that such stockholder nomination was not properly made in accordance with the foregoing procedures, the chairman shall be authorized to declare to the annual or special meeting that such stockholder nomination was not properly made and that such proposed stockholder nomination shall be disregarded and the election of the purported nominee not submitted to a vote at the annual or special meeting. Unless otherwise required by law, or otherwise determined by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the annual or special meeting, as the case may be, if the stockholder does not provide the information and representations required under this <u>Section 2.12</u>, in the manner prescribed herein, to the Corporation within the time frames specified, or if the stockholder does not comply with the undertakings or any representations required under this <u>Section 2.12</u> or does not appear in person or by proxy at the annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to present a nomination, such nomination shall be disregarded and the election of the purported nominee shall not be submitted to a vote at the annual or special meeting. In the moment of the purported nominee shall not be submitted to a vote at the annual or special meeting, the corporation shall be disregarded and the election of the purported nominee shall not be submitted to a vote at the annual or special meeting, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation

SECTION 2.13 Meetings by Remote Communications. The Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the President may, in its, his or her sole discretion, determine that a meeting of stockholders shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication in accordance with Section 211(a)(2) of the DGCL, or that a meeting of stockholders may be held by means of remote communication in addition to being held at any place. If authorized by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, and subject to such guidelines and procedures as the Board of Directors may adopt, stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting of stockholders may, by means of remote communication (i) participate in a meeting of stockholders and (ii) be deemed present in person and vote at a meeting of stockholders whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication; provided that the Corporation shall (A) implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a stockholder or proxyholder; (B) implement reasonable measures to provide such stockholders and proxyholders are assonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the stockholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings; and (C) if any stockholder or proxyholder votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, keep and maintain a record of such vote or other action.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS

SECTION 3.1 Number and Election of Directors. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number of directors that shall constitute the entire Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time exclusively by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members at any time constituting the Board of Directors, and such number may be increased or decreased from time to time; provided, however, that (i) in no event shall the number of directors serving on the Board of Directors be less than three nor more than fifteen and (ii) no decrease in the number of directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Except as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the stockholders and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

If the Certificate of Incorporation so provides, (i) the directors of the Corporation shall be divided into classes ("<u>Voting Constituency Classes</u>") based upon the expiration of their terms of office and (ii) the directors of the Corporation shall be divided into classes ("<u>Voting Constituency Classes</u>") based on the class of capital stock the holders of which are entitled to elect such directors. If the Certificate of Incorporation provides for both Term of Office Classes and Voting Constituency Classes, each director shall be assigned to a Term of Office Class and a Voting Constituency Class in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Incorporation and the provisions set forth in the remainder of this <u>Article III</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this <u>Article III</u>, the manner of election, terms of office and other provisions relating to directors serving in any Term of Office Classes or Voting Constituency Classes shall be as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

In an uncontested election of directors, each director of the Corporation shall be elected by the majority of the votes cast by the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors; provided, however, in a contested election, the directors shall be elected by the plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. For the purposes of this <u>Section 3.1</u>: (i) an "uncontested election" is an election in which the number of nominees for director is not greater than the number to be elected; (ii) a "contested election" is an election in which the number of nominees for director is greater than the number to be elected, with the determination thereof being made by the Secretary as of the tenth day preceding the date the Corporation first mails its notice for such meeting to the stockholders of the Corporation (provided that the determination that an election is a "contested election" shall be determinative only as to the timeliness of a notice of nomination made pursuant to these Bylaws and not otherwise as to its validity); and (iii) a "majority of the votes cast" means that the number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that director (with "abstentions" and "broker nonvotes" not counted as a vote cast either "for" or "against" that director's election).

Following any uncontested election, any incumbent director who was a nominee and who failed to receive a majority of the votes cast shall promptly tender his or her resignation to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. A recommendation on whether or not to accept such resignation shall be made by a committee of independent directors that has been delegated the responsibility of recommending nominees for director for appointment or election to the Board of Directors, or (i) if each member of such committee did not receive the required majority vote or (ii) if no such committee has been appointed, a majority of the Board of Directors shall appoint a special committee of independent directors for such purpose of making a recommendation to the Board of Directors (the "<u>Nominating Committee</u>"). If no independent directors received the required majority vote, the Board of Directors shall act on the tendered resignation.

The Board of Directors shall act on the tendered resignation, taking into account the Nominating Committee's recommendation, and publicly disclose (by a press release, a filing with the SEC or other broadly disseminated means of communication) its decision regarding the tendered resignation and the rationale behind the decision within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results. The Nominating Committee in making its recommendation, and the Board of Directors in making its decision whether to accept any resignation, may each consider the potential impact of such resignation on the Corporation's ability to comply with applicable legal and listing standards and any other factors or information that it considers appropriate and relevant.

If any director's resignation is rejected by the Board of Directors, such director shall continue to serve until the next annual meeting and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, or until the director's earlier death, subsequent resignation or removal. If any director's resignation is accepted by the Board of Directors pursuant to this <u>Section 3.1</u>, or if any director nominee is not an incumbent director and is not elected by a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election, then the Board of Directors may fill the resulting vacancy pursuant to <u>Section 3.2</u> herein or may decrease the size of the Board of Directors pursuant to this <u>Section 3.1</u>.

SECTION 3.2 Vacancies and Newly-Created Directorships. In addition to any applicable requirements set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, if there occurs any vacancy in the office of a director due to the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of such director or other cause, such vacancy shall be filled exclusively by the vote of the majority of the directors (or the sole remaining director) then in office, even if less than a quorum, regardless of any quorum requirements set out in these Bylaws.

In addition to any applicable requirements set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, all newly-created directorships resulting from an increase in the authorized number of directors shall be filled exclusively by the vote of the majority of the directors (or the sole remaining director) then in office, even if less than a quorum, regardless of any quorum requirements set out in these Bylaws, and any director so chosen shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Any vacancies or newly-created directorships filled in accordance with this <u>Section 3.2</u> at a time when the Certificate of Incorporation provides for Term of Office Classes shall be allocated among the Term of Office Classes pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation.

SECTION 3.3 Place of Meetings. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may hold its meetings, both regular and special, at such place, either within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the President.

SECTION 3.4 Regular Meetings. Promptly after each annual election of directors, the Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of the election of officers and the transaction of other business. The Board of Directors may also hold other regular meetings at such time or times and at such place or places as shall be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors need not be given.

SECTION 3.5 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by (i) the Chairman of the Board or (ii) the Secretary, if requested to do so by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Notice shall be sent to the last known address of each director, by mail or by electronic transmission, at least two days before the meeting, or oral notice may be substituted for such written notice if received not later than the day preceding such meeting, and the place and time of such special meeting shall be as designated in the notice of such meetings.

SECTION 3.6 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, at all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the total number of directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the vote of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until quorum shall be present.

SECTION 3.7 Conduct of Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, elect from among its members a Chairman of the Board, who may, but need not be, an officer of the Corporation. A person elected as Chairman of the Board shall serve in such capacity for such term as is specified by the Board of Directors at the time of his or her election. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or, in his or her absence, any other director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall preside and act as chairman of the meeting. The Secretary or, in his or her absence, any other person whom the chairman of the meeting shall appoint, shall act as secretary of such meeting and keep the minutes thereof.

SECTION 3.8 Meetings by Telephone Conference. Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may participate in a meeting of such Board of Directors or a committee thereof by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this <u>Section 3.8</u> shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

SECTION 3.9 Action by Written Consent. Except as otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing (or by electronic transmission) setting forth the action so taken, and the writing or writings (or electronic transmission) are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

SECTION 3.10 Committees of Directors. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board of Directors, designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more of the directors of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of a member of a committee, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or she or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors establishing such committee, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no committee shall have the power or authority to take any of the following actions:

(a) amend the Certificate of Incorporation (except that a committee may, to the extent authorized in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance of shares of any series of capital stock of the Corporation adopted by the Board of Directors as permitted by the DGCL, fix the designations and any of the preferences or rights of such shares relating to dividends, redemption, dissolution, any distribution of assets of the Corporation or the conversion into, or the exchange of such shares for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or any other class or classes of stock of the Corporation or fix the number of shares of any series of stock or authorize the increase or decrease of the shares of any series);

(b) adopt an agreement of merger or consolidation under the DGCL;

(c) recommend to the stockholders the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the Corporation's property and assets;

(d) recommend to the stockholders a dissolution of the Corporation or a revocation of a dissolution; or

(e) amend the Bylaws of the Corporation.

In addition, unless the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee expressly so provides, no such committee shall have the power or authority to take any of the following actions:

- (i) declare a dividend;
- (ii) authorize the issuance of stock; or

(iii) adopt a certificate of ownership and merger pursuant to the DGCL.

Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Board of Directors when required.

SECTION 3.11 Interested Directors. No contract or transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his, her or their votes are counted for such purpose if (i) the material facts as to his, her or their relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee, and the Board of Directors or the committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested directors, even though the disinterested directors be less than a quorum; (ii) the material facts as to his, her or their relationship or are known to the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholders; or (iii) the contract or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified by the Board of Directors or of a committee thereof or the stockholders. Interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee the contract or transaction.

SECTION 3.12 Resignation. Any director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice by the President or the Secretary, or at any later time specified therein or herein. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 3.13 Compensation of Directors. The directors shall receive such compensation for their services as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. No director shall be prevented from receiving compensation for his or her services as a director by reason of the fact that he or she is also an officer of the Corporation. All directors shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses of attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Members of any committee of directors may be allowed like compensation and reimbursement for expenses for serving as members of any such committee and for attending committee meetings.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

SECTION 4.1 General. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretary and such other officers, including assistant officers, as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, unless the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws otherwise provide. Except as provided below, (i) the Board of Directors at its first meeting held after each annual meeting of stockholders shall elect the officers of the Corporation who shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as set forth in these Bylaws, as generally pertain to their respective offices, or as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or by any committee thereof, and (ii) any vacancy occurring in any office of the Corporation shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer shall have the power to appoint or remove any officers subordinate to the offices of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (provided that the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be consulted prior to any appointment or removal of the Head of Directors or appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, as the case may be, or until the earliest of his or her death, resignation or removal. Any vacancy occurring in any officer or Secretary (provided that the Chairman of the Chief Executive Officer if such vacancy is of an office subordinate to the offices of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Secretary (provided that the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be consulted prior to any appointment to the offices of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Secretary (provided that the Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be consulted prior to any appointment to the offices of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer or Secretar

SECTION 4.2 Salaries. The salaries of all officers of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and may be altered from time to time, except as otherwise provided by contract. No officer shall be prevented from receiving a salary solely by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director.

SECTION 4.3 Chief Executive Officer and President. The Chief Executive Officer, or if there be none, the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and, subject to the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer, the President shall have general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Corporation and shall have control over its officers, agents, and employees. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors

and the Chief Executive Officer are carried into effect. Either the Chief Executive Officer or the President may execute and deliver certificates for shares of the Corporation, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments that the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed and delivered, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise executed and delivered and except that the other officers of the Corporation may execute and deliver documents when authorized to do so by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors or the President. The Chief Executive Officer and the President shall also perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4.4 Vice Presidents. Each Vice President shall perform such duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors from time to time may prescribe. Certain Vice Presidents may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors as Executive Vice Presidents or Senior Vice Presidents, which positions shall have such varying degrees of authority as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

SECTION 4.5 Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of stockholders and record all the proceedings thereat in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; the Secretary shall also perform like duties for the standing committees when required. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, under whose supervision he or she shall act. If the Secretary shall be unable or shall refuse to cause to be given notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors, and if there be no Assistant Secretary, then the Board of Directors may choose another officer to cause such notice to be given. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or by the signature of any such Assistant Secretary. The Board of Directors may give general authority to any other officer to affix the seal of the Corporation and to attest the affixing by his or her signature. The Secretary shall see that all books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept or filed are properly kept or filed, as the case may be.

SECTION 4.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the Board of Directors, at its regular meeting, or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. If required by the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control belonging to the Corporation.

SECTION 4.7 Assistant Secretaries. Except as may be otherwise provided in these Bylaws, Assistant Secretaries, if there be any, shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, if there be one, or the Secretary, and in the absence of the Secretary or in the event of his or her disability or refusal to act, shall perform the duties of the Secretary, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Secretary.

SECTION 4.8 Assistant Treasurers. Assistant Treasurers, if there be any, shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, if there be one, or the Treasurer, and in the absence of the Treasurer or in the event of his or her disability or refusal to act, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Treasurer. If required by the Board of Directors, an Assistant Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control belonging to the Corporation.

SECTION 4.9 Other Officers. Such other officers as the Board of Directors may appoint shall perform such duties and have such powers as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may delegate to any other officer of the Corporation the power to choose such other officers and to prescribe their respective duties and powers.

SECTION 4.10 Delegation of Authority. In the case of the absence of any officer of the Corporation or for any other reason that the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may delegate some or all of the powers or duties of such officer to any other officer or to any director, employee, stockholder or agent for whatever period of time the Board of Directors determines is necessary or appropriate.

SECTION 4.11 Removal. Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, without prejudice to the rights, if any, of such officer under any contract to which he or she is a party, or, except in the case of any officer elected by the Board of Directors, by any officer upon whom the powers of removal may be conferred by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4.12 Resignation. Any officer of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Corporation, without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Corporation under any contract to which such officer is a party. Such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice by the Corporation, or at any later time specified therein. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE V STOCK AND STOCK CERTIFICATES

SECTION 5.1 Certificates Evidencing Shares. Every holder of stock in the Corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate evidencing the number of shares owned by such holder signed by or in the name of the Corporation by (i) the President or a Vice President and (ii) the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. If shares are represented by certificates, such certificates shall be in the form approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.2 Transfer Agents and Registrars. The Board of Directors may appoint, or authorize any officer or officers to appoint, one or more transfer agents and one or more registrars.

SECTION 5.3 Signatures. Where a certificate is countersigned by (i) a transfer agent other than the Corporation or an employee thereof or (ii) a registrar other than the Corporation or an employee thereof, any other signature on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, such certificate may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such officer, transfer agent or registrar continued to discharge said office or function at the date of issuance.

SECTION 5.4 Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Stock Certificates. The Corporation may issue a new stock certificate in place of any certificate theretofore issued by it which is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issuance of a new certificate or certificates, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require that the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificates, or its, his or her legal representative give the Corporation a bond sufficient to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate. The Board of Directors may adopt such other provisions and restrictions with reference to lost certificates, not inconsistent with applicable law, as it shall in its discretion deem appropriate.

SECTION 5.5 Transfers. Stock of the Corporation shall be transferable in the manner prescribed by law and in these Bylaws. Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation only by the person named in the certificate or by its, his or her attorney lawfully constituted in writing and upon the surrender of the certificate therefor, which shall be cancelled before a new certificate shall be issued.

SECTION 5.6 Record Date. In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall not be more than 60 days nor less than ten days before the

date of such meeting, nor more than 60 days prior to any other action. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

SECTION 5.7 Registered Stockholders. Except as otherwise required by law, the Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of the person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends in respect of such shares and to vote as the owner thereof, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have notice thereof.

ARTICLE VI INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 6.1 General. The Corporation shall indemnify, and advance Expenses (as this and all other capitalized words used in this <u>Article VI</u> and not otherwise defined shall have the respective meanings set forth in <u>Section 6.14</u>) to, each Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in effect on the date of the adoption of these Bylaws, and to such greater extent as applicable law may thereafter permit. The rights of an Indemnitee provided under the preceding sentence shall include, but not be limited to, the right to be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by §145(b) of the DGCL in the case of Proceedings by or in the right of the Corporation and to the fullest extent permitted by §145(a) of the DGCL in the case of all other Proceedings. The provisions set forth below in this <u>Article VI</u> are provided in furtherance, and not by way of limitation, of the obligations expressed in this <u>Section 6.1</u>.

SECTION 6.2 Expenses Related to Proceedings. If an Indemnitee is, by reason of his or her Corporate Status, a witness in or a party to and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in any Proceeding, he or she shall be indemnified against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection therewith. If an Indemnitee is not wholly successful in such Proceeding but is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to any Matter in such Proceeding, the Corporation shall indemnify such Indemnitee against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf relating to such Matter. The termination of any Matter in such a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be a successful result as to such Matter.

SECTION 6.3 Advancement of Expenses. To the fullest extent permitted by §145(e) of the DGCL, each Indemnitee shall be entitled to payment of, and the Corporation shall pay, Expenses in advance of the final disposition of any Proceeding within ten days after receipt by the Corporation of a written notice requesting the advancement of such Expenses, which notice shall contain an undertaking by or on behalf of such Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized by §145 of the DGCL.

SECTION 6.4 Request for Indemnification. To obtain indemnification hereunder, an Indemnitee shall submit to the Corporation a written request with such information pertinent to such request as is reasonably available to the Indemnitee. The Secretary of the Corporation shall promptly advise the Board of Directors of any such request.

SECTION 6.5 Determining Entitlement to Indemnification Prior to a Change of Control. If a Change of Control has not occurred prior to or at the time a request for indemnification hereunder is submitted to the Corporation, an Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be determined in accordance with §145(d) of the DGCL. If entitlement to indemnification is to be determined by Independent Counsel, the Corporation shall furnish notice to the Indemnitee within ten days after receipt of the request for indemnification, specifying the identity and address of Independent Counsel. The Indemnitee may, within 14 days after receipt of such written notice of selection, deliver to the Corporation a written objection to such selection. Such objection may be asserted only on the ground that the Independent Counsel so selected does not meet the requirements of Independent Counsel and the objection shall set forth with particularity the factual basis of such assertion. If there is an objection to the selection of Independent Counsel, either the Corporation or the Indemnitee may petition the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or any other court of competent jurisdiction for a determination that the objection is without a reasonable basis or for the appointment of Independent Counsel selected by the court.

SECTION 6.6 Determining Entitlement to Indemnification After a Change of Control. If a Change of Control has occurred prior to or at the time a request for indemnification hereunder is submitted to the Corporation, an Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be determined in a written opinion of Independent Counsel selected by the Indemnitee. The Indemnitee shall give the Corporation written notice advising of the identity and address of the Independent Counsel so selected. The Corporation may, within seven days after receipt of such written notice of selection, deliver to the Indemnitee a written objection to such selection. The Indemnitee may, within five days after the receipt of such objection from the Corporation, submit the name of another Independent Counsel and the Corporation may, within seven days after receipt of such written notice of selection, deliver to Indemnitee a written objection to such selection. Any objection is subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6.5. The Indemnitee may petition the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or any other court of competent jurisdiction for a determination that the Corporation's objection to any selection of Independent Counsel is without a reasonable basis or for the appointment as Independent Counsel of a person selected by the court.

SECTION 6.7 Procedures of Independent Counsel. If a Change of Control has occurred prior to or at the time the request for indemnification hereunder is submitted to the Corporation, an Indemnitee shall be presumed (except as otherwise expressly provided in this <u>Article VI</u>) to be entitled to indemnification upon submission of a request for indemnification in accordance with <u>Section 6.4</u>, and thereafter the Corporation shall have the burden of proof to overcome the presumption in reaching a determination contrary to the presumption. The presumption shall be used by Independent Counsel as a basis for a determination of entitlement to indemnification unless the Corporation provides information sufficient to overcome such presumption by clear and convincing evidence or the investigation, review and analysis of Independent Counsel convinces him or her by clear and convincing evidence that the presumption should not apply.

Except where the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel, if the person or persons empowered under <u>Section 6.5</u> or <u>Section 6.6</u> to determine entitlement to indemnification shall not have made and furnished to the Indemnitee in writing a determination within 60 days after receipt by the Corporation of the request therefor, the requisite determination of entitlement to indemnification shall be deemed to have been made and the Indemnitee shall be entitled to such indemnification unless the Indemnitee knowingly misrepresented a material fact in connection with the request for indemnification. The termination of any Proceeding or of any Matter therein, by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not (except as otherwise expressly provided in this <u>Article VI</u>) of itself adversely affect the right of Indemnitee to indemnification or create a presumption that (a) the Indemnitee did not act in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his or her official capacity as a director of the Corporation, to be in the best interests of the Corporation, or, in all other cases, that at least his or her conduct was not opposed to the Corporation's best interests, or (b) with respect to any criminal Proceeding, the Indemnitee had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 6.8 Expenses of Independent Counsel. The Corporation shall pay any and all reasonable fees and expenses of Independent Counsel acting pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> and in any proceeding to which it is a party or witness in respect of its investigation and written report and shall pay all reasonable fees and expenses incident to the procedures in which such Independent Counsel was selected or appointed. No Independent Counsel may serve if a timely objection has been made to his or her selection until a court has determined that such objection is without a reasonable basis.

SECTION 6.9 Trial De Novo. In the event that (a) a determination is made pursuant to <u>Section 6.5</u> or <u>Section 6.6</u> that an Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this <u>Article VI</u>, (b) advancement of Expenses is not timely made pursuant to <u>Section 6.3</u>, (c) Independent Counsel has not made and delivered a written opinion determining the request for indemnification (i) within 90 days after being appointed by a court, (ii) within 90 days after objections to his or her selection have been overruled by a court or (iii) within 90 days after the time for the Corporation or the Indemnitee to object to his or her selection or (d) payment of indemnification is not made within five days after a determination of entitlement to indemnification has been made or deemed to have been made pursuant to <u>Section 6.5</u>, <u>Section 6.6</u> or <u>Section 6.7</u>, the Indemnitee shall be entitled to an adjudication in any court of competent jurisdiction of his or her entitlement to such indemnification or advancement of Expenses. In the event that a determination shall have been made that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification, any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this <u>Section 6.9</u> shall be conducted in all respects as a de novo trial on the merits, and Indemnitee shall not be prejudiced by reason of that adverse determination. If a Change of Control shall have occurred, in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this <u>Section 6.9</u>, the Corporation shall have the burden of proving that the Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, the Corporation shall be bound by such determination in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this <u>Section 6.9</u>, or otherwise, unless the Indemnitee knowingly misrepresented a material fact in connection with the request for indemnification.

The Corporation shall be precluded from asserting in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this <u>Section 6.9</u> that the procedures and presumptions of this <u>Article VI</u> are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stipulate in any such court that the Corporation is bound by all provisions of this <u>Article VI</u>. In the event that an Indemnitee, pursuant to this <u>Section 6.9</u>, seeks a judicial adjudication to enforce his or her rights under, or to recover damages for breach of, this <u>Article VI</u>, the Indemnitee shall be entitled to recover from the Corporation, and shall be indemnified by the Corporation against, any and all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in such judicial adjudication, but only if he or she prevails therein. If it shall be determined in such judicial adjudication that an Indemnitee in connection with such judicial adjudication or arbitration shall be appropriately prorated.

SECTION 6.10 Non-Exclusivity. The rights of indemnification and to receive advancement of Expenses provided by this <u>Article VI</u> shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which Indemnitee may at any time be entitled under applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws, any agreement, vote of stockholders, resolution of the Board of Directors or otherwise. The provisions of this <u>Article VI</u> shall continue as to an Indemnitee whose Corporate Status has ceased and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators.

SECTION 6.11 Insurance and Subrogation. To the extent the Corporation maintains an insurance policy or policies providing liability insurance for directors or officers of the Corporation or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise which such person serves at the request of the Corporation, each Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of coverage available for any such director or officer under such policy or policies.

In the event of any payment hereunder, the Corporation shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all the rights of recovery of the Indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and take all action necessary to secure such rights, including execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the Corporation to bring suit to enforce such rights.

The Corporation shall not be liable under this <u>Article VI</u> to make any payment of amounts otherwise indemnifiable hereunder if, and to the extent that, Indemnitee has otherwise actually received such payment under any insurance policy, contract, agreement or otherwise.

SECTION 6.12 Severability. If any provision or provisions of this <u>Article VI</u> shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby; and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions of this <u>Article VI</u> shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

SECTION 6.13 Certain Persons Not Entitled to Indemnification. Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 6.9</u>, no person shall be entitled to indemnification or advancement of Expenses under this <u>Article VI</u> with respect to any Proceeding, or any Matter therein, brought or made by such person against the Corporation.

SECTION 6.14 Definitions. As used in this Article VI, the terms set forth below shall have the following respective meanings:

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any person, any other person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such person.

"<u>Change of Control</u>" means the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) an event required to be reported in response to Item 6(e) of Schedule 14A of Regulation 14A (or in response to any similar item or any similar schedule or form) promulgated under the Exchange Act, whether or not the Corporation is then subject to such reporting requirement; (b) any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) shall become the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Corporation representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Corporation without prior approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors in office immediately prior to such person's attaining such percentage interest; or (c) the Corporation is a party to a merger, consolidation, sale of assets or other reorganization, or a proxy contest, as a consequence of which members of the Board of Directors in office immediately prior to such transaction or event constitute less than a majority of the Board of Directors thereafter.

"<u>Corporate Status</u>" describes the status of (i) an individual who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, (ii) an individual who is an employee or agent of the Corporation (who is not also director or officer of the Corporation), if the Board of Directors adopts a resolution that specifically states that such employee or agent shall be entitled to the benefits of this <u>Article VI</u> to the same extent as if he or she were an officer or director, or (iii) an individual identified in clause (i) or (ii) above who is serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer or administrator of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

"<u>Expenses</u>" shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees and all other disbursements or expenses of the types customarily incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating or being or preparing to be a witness in a Proceeding.

"Indemnitee" includes any person who is, or is threatened to be made, a witness in or a party to any Proceeding as described in <u>Section 6.1</u> or <u>Section 6.2</u> by reason of his or her Corporate Status.

"<u>Independent Counsel</u>" means a law firm, or member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the five years prior to his or her selection or appointment has been, retained to represent: (a) the Corporation or the Indemnitee in any matter material to either such party, (b) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder or (c) the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Corporation representing 5% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Corporation. "Matter" is a claim, a material issue or a substantial request for relief.

"<u>Proceeding</u>" includes any action, suit, arbitration, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, administrative hearing or any other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, except one initiated by an Indemnitee pursuant to <u>Section 6.9</u> to enforce his or her rights under this <u>Article VI</u>.

SECTION 6.15 Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be sent to the Corporation pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Corporation and any such notice or other communication to an Indemnitee shall be given in writing by depositing the same in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid, addressed to the person to whom such notice is directed at the address of such person on the records of the Corporation, and such notice shall be deemed given at the time when the same shall be so deposited in the United States mail.

SECTION 6.16 Contractual Rights. The right to be indemnified and to the advancement or reimbursement of Expenses in accordance with this <u>Article VI</u> (i) is a contract right based upon good and valuable consideration, pursuant to which Indemnitee may sue as if these provisions were set forth in a separate written contract between him or her and the Corporation, (ii) is and is intended to be retroactive and shall be available as to events occurring prior to the adoption of these provisions and (iii) shall continue after any rescission or restrictive modification of such provisions as to events occurring prior to such rescission or modification.

ARTICLE VII NOTICES

SECTION 7.1 Notices. Whenever written notice is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, such notice may be given by mail, addressed to such director, member of a committee or stockholder, at its, his or her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid, and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail. Written notice may also be given personally or by electronic transmission and such notice shall be deemed given at the time when the same is received.

SECTION 7.2 Waiver of Notice. Whenever notice is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, a written waiver, signed by the person entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance of a person at a meeting of stockholders, in person or by proxy, or at a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee thereof shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends such meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the stockholders, directors, or members of a committee of directors need be specified in any written waiver of notice unless so required by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 8.1 Amendments by Stockholders. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by the affirmative vote of the holders of record of at least 662/3% of the combined voting power of all the outstanding stock of the Corporation entitled to vote in respect thereof, voting together as a single class.

SECTION 8.2 Amendments by Directors. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by action of a majority of directors then in office.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on the 31st day of March of each year, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9.2 Disbursements. All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

SECTION 9.3 Corporate Seal. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words "Corporate Seal Delaware." The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced.

SECTION 9.4 Forum for Adjudication of Disputes.

(a) Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any internal corporate claims within the meaning of the DGCL, as well as (ii) (A) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (B) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (C) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery or the state of Delaware, or (D) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be a state or federal court located within the state of Delaware, in all cases subject to the court's having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. If any action, the subject matter of which is within the scope of this <u>Section 9.4(a)</u>, is filed in a court other than a court located within the state of Delaware (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any stockholder, such stockholder shall be deemed to have consented to: (i) the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the state of Delaware in connection with any action brought in any such court to enforce this <u>Section 9.4(a)</u>, and (ii) having service of process made upon such stockholder in any such action by service upon such stockholder's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such stockholder.

- (b) In addition, unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for any action asserting a claim arising under the Securities Act shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be a federal district court, subject to the federal court's having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants.
- (c) Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this <u>Section 9.4</u>.

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