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SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.
95 East Jefryn Blvd.
Deer Park, New York 11729

, 2016

Dear Stockholders:

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Surge Components, Inc. (“Surge” or the “Company”) to be held on _____, 2016, at _____ at 10:00 a.m., local time. A Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement and GOLD Proxy Card are enclosed with this letter. A copy of the Company’s Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 also accompanies this mailing.

The Annual Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class A directors to the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board” or “Board of Directors”) from the nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”) and any others properly nominated in accordance with Article II Section 5 of our Amended and Restated By-laws (the “Bylaws”) for a term of three years and until respective successors are duly elected and qualified.
2. To hold an advisory vote on the executive compensation of the Company’s named executive officers.
3. To ratify the appointment of Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016.
4. To ratify a rights plan designed to protect and preserve the substantial tax benefits of the Company’s net operating loss carryforwards.

5. To hold an advisory vote on a stockholder proposal to change the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation to Delaware.
6. To hold an advisory vote on a stockholder proposal proposing the Company's adoption of a declassified board structure.
7. To vote on a resolution proposed by the Concerned Stockholders to repeal any amendments to the Bylaws, adopted by the Board without the approval of stockholders after February 18, 2016 (which is the date of the last publicly disclosed amendment to the Bylaws), and prior to the effectiveness of the resolution effecting such repeal.
8. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

As you may be aware, Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D. Tofias (together with their affiliates and related parties, the "Dissident Stockholders") have nominated themselves as candidates for election as directors at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors DOES NOT endorse Mr. Rexroad or Mr. Tofias, and recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors.

It is important that your shares be represented at the Annual Meeting whether or not you are personally able to attend. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we hope that you will read the enclosed Notice of the Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and the voting instructions on the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card. We hope that you will promptly vote by completing, signing and dating the GOLD Proxy Card and mailing it in the enclosed, postage pre-paid envelope, or vote by telephone or the Internet by following the instructions on the GOLD Proxy Card. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you would like to attend the Annual Meeting, please ask the broker, bank or other nominee that holds the shares to provide you with evidence of your share ownership. The Board of Directors strongly encourages you not to return any proxy card sent to you by the Dissident Stockholders. If you vote using a proxy card sent to you by the Dissident Stockholders, you can subsequently revoke it by following the instructions on the GOLD Proxy Card to vote over the Internet or by telephone or by completing, signing and dating the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card and mailing it in the postage pre-paid envelope provided. Only your latest dated proxy will count. Any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting as described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

We appreciate your continued interest in the Company. We look forward to greeting in person at the Annual Meeting as many of our stockholders as possible. If you have any questions or require any assistance with voting your shares, or if you need additional copies of the proxy materials, please contact:

Okapi Partners LLC
1212 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Stockholders May Call Toll-Free: (877) 629-6357
Banks & Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 297-0720
Email: info@okapipartners.com

The attached Proxy Statement is dated [], 2016 and is first being mailed to stockholders on or about , 2016, together with the GOLD Proxy Card and the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ira Levy
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

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SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.
95 East Jefryn Blvd.
Deer Park, New York 11729

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON _____, 2016

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2016 annual meeting of the stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Surge Components, Inc., a Nevada Corporation (“Surge” or the “Company”), will be held on _____, 2016, at _____, at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class A directors to the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board” or “Board of Directors”) from the nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”) and any others properly nominated in accordance with Article II Section 5 of our Amended and Restated By-laws (the “Bylaws”) for a term of three years and until respective successors are duly elected and qualified.
2. To hold an advisory vote on the executive compensation of the Company’s named executive officers.
3. To ratify the appointment of Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016.
4. To ratify a rights plan designed to protect and preserve the substantial tax benefits of the Company’s net operating loss carryforwards.

5. To hold an advisory vote on a stockholder proposal to change the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation to Delaware.

6. To hold an advisory vote on a stockholder proposal proposing the Company's adoption of a declassified board structure.

7. To vote on a resolution proposed by the Concerned Stockholders to repeal any amendments to the Bylaws, adopted by the Board without the approval of stockholders after February 18, 2016 (which is the date of the last publicly disclosed amendment to the Bylaws), and prior to the effectiveness of the resolution effecting such repeal.

8. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponements of adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you use the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card to vote FOR each of the Company's nominees for Class A director in proposal 1, FOR proposals 2, 3, and 4, and AGAINST proposals 5, 6 and 7.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on November 3, 2016 as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN. If you are a stockholder of record, whether or not you personally plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please take a few minutes now to vote over the Internet or by telephone following the instructions on the GOLD Proxy Card, or by completing, signing and dating the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card and mailing it in the postage pre-paid envelope provided. If your shares are held in “street name,” that is, held for your account by a broker, bank or other nominee, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow for your shares to be voted. Regardless of the number of Company shares you own, your vote is important. Please note that Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D. Tofias (together with their affiliates and related parties, the “Dissident Stockholders”) have nominated themselves for election as directors at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors does not endorse Mr. Rexroad or Mr. Tofias for election as directors. You may receive proxy solicitation materials from the Dissident Stockholders, including a proxy statement and proxy cards. We are not responsible for the accuracy of any information provided by or relating to the Dissident Stockholders or the nominees contained in any proxy solicitation materials filed or disseminated by, or on behalf of, the Dissident Stockholders or any other statements that the Dissident Stockholders may otherwise make.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE *FOR* THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ NOMINEES USING THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD.

THE BOARD ADDITIONALLY RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR PROPOSALS 2, 3 AND 4, and AGAINST PROPOSALS 5, 6 and 7, USING THE ENCLOSED GOLD PROXY CARD.

THE BOARD URGES YOU NOT TO SIGN OR RETURN OR VOTE ANY PROXY CARD SENT TO YOU BY THE DISSIDENT STOCKHOLDERS.

If you have previously signed a proxy card sent by the Dissident Stockholders, you have the right to change your vote by telephone or by Internet by following the instructions on the GOLD Proxy Card, or by completing, signing and dating the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card and mailing it in the postage pre-paid envelope provided. Only your latest dated proxy card will be counted. If you hold your shares in street name, please follow the voting instructions provided by your bank, broker or other nominee to change your vote. We urge you to disregard any proxy card sent to you by the Dissident Stockholders.

The proxy statement accompanying this notice provides a more complete description of the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to read the proxy statement carefully and in its entirety.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Ira Levy
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

Deer Park, New York
_____, 2016

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy statement and form of proxy are first being mailed to stockholders on or about _____, 2016.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on _____, 2016

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the accompanying Proxy Statement and our Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, are available free of charge at the “Investor Relations” portion of our website at <http://www.surgecomponents.com>.

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SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.
95 East Jefryn Blvd.
Deer Park, New York 11729

PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
[], 2016

This Proxy Statement, along with a GOLD proxy card and our 2015 Annual Report, is first being mailed to stockholders on or about _____, 2016

General Information

This proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”) is being furnished by the Board of Directors (the “Board” or the “Board of Directors”) of Surge Components, Inc. (“Surge” or the “Company”) in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at _____, on _____, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof (the “Annual Meeting”). The Annual Meeting is being held for the purposes set forth in this Proxy Statement. This Proxy Statement, the enclosed GOLD Proxy Card”), and the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 are first being mailed to stockholders on or about _____, 2016.

We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials both by sending you this full set of proxy materials, including a Notice of Annual Meeting, a GOLD Proxy Card and the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, and by notifying you of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement, GOLD Proxy Card and Annual Report to Stockholders for the Company’s fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 are available at []. In accordance with rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), the materials on this website are searchable, readable and printable, and the website does not have “cookies” or other tracking devices which identify visitors.

Under our governing documents, no other business may be raised by stockholders at the Annual Meeting unless proper notice has been given to us by the stockholders seeking to bring such business before the meeting. If any other

item or proposal properly comes before the Annual Meeting, the proxies received will be voted on such matter in accordance with the discretion of the proxy holders.

Voting Procedures

If you are a record holder, meaning your shares are registered in your own name, you may vote:

- (1) **By Internet:** Access: *www.okapivote.com/surge* and follow the simple instructions. You will be required to provide the unique control number printed on the **GOLD** Proxy Card to access your account and vote your shares.
- (2) **By Telephone:** Call 1(866) 494-4435 toll free from within the United States from any touch-tone telephone, and follow the instructions on your enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card.
- (3) **By Mail:** Complete, sign and date your enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card and mail it in the enclosed postage pre-paid envelope. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions.
- (4) **In Person at the Annual Meeting:** If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may deliver your completed **GOLD** Proxy Card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which we will provide to you at the meeting. You are encouraged to complete, sign and date the **GOLD** Proxy Card and mail it in the enclosed postage pre-paid envelope regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in “street name,” meaning they are held for your account by a broker, bank or other nominee, these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that nominee. The nominee holding for your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you may vote:

- (1) **Over the Internet:** You will receive instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee stating if they permit Internet voting and, if they do, explaining how to do so. You should follow those instructions.
- (2) **By Telephone:** You will receive instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee stating if they permit telephone voting and, if they do, explaining how to do so. You should follow those instructions.
- (3) **By Mail:** You will receive instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee explaining how you can vote your shares by mail. You should follow those instructions.
- (4) **In Person at the Annual Meeting:** You must contact your broker, bank or other nominee who holds your shares to obtain a “legal” proxy card and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting. **You will not be able to vote in person at the meeting unless you have a Legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee issued in your name giving you the right to vote your shares.**

Proxy Contest of Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D. Tofias

Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D. Tofias (together with their affiliates and related parties, the “Dissident Stockholders”) have nominated themselves as candidates for election as directors at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors **DOES NOT** endorse Mr. Rexroad or Mr. Tofias, and recommends that you vote **FOR** the election of each of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** each of the Board of Directors’ nominees for director on the enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card. Messrs. Rexroad and Mr. Tofias are **NOT** endorsed by our Board of Directors.

You may receive proxy solicitation materials from the Dissident Stockholders, including an opposition proxy statement and proxy card. **Our Board of Directors recommends that you disregard them along with any White Proxy Card you may receive.** We are not responsible for the accuracy of any information provided by or relating to the Dissident Stockholders or their nominees contained in any proxy solicitation materials filed or disseminated by, or on behalf of, Dissident Stockholders or any other statements that Dissident Stockholders may otherwise make. If you have already voted using the proxy card provided by Dissident Stockholders, you have the right to change your vote by completing, signing and dating the enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card and mailing it in the postage pre-paid envelope provided, or by voting by telephone or via the Internet by following the instructions provided on the enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card. Only the latest proxy you submit will be counted. If you vote against the Dissident Stockholders’ nominees using the proxy card provided by Dissident Stockholders, your vote will not be counted as a vote for the Board of Directors’ nominees, but will result in the revocation of any previous vote you may have cast on the Company’s **GOLD** Proxy Card. If you wish to vote pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Directors, you should disregard any proxy card that you receive other than the **GOLD** Proxy Card. **If you have any questions or need assistance voting, please call Okapi Partners, our proxy solicitor, at 1 (877)629-6357 or collect at (212) 297-0720.**

If you receive multiple Proxy Statements or **GOLD** Proxy Cards, your shares are likely registered differently or are in more than one account, such as individually and also jointly with your spouse. Please vote each and every **GOLD** Proxy Card or voting instruction form you receive. Since the Dissident Stockholders have submitted an alternative slate of directors, we will likely conduct multiple mailings prior to the Annual Meeting date to ensure stockholders have our latest proxy information and materials to vote. We will send you a new **GOLD** Proxy Card with each mailing, regardless of whether you have previously voted. The latest dated proxy you submit will be counted. **If you wish to vote as recommended by the Board of Directors, then you should only submit GOLD Proxy Cards.**

Proxy Card

The shares represented by any proxy card which is properly executed and received by the Company prior to or at the Annual Meeting (each, a “Conforming Proxy”) will be voted in accordance with the specifications made thereon. Conforming Proxies on a **GOLD** Proxy Card on which no specifications have been made by the stockholder will be voted in favor of the proposals described in the Proxy Statement. The Board of Directors is not aware of any matters that are expected to come before the Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. However, if any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the **GOLD** Proxy Card will vote the shares represented by each Conforming Proxy on a **GOLD** Proxy Card on those matters as instructed by the Board of Directors, or in the absence of express instructions from the Board of Directors, in accordance with their own best judgment. For information regarding the revocation of a Conforming Proxy, please see “Revocation of Proxies” on page 5 of this Proxy Statement.

Proof of Ownership Required for Attending the Annual Meeting in Person

You are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting only if you are a stockholder of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), as of the close of business on November 3, 2016, the record date set by the Board of Directors (“Record Date”), or hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record or a beneficial owner of Common Stock that is held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee, you will need to provide valid identification and proof of ownership to attend the Annual Meeting. This proof can be:

a brokerage statement or letter from a broker, bank or other nominee indicating ownership on the Record Date,

a proxy card, or

a valid, legal proxy provided by your broker, bank or other nominee.

Any holder of a proxy from a stockholder must present the proxy card, properly executed, and a copy of proof of ownership. Stockholders and proxy holders must also present a form of photo identification such as a driver’s license. We will be unable to admit anyone who fails to present identification or refuses to comply with our security procedures. No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags or packages will be permitted at the Annual Meeting. You are encouraged to vote by proxy regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

Quorum

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote, is necessary to constitute a quorum. Shares of Common Stock represented by Conforming Proxies will be counted as present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining a quorum without regard as to whether the proxy is marked as casting a vote for or against a proposal, withholding a vote or abstaining. Shares of Common Stock represented by Conforming Proxies that are voted on at least one matter coming before the Annual Meeting will also be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum, even if the beneficial owner's discretion has been withheld (a "broker non-vote") for voting on some or all other matters. For information regarding broker non-votes, please see "Revocation of Proxies" on page 5 of this Proxy Statement.

Required Vote

Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock.

Proposal 1, concerning the two directors to be elected, will require approval of a plurality of the votes cast. With plurality voting, the two nominees for director who receive the largest number of shares voted FOR will be elected, irrespective of the number or percentage of votes cast. Directors will be elected by a favorable vote of the plurality of shares of Common Stock present, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. You may either vote FOR or WITHHOLD authority to vote for the Company's director nominees. If you withhold authority to vote with respect to any nominee, your shares will be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, but will not be considered to have been voted FOR the director nominee and will result in such nominee receiving fewer votes. As a result of the Dissident Stockholders' intention to propose an alternative slate of director nominees, and assuming these nominees have not been withdrawn before we mail the Notice of Annual Meeting and this Proxy Statement to our stockholders, there will be more than two nominees. As a result, directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, meaning that the two candidates receiving the highest number of FOR votes will be elected. Broker non-votes are not deemed "votes cast" with respect to proposal 1 and therefore will have no effect on the vote.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINEES BY VOTING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINEES ON THE GOLD PROXY CARD. DO NOT COMPLETE OR RETURN A PROXY CARD FROM THE DISSIDENT STOCKHOLDERS, EVEN IF YOU VOTE WITHHOLD ON THEIR DIRECTOR NOMINEES. DOING SO MAY CANCEL ANY PREVIOUS VOTE YOU CAST ON THE COMPANY'S GOLD PROXY CARD.

Pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Nevada Law, each of proposals 2, 3, 4, 5 6 and 7 will require the affirmative "FOR" votes of a majority of the shares present, in person or by proxy, entitled to be voted thereon. You may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on Proposals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. If you abstain from voting on any of such proposals, your shares will nevertheless be counted as present for purposes of establishing a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against any of proposals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote for any of proposals 2, 3, 4, 5,6 and 7.

If your shares are registered in your name, your shares will not be voted unless you provide a proxy by Internet, telephone or mail, or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. If you hold shares through an account with a bank, broker, or other nominee, your shares will not be voted, except with respect to certain routine matters, unless you provide voting instructions. Broker non-votes, if any, are counted as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum but will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a proposal has been approved, except in the case of certain "routine" matters. Broker non-votes occur when brokers, banks and other nominees do not receive voting instructions from their customers, and the broker, bank or other nominee does not have discretionary voting authority with respect to a proposal. If you hold shares through a broker, bank or other nominee and you do not give instructions as to how to vote, under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), your broker, bank or other nominee may have authority to vote your shares on certain routine matters but not on non-routine matters. If the nominee that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, the nominee that holds your shares will inform us that it does not have the authority to vote on such matter with respect to your shares. Typically, "non-routine" matters include the election of directors, the advisory proposal on executive compensation, and the adoption of the rights plan, and "routine" matters include ratification of the appointment of independent auditors. However, because the Dissident Stockholders have filed proxy materials to contest the election of the Company's director nominees, all of the proposals in this proxy statement will be non-routine matters, and therefore, brokers will not be permitted to exercise discretionary authority regarding any of the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. As such, your broker will not be permitted to vote your share with respect to any proposals at the Annual Meeting without your instructions as to how to vote. Therefore, please instruct your broker how to vote your shares on these matters promptly. Broker non-votes will not be counted for purposes of the election of directors (proposal 1) and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote for proposals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. We will publish final voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days from the date of the Annual Meeting.

Solicitation of Proxies

We are required by law to convene an Annual Meeting of our stockholders at which directors are elected. Because our shares are widely held, it would be impractical for our stockholders to meet physically in sufficient numbers to hold a meeting. Accordingly, proxies are solicited from our stockholders. United States federal securities laws require us to send you this Proxy Statement and specify the information required to be contained in it. This solicitation of proxies is being made by the Board of Directors of the Company and all expenses of this solicitation will be borne by the Company. These costs will include, among other items, the expense of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing the proxy materials to stockholders of record and beneficial owners, and reimbursements paid to brokerage firms, banks and other fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to stockholders and obtaining beneficial owner's voting instructions. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone. We may also solicit proxies by email from stockholders who are our employees or who previously requested to receive proxy materials electronically. The Company has retained Okapi Partners LLC ("Okapi") to solicit proxies. Under our agreement with Okapi, Okapi will receive a fee of up to \$75,000 plus the reimbursement of reasonable expenses. Okapi expects that approximately 24 of its employees will assist in the solicitation. Okapi will solicit proxies by mail, telephone, facsimile or email. Our aggregate expenses, including those of Okapi, related to our solicitation of proxies, excluding salaries and wages of our regular employees, are expected to be approximately \$[], of which approximately \$[] has been incurred as of the date of this Proxy Statement. Appendix A sets forth information relating to our directors and director nominees as well as certain of our officers and employees who are considered "participants" in our solicitation under the rules of the SEC by reason of their position as directors and director nominees of the Company or because they may be soliciting proxies on our behalf.

Revocation of Proxies

A stockholder of record who has executed and delivered a Conforming Proxy may revoke such Conforming Proxy at any time before the Annual Meeting by (i) timely completing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, (ii) voting on a later date by using the Internet or by telephone, (iii) delivering a written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary of the Company prior to the Annual Meeting or (iv) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Only a stockholder's latest proxy submitted prior to the Annual Meeting will be counted. A stockholder's attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke such stockholder's proxy unless such stockholder votes at the Annual Meeting or specifically requests in writing that his or her prior proxy be revoked.

If you have previously submitted a proxy card sent to you by the Dissident Stockholders, you may change your vote by completing and returning the enclosed **GOLD** Proxy Card in the accompanying postage pre-paid envelope, or by voting by telephone or via the Internet by following the instructions on the **GOLD** Proxy Card. Submitting a proxy card sent to you by the Dissident Stockholders will revoke votes you have previously made via the Company's **GOLD** Proxy Card.

If you are a beneficial owner, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker in accordance with such broker's procedures.

Other Matters

The Board of Directors maintains a process for stockholders or other interested parties to communicate with the Board or any Board member. Stockholders or interested parties who desire to communicate with the Board should send any communication to the Company's Corporate Secretary, Surge Components, Inc., 95 East Jefryn Blvd., Deer Park, New York 11729. Each communication should specify the applicable director or directors to be contacted as well as the general topic of the communication. We may initially receive and process communications before forwarding them to the applicable director. The Corporate Secretary will forward such communication to the full Board of Directors or to any individual director or directors to whom the communication is directed unless the communication is determined to be threatening or illegal, uses inappropriate expletive language or is similarly inappropriate, in which case the Corporate Secretary has the authority to discard the communication or take appropriate legal action regarding the communication.

If you have any questions or require any assistance with voting your shares, or if you need additional copies of the proxy materials, please contact:

Okapi Partners LLC
1212 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Stockholders May Call Toll-Free: (877) 629-6357
Banks & Brokers May Call Collect: (212) 297-0720

Email: info@okapipartners.com

BACKGROUND TO THE SOLICITATION

On September 15, 2014, Mr. Rexroad filed a Schedule 13D with the SEC disclosing his beneficial ownership of 506,613 shares of the Common Stock.

On April 15, 2015, Mr. Rexroad filed a Schedule 13D amendment to disclose a beneficial ownership of 608,883 shares of the Common Stock.

On May 5, 2015, Mr. Tofias sent a letter to the Board requesting to be nominated to the Board.

On October 9, 2015, the Board met with Mr. Tofias to discuss his request to be nominated to the Board.

On December 20, 2015, Mr. Levy informed Mr. Tofias that the Board had declined to add Mr. Tofias as a director.

On January 4, 2016, Mr. Tofias filed a Schedule 13D with the SEC disclosing his beneficial ownership of 1,568,123 shares of the Common Stock.

On March 14, 2016, Mr. Tofias sent a letter to the Board stating his view that the Common Stock was undervalued and urging the Board to consider selling the Company. On March 16, 2016, Mr. Tofias filed a Schedule 13D amendment to disclose his delivery of the letter.

On June 15, 2016, Mr. Tofias, through his attorney, submitted a proposal to the Company pursuant to Rule 14a-8 ("Rule 14a-8") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), proposing that the Board take the necessary steps to change the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation from Nevada to Delaware. On June 16, 2016, Mr. Tofias filed a Schedule 13D amendment to disclose his delivery of that letter.

On June 21, 2016, Mr. Tofias sent a letter to each of Mr. Gary Jacobs, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Steven J. Lubman, Vice President, Secretary and Director. In his letter to Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Tofias requested certain information on the Company's independent auditor, Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP ("Seligson"). In his letter to Mr. Lubman, Mr. Tofias demanded copies of the meeting minutes of the Board and its committees and subcommittees

from 2012 till 2016.

On June 29, 2016, Mr. Rexroad, through his attorney, submitted to Messrs. Levy and Lubman a proposal pursuant to Rule 14a-8 proposing that the Board take the necessary steps to remove the classification of the Board and to require that directors be elected on an annual basis. On the same date, Mr. Rexroad filed a Schedule 13D amendment to disclose his delivery of that letter.

On July 1, 2016, Mr. Tofias sent a letter to The Corporation Trust Company, the Company's registered agent in Nevada, demanding inspection of the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws and a copy of the Company's stock ledger then in the Company's possession.

On July 12, 2016, Mr. Levy sent Mr. Tofias a letter in response to Mr. Tofias's June 21, 2016 letter to Mr. Lubman. Mr. Levy explained that the Company could not provide Mr. Tofias with the requested minutes since they are confidential information and cannot be disclosed to select stockholders under the U.S. securities laws.

On July 19, 2016, Mr. Levy sent Mr. Tofias a letter in response to Mr. Tofias's July 1, 2016 letter to The Corporation Trust Company. Mr. Levy fulfilled Mr. Tofias's requests on the inspection of the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws. Regarding Mr. Tofias's request for the Company's stock ledger, Mr. Levy urged Mr. Tofias to provide an affidavit as required by Nevada law.

On July 27, 2016, Mr. Tofias submitted to Mr. Levy an affidavit in reply to Mr. Levy's letter dated July 19, 2016.

On July 31, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad, Tofias, Levy and Jacobs held a telephonic meeting during which Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias expressed their view that the Company should be sold. Mr. Levy expressed a desire for the Company to remain public and potentially repurchase the shares of Common Stock held by Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias.

On August 4, 2016, Mr. Tofias sent another letter to Mr. Jacobs repeating his previous demand for information about Seligson and also raising a further question about the nature of the services that Seligson was providing to the Company.

On August 19, 2016, Mr. Jacobs sent Mr. Tofias a letter providing detailed information about Seligson and its services to the Company.

On August 25, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias delivered a notice to the Company (the "Nomination Letter"). The Nomination Letter to nominate Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias as candidates for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting. In addition, the notice submitted the following proposals for a stockholder vote at the Annual Meeting: (i) The Board take all necessary steps (other than any steps that must be taken by stockholders) to declassify the Board and require all directors to be elected annually and (ii) any bylaw amendments adopted by the Board without stockholder approval since February 18, 2016 be repealed, effective as of stockholder approval of this proposal.

On August 25, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias, through their attorney, delivered a letter to Mr. Lubman repeating Mr. Tofias's previous request for the Company's stock ledger. On that same date, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias sent a letter to The Corporation Trust Company, which made a similar request for the Company's stock ledger and related stockholder list materials.

On August 25, 2016, Mr. Lubman delivered a copy of the Company's stock ledger to Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias.

On August 26, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias jointly filed a Schedule 13D disclosing their delivery of the Nomination Letter.

On August 30, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias, through their attorney, delivered a letter to Mr. Lubman demanding, among others additional information about the Company's stockholders.

On September 1, 2016, the Company's counsel, Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP ("EGS"), delivered a letter to Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias explaining that the Company had already provided all of the information that Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias were entitled to under Nevada law.

On September 4, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias sent a letter to Mr. Jacobs demanding additional information about Seligson.

On September 7, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias issued an open letter to the Company's stockholders regarding the Company's corporate governance and performance.

On September 15, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias met with Mr. Levy and Alan Plafker, a member of the Board. Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias reiterated their belief that the Board should pursue a sale of the Company. Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias also discussed the possibility of Board representation and of a significant return of capital to stockholders. No specific proposal to resolve the proxy contest was made by Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias.

On September 21, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias's attorney delivered a letter to EGS objecting to the arguments made by EGS in its September 1, 2016 letter. Further, the letter demanded that the Company provide a list of non-objecting beneficial owners then in its possession.

On September 27, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias filed a preliminary proxy statement with the SEC regarding the Annual Meeting.

On September 28, 2016, EGS sent a letter to Mr. John G. Grau, the president of InvestorCom. The letter objected to InvestorCom's employment by Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias to solicit proxies for the Annual Meeting. InvestorCom served as the Company's proxy solicitor for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders and is in possession of confidential company information.

On September 28, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias issued a press release announcing the filing of their preliminary proxy statement and their intention to solicit proxies in favor of their proposals.

On October 5, 2016, Insync Outsourcing Corporation ("Insync"), a company that provides information technology consulting services for InvestorCom, emailed EGS electronic records that were in InvestorCom's possession relating to the Company.

On October 6, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias issued a public letter to the Company's stockholders. The letter stated their view that the Company should be sold.

On October 7, 2016, EGS sent a letter to InvestorCom demanding that InvestorCom immediately resign its engagement with Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias due to the conflict of interest caused by InvestorCom's possession of the Company's confidential information.

On October 7, 2016, the Company filed a preliminary proxy statement with the SEC regarding the Annual Meeting.

On October 7, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias filed a revised preliminary proxy statement with the SEC regarding the Annual Meeting.

On October 10, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias issued a press release criticizing the Company's adoption of a stockholder rights plan that, according to the Company, was designed to protect certain tax benefits of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards.

On October 12, 2016, Messrs. Rexroad and Tofias filed a revised preliminary proxy statement with the SEC regarding the Annual Meeting.

On October 13, 2016, InvestorCom emailed to EGS an executed and notarized certification of a principal executive of Insync. The certification attests that Insync erased all confidential information in InvestorCom's possession from InvestorCom's computer and electronic machines and servers.

Proposal No. 1:

Election of Directors

Our board of directors is classified into the following three classes:

Name	Class	Term Expires
Ira Levy	Class A	Nominee in 2016 for term ending in 2019
Steven J. Lubman	Class A	Nominee in 2016 for term ending in 2019
Alan Plafker	Class B	2018
Martin Novick	Class B	2018
Lawrence Chariton	Class C	2017
Gary Jacobs	Class C	2017

The current Class A directors are Ira Levy and Steven J. Lubman and their terms expire at the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as their successors are duly elected and qualified.

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to elect each of Ira Levy and Steven J. Lubman as Class A directors, each to hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board has nominated each of Ira Levy and Steven J. Lubman, who each currently serve as a director, to stand for reelection at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Levy is our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and President and Mr. Lubman is our Vice President and Secretary.

The basic responsibility of a Company director is to exercise his or her business judgment prudently and act in a manner that he or she believes in good faith to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board consider individuals who have records for leadership and success in their areas of activity and who will make meaningful contributions to the Board. Nominees for director are selected on the basis of Board experience, character, integrity, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, business background, as well as an understanding of the Company's business environment.

We believe that each of the director nominees bring these qualifications in a positive manner to our Board of Directors. Moreover, the director nominees provide our Board with a complement of specific business skills,

experience and perspectives.

We have been advised by each of Mr. Levy and Mr. Lubman that they are willing to be named as a nominee and each is willing to continue to serve as a director if elected. If some unexpected occurrence should make necessary, in the discretion of the Board, the substitution of some other person for the nominees, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote for the election of such other person as may be designated by the Board.

Conforming Proxies on a GOLD Proxy Card held on the Record Date that are returned will be voted, unless otherwise specified, in favor of the nominees for the Class A directors named below. Each of the nominees has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected, but should any nominee be unable to serve or decline to serve for good cause (which event is not anticipated) the persons named in the GOLD Proxy Card intend to vote for such substitute nominee or nominees as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may recommend and that the Board of Directors may nominate. If any such substitute nominee(s) are designated, we will file an amended proxy statement and GOLD Proxy Card that, as applicable, identifies the substitute nominee(s), discloses that such nominee(s) have consented to being named in the revised proxy statement and to serve if elected, and includes biographical and other information about such nominee(s) as required by the rules of the SEC.

Class A Nominees

Ira Levy has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer and director since our inception in November 1981, and as our Chief Financial Officer since March 2010. From 1976 to 1981, Mr. Levy was employed by Capar Components Corp., an importer and supplier of capacitor and resistor products. Mr. Levy has served on the board of trustees of the Bellmore Jewish Center since 2002 and served as its president from 2006 to 2008. From 2000 to 2004, he served as a member of the board of trustees of METNY, the governing body of the Conservative movement of Judaism for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Mr. Levy studied Business Management at Hofstra University. Mr. Levy's experience in, and knowledge of, the electronics components business led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Steven J. Lubman has served as our Vice President, Secretary and a director since our inception in November 1981. In June 1988, Mr. Lubman founded Challenge Electronics, a division of the Company. From 1980 through 1981, he served as the sales manager for NIC Components Corp., a division of Nu Horizons Electronics Corp., a distributor of electronic components which was acquired by Arrow Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: ARW) in January 2011. From 1976 through 1980, Mr. Lubman served as both an inside and then outside salesperson for Capar Components Corp., a division of Diplomat Electronics Inc., a broad line distributor of electronic components including integrated circuits, diodes, transistors, and capacitor products. Mr. Lubman's more than 35 years of experience in, and knowledge of the electronics components business, led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Required Vote

Each nominee shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in the election by the holders of the Common Stock represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, meaning that the two candidates receiving the highest number of FOR votes will be elected. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a **GOLD** Proxy Card will be voted FOR each of the nominees. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS USE THE GOLD PROXY CARD TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF MR. LEVY AND MR. LUBMAN AS A CLASS A DIRECTOR.

Continuing Directors

Biographical and other information with respect to all members of the Board of Directors whose current terms will continue after the Annual Meeting is set forth below:

Class C Directors — Current Term Expires at the 2017 Annual Meeting

Alan Plafker has served as a director since June 2001. Since July 2000, Mr. Plafker has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Member Brokerage Service LLC, a credit union service organization owned by Melrose Credit Union, and also serves as director of business services for the credit union. From January 1993 to July 2000, he served as a member of credit union's board of directors and supervisory committee. Mr. Plafker has more than 35 years of management experience in the insurance and credit union industries. He is a New York State licensed insurance agent and broker. Mr. Plafker has earned certification as a Certified Professional Insurance Agent from the AIMS Society and earned the CIC designation from the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. He has also earned the CUBLP (Credit Union Business Lending Professional) designation from the CUNA Business Lending Certification Institute. In addition, he is a past President and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Professional Insurance Agents Association of New York State, and currently serves as Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors for the New York Independent Livery Drivers Benefit Fund, a New York State benefit fund providing injury benefits for livery drivers, to comply with the Workers' Compensation Board regulations. Mr. Plafker received a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Adelphi University. Mr. Plafker's experience in the insurance industry and knowledge of financial matters led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Martin Novick is a real estate investor and was appointed to the Board on September 21, 2016 to fill a vacancy resulting from the death of David Siegel. He served as a vice president of Audiovox Electronic Corp., an international distributor and value-added service provider in the accessory, mobile and consumer electronics industries, from 1969 to 2008. He previously served on the board of directors of Audiovox Electronic Corp., Nu Horizons Electronics Corp., a distributor of electronic components which was acquired by Arrow Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: ARW) in January 2011 and Arielle Electronics, a company that sold Goldtooth and wireless products. Mr. Novick holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from New York University. Mr. Novick's significant experience in the electronics industry and as a director of a public company led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Class B Directors — Current Term Expires at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Lawrence Chariton has served as a director since 2001. Since May 2008, he has served as a consultant to Great American Jewelry, a retail jewelry firm. He served for 32 years as Chief Operating Officer of Linda Shop Jewelry, a retail jewelry firm. Mr. Chariton previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of New Island Hospital in Bethpage New York and subsequently served as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph Hospital from February 2007 to December 2010. Mr. Chariton served on the Board of Directors of Jewish National Fund of Long Island. Mr. Chariton has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Hofstra University. Mr. Chariton's experience running a small business led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Gary M. Jacobs has served as a director since July 2003. Since October 2014, Mr. Jacobs has served as President of Bar Bakers, LLC, a commercial food manufacturer of nutritional bars, cookies and other baked goods. From March 2011 to October 2014, he served as a consultant to several companies, providing advisory services in the areas of turn-around and financial and operational efficiencies. Mr. Jacobs served as the Chief Financial Officer of Chem Rx from June 2008 until March 2011. From May 2005 to June 2008, Mr. Jacobs was the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Gold Force International, Ltd., a supplier of gold, silver and pearl jewelry to U.S. retail chains, and Karat Platinum LLC, a developer of an alternative to platinum. From July 2003 to April 2005, Mr. Jacobs served as President of The Innovative Companies, LLC, a supplier of natural stone. From October 2001 to February 2003, Mr. Jacobs served as Executive Vice President of Operations and Corporate Secretary of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., a food and personal care products company. Mr. Jacobs also served as Executive Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. from September 1998 to October 2001. Prior to that, Mr. Jacobs was the Chief Financial Officer of Graham Field Health Products, Inc., a manufacturing and distribution company. Mr. Jacobs served for 13 years as a member of the audit staff of Ernst & Young LLP, where he attained the position of senior manager. He is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting from Adelphi University. Mr. Jacobs's experience as a certified public accountant and as a chief financial officer led to the conclusion that he should serve on our board.

Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons

The following is a description of transactions with our executive officers, directors or 5% stockholders during the past two years. We believe that all of the transactions described below were made on terms no less favorable to us than could have been obtained from unaffiliated third parties. All future related party transactions will be approved by our audit committee or a majority of our independent directors who do not have an interest in the transaction and who will have access, at our expense, to our independent legal counsel.

Surge and Challenge both lease their current executive offices from Great American Realty of Jefryn Blvd., LLC, an entity owned equally by Ira Levy, our Chief Executive Officer, President and Secretary, Steven Lubman, our vice president, and an individual who is not affiliated with us. Our lease is through September 2020 and our annual

minimum rent payments were approximately \$249,276 and \$250,026 for fiscal 2014 and 2015, respectively, which reflect market rates.

Procedures for Review and Approval of Transactions with Related Persons

Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all related party transactions as defined under Item 404 of Regulation S-K, after reviewing each such transaction for potential conflicts of interests and other improprieties.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and holders of more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in the ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. Such persons are required to furnish us copies of all Section 16(a) filings.

Based solely upon a review of the copies of the forms furnished to us, we believe that our officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of our common stock complied with all applicable filing requirements during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 except for one late Form 4 for each of Messrs. Chariton, Jacobs, Plafker, Siegel and Tofias.

Proposal No. 2:

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

As required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-21 promulgated thereunder, we are seeking an advisory, non-binding stockholder vote with respect to compensation awarded to our named executive officers. We hold stockholder votes on executive compensation on an annual basis until our next stockholder advisory vote on the frequency of say-on-pay votes.

Our executive compensation program and compensation paid to our named executive officers are described in this Proxy Statement. Our compensation programs are overseen by the Board and our Compensation Committee and reflect our philosophy to pay all of our employees, including our named executive officers, in ways that support three primary business objectives:

Attract and retain the best talent.

Support our culture of performance.

Align employee interests with long-term stockholder interests in the overall success of the Company.

To help achieve these objectives, we structure our named executive officers' compensation to reward the achievement of short-term and long-term strategic and operational goals.

The Board believes that the Company's executive compensation programs use appropriate structures and sound pay practices that are effective in achieving the Company's core objectives and goals. Accordingly, the Board is asking you to vote on the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of the Company hereby approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, including the compensation tables and related narrative discussion.

Vote Required

Approval of proposal 2 will require the approval of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a **GOLD** Proxy Card will be voted FOR proposal 2. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

The advisory vote on executive compensation solicited by this proposal is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers, which is disclosed elsewhere in this Proxy Statement. The vote is advisory, and therefore is not binding on the Company or the Board in any way. Furthermore, because this non-binding, advisory resolution primarily relates to the compensation of our named executive officers that have already been paid or contractually committed, there is generally no opportunity for us to revisit these decisions. However, the Board values the opinions of our stockholders and will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation policies and decisions.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS USE THE GOLD PROXY CARD TO VOTE *FOR* PROPOSAL 2.

Proposal No. 3:

Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee has appointed Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016. Although this appointment does not require ratification, the Board has directed that the appointment of Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP be submitted to stockholders for ratification due to the significance of their appointment to us. If stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP, the Audit Committee will consider the appointment of another independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016.

Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015. A representative of Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting.

Fees Billed by Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm During Fiscal 2014 and 2015

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to us for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2014 and 2015 by Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP:

	2014	2015
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 151,000	\$ 151,000
Tax Fees (2)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000

Audit Fees represent the aggregate fees for professional services for the audit of our annual financial statements (1) and review of financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.

(2) Tax fees represent the aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Pursuant to its charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our principal independent accountants on a case-by-case basis. Our Audit Committee has established a policy regarding approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our principal independent accountants. Our Audit Committee pre-approves these services by category and service. Our Audit Committee has preapproved all of the services provided by our principal independent accountants in the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016.

Vote Required

Approval of proposal 3 will require the approval of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a **GOLD** Proxy Card will be voted FOR proposal 3. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS USE THE GOLD PROXY CARD TO VOTE *FOR* PROPOSAL 3.

Proposal No. 4:

RATIFICATION OF THE NOL RIGHTS PLAN

The Board is asking stockholders to ratify the stockholder NOL rights plan in the form of a Section 382 Rights Agreement between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the “NOL Rights Plan”), which was adopted by our Board, effective October 7, 2016, in an effort to protect the Company’s valuable income tax net operating loss carryforwards (“NOLs”) and thereby protect stockholder value. Failure to obtain stockholder ratification will result in the automatic termination of the NOL Rights Plan.

Background and Reasons for the NOL Rights Plan

As of August 31, 2016, the Company had cumulative NOLs of approximately \$10.3 million. These NOLs can be used to offset future taxable income of the Company. While we cannot accurately predict the amount and timing of our future taxable income, we believe that our NOLs are a valuable asset and that it is in the Company’s best interest to attempt to preserve their use.

Our ability to use the NOLs would be substantially limited if we experience an “ownership change” under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code and related U.S. Treasury regulations. In general, an ownership change occurs if the Company’s stockholders who own 5% or more of the Common Stock increase their collective ownership by more than 50 percentage points within a rolling three-year period. The Board adopted the NOL Rights Plan to reduce the likelihood of an unintended “ownership change” occurring through acquisition of the Common Stock. Specifically, the NOL Rights Plan is intended to act as a deterrent to (i) any person or group acquiring 4.99% or more of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock (an “Acquiring Person”) without the approval of the Board and (ii) any existing stockholder who owns 4.99% or more of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock as of October 7, 2016 from acquiring any additional shares of Common Stock. Stockholders who own 4.99% or more of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock as of October 7, 2016 will not trigger the NOL Rights Plan so long as they do not (i) acquire any additional shares of Common Stock or (ii) fall under 4.99% ownership of Common Stock and then re-acquire additional shares so that they own 4.99% or more of the Common Stock. The NOL Rights Plan does not exempt any future acquisitions of Common Stock by such persons. Any Rights held by an Acquiring Person are void and may not be exercised. Observers of NOL rights plans could contend that such plans can have the effect of insulating management from a change of control. We believe the NOL Rights Plan protects stockholder value by protecting substantial NOLs. Under the NOL Rights Plan, stockholders may convene special meetings to exempt specific bidders from the terms of the NOL Rights Plan. The Board is furthermore empowered to exempt any person from the terms of the NOL Rights Plan if the Board believes that doing so is in the best interests of the Company or if the Company’s advisors conclude that additional acquisition by a person would not create a significant risk of material adverse tax consequences to the Company.

Description of the NOL Rights Plan

The Rights. Effective October 7, 2016, the Board authorized the issuance of one preferred share purchase right (a “Right”) for each outstanding share of our Common Stock to our stockholders of record as of October 17, 2016 (the “Rights Record Date”). When the Rights become exercisable, each Right would initially represent the right to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share at a price of \$5.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (the “Exercise Price”), subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the NOL Rights Plan. If issued, each one-thousandth of a share of Series D Preferred Stock would give its holder approximately the same dividend, liquidation and voting rights as does one share of the Common Stock. However, prior to exercise, a Right does not give its holder any rights as a stockholder, including any dividend, voting or liquidation rights.

Exercisability. The Rights are not exercisable until the earlier of (i) the tenth business day after a public announcement that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person and (ii) the tenth business day after the commencement of a tender or exchange offer by a person or group for 4.99% or more of the Common Stock (the “Distribution Date”).

Until the Distribution Date, our Common Stock certificates will evidence the Rights. The surrender or transfer of any certificates for shares of Common Stock (or book entry shares of Common Stock) outstanding as of the Rights Record Date will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the underlying shares of Common Stock represented by the certificate or registered in book entry form. After the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights (“Rights Certificates”) will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Stock and such Rights Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

Exchange. At any time after any person or group becomes an Acquiring Person, the Board may exchange all or part of the then outstanding Rights (other than Rights owned by such Acquiring Person which will have become void) for shares of Common Stock at an exchange ratio of two shares of Common Stock per Right. However, the Board will have no power to effect such exchange after any Acquiring Person becomes the beneficial owner of 50% or more of the outstanding Common Stock.

Redemption. At any time before an Acquiring Person becomes such, the Board may redeem all, but not less than all, of the outstanding Rights at a price of \$0.001 per Right (the “Redemption Price”) payable, at the option of the Company, in cash, shares of Common Stock or any other form of consideration as the Board will determine. The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

Qualifying Offer Exemption. In the event the Company receives a Qualifying Offer (as defined below) and the Board has not redeemed the outstanding Rights or exempted such Qualifying Offer from the terms of the NOL Rights Plan or called a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of voting on whether or not to exempt such Qualifying Offer from the terms of NOL Rights Plan, in each case, by the close of business on the date that is 90 days following the commencement of the Qualifying Offer, the holders of record (or their duly authorized proxy) of at least 20% of the Common Stock then outstanding may submit to the Board a written demand directing the Board to submit to a vote of stockholders at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Company a resolution exempting such Qualifying Offer from the provisions of the NOL Rights Agreement. A special meeting demand must be delivered to the secretary of the Company and be signed by the demanding stockholders or their authorized agent. Subject to the requirements of applicable law, the Board may take a position in favor of or opposed to the adoption of the Qualifying Offer or no position with respect thereto, as it determines to be appropriate in the exercise of its fiduciary duties. At such special meeting, at which a quorum is present, a vote of majority of the shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the record date for such meeting is required to exempt the Qualifying Offer from the terms of the NOL Rights Plan. For purposes of the NOL Rights Plan, “Qualifying Offer” means an offer determined by the Board in good faith to have the following characteristics, among others: (i) a fully financed all-cash tender offer or an exchange offer offering shares of Common Stock of the offeror, or a combination thereof, in each such case for any and all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company at the same per-share consideration; (ii) commenced within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) of the Exchange Act; and (iii) in writing and irrevocable until at least the later of (A) the date the Board redeems the outstanding Rights or exempts such offer from the terms of the NOL Rights Plan; (B) if no valid demand by stockholders for a special meeting with respect to such offer has been received, 10 business days following the 90 days that follow the commencement of the Qualifying Offer; and (C) if a special meeting with respect to such offer is duly requested by stockholders and convened, 10 business days after the date of such special meeting.

Expiration. The Rights will expire prior to the earliest of: (i) October 7, 2019, (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed or exchanged by the Company, (iii) the closing of certain merger or other acquisition transaction involving the Company at which time the Rights are terminated, (iv) the close of business on the first day after the Annual Meeting, if stockholder ratification has not been obtained at the Annual Meeting, (v) the close of business on the effective date of the repeal of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, if the Board determines that the NOL Rights Plan is no longer necessary or desirable for preserving the NOLs, and (vi) the Close of Business on the first day of a taxable year of the Company to which the Board determines that no NOLs are available to be carried forward.

Anti-Dilution Provisions. The Board may adjust the Exercise Price, the number of shares of Series D Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable from time to time to prevent dilution as a result of certain events, including among others, a stock dividend, a forward or reverse stock split or a reclassification of the Series D Preferred Stock.

Amendments. Prior to the Redemption Date, the Company may supplement or amend the NOL Rights Plan in any manner without the approval of the holders of the Rights. From and after the Redemption Date, no amendment can adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Rights.

The foregoing is a summary of the terms of the NOL Rights Plan. The summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the NOL Rights Plan, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC by the Company on October 7, 2016. You may also read the complete Rights Plan at Appendix B attached to this Proxy Statement. **Please read the NOL Rights Plan in its entirety carefully, as the discussion above is only a summary.**

Vote Required

Ratification of the NOL Rights Plan by proposal 4 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a **GOLD** Proxy Card will be voted FOR proposal 4. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS USE THE GOLD PROXY CARD TO VOTE *FOR* PROPOSAL 4.

Proposal No. 5:

ADVISORY Stockholder Proposal Regarding Changing Our Jurisdiction of Incorporation

We have received a non-binding stockholder proposal from Michael Tofias, one of the Dissident Stockholders, for presentation at the Annual Meeting. ***The Board opposes the stockholder proposal for the reasons stated following the proposal.***

The Proposal and the Proponent's Statement in Support

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of the Company urge the Board of Directors of the Company to take the necessary steps (excluding those that may be taken only by stockholders) to change the Company's jurisdiction of incorporation to Delaware.

Supporting Statement

The Company at present is incorporated under the laws of Nevada. Professor Michal Barzuza, writing in the Virginia Law Review, has called Nevada's corporate law "shockingly lax." For example, Nevada law allows officers and directors to avoid liabilities that are considered almost axiomatic, such as those for breaches of the duty of loyalty, acts or omissions not in good faith, and transactions from which an officer or a director derived an improper personal benefit. A leading corporate law treatise states flatly that "a lot of con artists also find Nevada an ideal place to hide behind their corporate 'shells,' to the point that many professional investors view with suspicion any Nevada corporation that has its mailing address in another state."

The proposal recommends reincorporation of the Company in Delaware. Delaware is by far the most popular jurisdiction of incorporation for public companies. A majority of the corporations listed on U.S. stock exchanges are incorporated in Delaware, as are 64% of the corporations that make up the Fortune 500. Research has shown that Delaware firms are worth significantly more than similar firms incorporated elsewhere.

There are excellent reasons for Delaware's success, including a corporate statute that provides corporate efficiencies while retaining protections for stockholders and is regularly updated, and an efficient and professional office of the Secretary of State, which maintains state corporate records. Particularly notable is Delaware's Court of Chancery, a specialized court that focuses on corporate issues and can provide swift decisions. The Court of Chancery is one of the most highly respected trial courts of any kind in the United States. It has produced a large body of case law, and its

consistency and professionalism results in a predictability that is not available with less experienced courts.

A head-to-head comparison shows other advantages to Delaware:

Delaware has strong appraisal rights for stockholders, which in the recent case of Dell resulted in a 28% premium over the price negotiated in a merger. Nevada's appraisal rights are less extensive and impose more procedural barriers to stockholders.

Delaware provides stockholders with broad inspection rights, while Nevada rights are more limited.

Nevada imposes extensive antitakeover restrictions that can reduce stockholders' ability to realize value through a corporate sale.

While costs can be somewhat higher in Delaware (I estimate currently approximately \$6,000 per year), I believe the benefits to stockholders far exceed this difference in cost.

Accordingly, I believe it is time for the Company to reconsider its 2010 reincorporation in Nevada and seek to move instead to a more shareholder-friendly state. As Professor Barzuza has written, "it would seem as though Delaware is racing toward the top and Nevada is racing toward the bottom."

Board of Directors' Statement in Opposition

The Board recommends a vote AGAINST the proposal because of the substantial costs to us and our shareholders which would result from reincorporation.

The Board believes that reincorporating the Company in Delaware would involve substantial expense to the Company by requiring investment in management time and advisors' fees that would be better spent on the Company's business affairs. The Board is particularly averse to incurring such additional fees in light of expenses that have been related to preparing for this year's contested annual meeting. (See "**Solicitation of Proxies**" at page 3.) Management and advisors would need to investigate the extent to which reincorporation would require us to obtain consents from, or provide notices to, third parties under certain of our agreements. Management and advisors would also need to prepare various documents and filings with governmental bodies, resulting in further administrative and advisors' costs to the Company.

Furthermore, the Company would be subject to additional state taxes if it reincorporates in Delaware, including the annual Delaware franchise tax, even though the Company has no operations and no physical presence in Delaware. These added annual expenses, in the Board's view, would result in no additional benefit or value to the Company. The Board believes that management's time and resources should remain focused on its efforts to continue to create value for all stockholders.

For the reasons cited above, we believe that there are significant advantages for us and our stockholders to remain incorporated in Nevada and that the advantages outweigh any perceived enhancement of stockholder rights that could result from reincorporation in Delaware.

Vote Required

Approval of proposal 5 will require the approval of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a GOLD Proxy Card will be voted AGAINST proposal 5. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE *AGAINST* THE ADOPTION OF THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL.

Proposal No. 6:

ADVISORY Stockholder Proposal Regarding a Declassified Board Structure

We have received a non-binding stockholder proposal from the Concerned Stockholders of Surge Components, Inc. (the “Concerned Stockholders”) for presentation at the Annual Meeting. ***The Board opposes the stockholder proposal for the reasons stated following the proposal.***

The Proposal and the Proponent’s Statement in Support

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of the Company urge the Board to take all necessary steps (other than any steps that must be taken by stockholders) to eliminate the classification of the Board and to require that all directors be elected on an annual basis.

Supporting Statement

The Concerned Stockholders acknowledge that there are circumstances in which it may be beneficial for a company to have a classified board of directors. For example, a classified board reduces a company’s vulnerability to certain potentially abusive takeover tactics by encouraging potential acquirers to negotiate at arms-length with the company’s board of directors.

The Concerned Stockholders believe that a classified board reduces a board’s accountability to stockholders because directors only stand for election once every three years.

The Concerned Stockholders believe that the costs imposed by stockholders from a classified board structure more than outweigh any benefits.

The Concerned Stockholders believe that, as a matter of good corporate governance, all directors should be elected annually. The Concerned Stockholders recommend that you vote “FOR” this proposal. The Concerned Stockholders intend to vote their shares of Common Stock “FOR” this proposal.

Board of Directors' Statement in Opposition

Our Board believes stockholders should vote AGAINST the proposal for the following reasons:

The Board has concluded that, for the reasons described below, it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to maintain a classified Board with three separate classes of directors elected to three-year staggered terms.

We believe that the three-year staggered terms of directors provide stability and continuity in our leadership. Staggered terms are designed to ensure that at any given time, the Board has a majority of members who, by serving for several years, have developed a deeper understanding of the breadth and nature of our business. Directors who have considerable experience with and knowledge of our business are better equipped to provide the oversight and make the decisions required by a board of directors, and are, correspondingly, more capable of engaging in the long-term strategic planning that is critical to a financial institution's success.

We believe that a classified board of directors can play an important role in protecting stockholders against an unsolicited takeover proposal at an unfair price. If our Board was not classified, a potential acquirer whose nominees receive a plurality of the votes cast at an annual meeting of the stockholders could replace all or a majority of the directors with its own nominees, who could then approve the takeover proposal from that acquirer even if the price did not adequately value the Company. A classified board of directors encourages a potential acquirer to negotiate with the Board on an arm's-length basis, and provides the Board with more time and leverage to evaluate the takeover proposal, negotiate the best result for all stockholders and consider alternatives available to the Company.

We believe that a classified board of directors makes directors no less accountable to stockholders than a board elected annually. The fiduciary duties of directors elected to three-year staggered terms are identical to those of directors elected annually, and our directors believe that they are no less attentive to stockholder concerns as a result of having been elected to three-year staggered terms than they would be if elected to one-year terms. A shorter term does not necessarily mean enhanced corporate governance or fulfillment of duties by the Board. Stockholders have the opportunity on an annual basis to express their opinion of the Board or management and to propose to our Board alternative candidates as directors.

The Board also believes that a classified board:

enhances the independence of the directors by providing them with an assured three-year term of office rather than just a one-year term;

strengthens the Company's ability to attract and retain highly qualified directors who are willing to make a long-term commitment to the Company and its stockholders and develop a deep understanding of the Company and its operations; and

creates an environment and culture and good corporate governance whereby new directors seek to gain knowledge about the Company from continuing directors.

The Board believes that a classified board structure is consistent with good corporate governance, which the Board believes depends primarily upon active and independent directors who are knowledgeable about critical aspects of the Company's operations and skillful in serving as competent and alert overseers of the Company's management. The current directors are experienced, qualified and knowledgeable about the Company and committed to protecting the long-term interests of all of the Company's stockholders.

Vote Required

Approval of proposal 6 will require the approval of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a GOLD Proxy Card will be voted AGAINST proposal 6. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL.

Proposal No. 7:

byLaw Restoration Proposal

We have received notice from the Concerned Stockholders of Surge Components, Inc. (the “Concerned Stockholders”) that it intends to propose the proposal set forth below at the Annual Meeting. ***The Board opposes the proposal for the reasons stated following the proposal.***

The Proposal

RESOLVED, that each provision or amendment of the By-Laws adopted by the Board without the approval of the stockholders of the Company after February 18, 2016 (purportedly the last date of reported changes) and prior to the approval of this resolution be, and hereby is, repealed, effective as of the time this resolution is approved by the Company’s stockholders.

Board of Directors’ Statement in Opposition

As of the date of this proxy statement, no provisions or amendments to the Bylaws have been adopted since February 18, 2016. The Board could determine prior to the annual meeting that an amendment is necessary or advisable and in the best interest of the stockholders. The Board believes that the blanket, automatic repeal of any bylaw amendments lawfully adopted by the Board could have the effect of repealing one or more properly adopted bylaw amendments that the Board believed was advisable and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, including in response to future events not yet known to the Board. For example, the Board could adopt a bylaw to clarify procedures for convening an orderly annual meeting. We believe it is important to ensure that no single interest group or stockholder’s agenda is being advanced at the expense of other stockholders, and the Board’s fiduciary duty to consider the interests of all stockholders ensures, in our view, that it can determine which bylaws are appropriate for maximizing stockholder value.

Vote Required

Approval of proposal 7 will require the approval of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Unless marked to the contrary, Conforming Proxies on a GOLD Proxy Card will be voted AGAINST proposal 7. Abstentions will have the same practical effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS USE THE GOLD PROXY CARD TO VOTE AGAINST THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The outstanding voting securities of the Company consist entirely of shares of Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock entitles its owner to one vote upon each matter to come before the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. At the close of business on _____, 2016, the Company had [10,059,003] outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

To the Company's knowledge, the following persons are the only persons who are beneficial owners of more than five percent of the Common Stock based on the number of shares outstanding on [_____] , 2016 ([10,059,003] shares):

Name and address of Beneficial Owner (1)	Amount and Nature of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	
Michael Tofias (2) 25 Cambridge Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078	1,568,123	15.59	%
Ira Levy	1,170,299	11.63	%
Steven J. Lubman	970,108	9.64	%
Brad Rexroad(3) 970 Reserve Drive, Suite 115 Roseville, CA 95678	680,569	6.77	%

(1) Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner is c/o Surge Components, Inc., 95 East Jeffry Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729.

(2) Preliminary Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on October 12, 2016 by Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D. Tofias showing total beneficial ownership of 1,568,123 shares.

Preliminary Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on October 12, 2016 by Bradley P. Rexroad and Michael D.

(3) Tofias showing total beneficial ownership of 680,569 shares. Does not include 13,550 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Rexroad's father and stepmother, who do not share Mr. Rexroad's home.

Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company beneficially owned as of _____, 2016 by each of the Company's directors and executive officers, including each of the named executive officers set forth in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement, and by all directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise noted, each of the named persons and members of the group has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Common Stock shown.

Name and address of Beneficial Owner (1)	Amount and Nature of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock Beneficially Owned (2)	
Ira Levy	1,170,299	11.63	%
Steven J. Lubman	970,108	9.64	%
Lawrence Chariton	128,073	1.27	%
Alan Plafker	*	0	%
Martin Novick	*	0	%
Gary Jacobs	37,000	0.37	%
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)	2,305,480	22.92	%

*Less than 1%

(1) Except as otherwise indicated, the business address of each beneficial owner is c/o Surge Components, Inc., 95 East Jefryn Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729.

(2) Applicable percentage ownership is on 10,059,003 shares of common stock outstanding as of _____, 2016.

Corporate Governance

Directors and Executive Officers

Our executive officers and directors, and their ages, positions and offices with us are as follows:

Name	Age	Position and Offices with Surge
Ira Levy	59	Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President and Director
Steven J. Lubman	61	Vice President, Secretary and Director
Alan Plafker*(1)(2)(3)	57	Director
Martin Novick*	80	Director
Lawrence Chariton*(1)(2)(3)	58	Director
Gary Jacobs*(1)(2)(3)	58	Director

*Independent director

(1)Member of Compensation Committee.

(2)Member of Audit Committee

(3)Member of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Director Independence

The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Chariton, Plafker, Novick and Jacobs qualify as “independent” under the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules as well as Rule 10A-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Board and Committee Meetings

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, the Board held five meetings. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (i) the total number of meetings of the Board (held during the period for which he served as a director), and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which he served (during the periods that he served on such committees). We have no written policy regarding director attendance at annual meetings of stockholders. Our last annual meeting of stockholders was held on November 24, 2015 and all of our

directors attended such meeting.

Board Committees

The composition and responsibilities of each of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are described below. Members will serve on these committees until their resignation or until otherwise determined by the Board. Each committee operates under a charter that has been approved by the Board, and which is available on our website at <http://www.surgecomponents.com>.

Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee is comprised of Messrs. Chariton, Plafker and Jacobs, each of whom is an independent director of the Board. Mr. Jacobs serves as chairman of the Audit Committee. Our Board has determined that Mr. Jacobs is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K. The audit committee members are “independent” as that term is defined under the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, the Audit Committee held four meetings.

The Audit Committee is authorized to:

approve and retain the independent auditors to conduct the annual audit of our books and records;

review the proposed scope and results of the audit;

review and pre-approve the independent auditor's audit and non-audit services rendered;

approve the audit fees to be paid;

review accounting and financial controls with the independent auditors and our financial and accounting staff;

review and approve transactions between us and our directors, officers and affiliates;

recognize and prevent prohibited non-audit services;

establish procedures for complaints received by us regarding accounting matters;

oversee internal audit functions; and

prepare the report of the Audit Committee that SEC rules require to be included in our annual meeting proxy statement.

Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Chariton, Plafker and Jacobs, each of whom is an independent director. Mr. Jacobs serves as chairman of the Compensation Committee. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015, the Compensation Committee held four meetings.

The Compensation Committee is authorized to:

review and recommend the compensation arrangements for management, including the compensation for our chief executive officer;

establish and review general compensation policies with the objective of attracting and retaining superior talent, rewarding individual performance and achieving our financial goals;

administer our stock incentive plans; and

prepare the report of the Compensation Committee that SEC rules require to be included in our annual meeting proxy statement.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised of Messrs. Chariton, Plafker and Jacobs, each of whom is an independent director. Mr. Jacobs serves as chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held one meeting during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is authorized to:

identify and nominate members of the board of directors;

oversee the evaluation of the board of directors and management;

develop and recommend corporate governance guidelines to the board of directors;

evaluate the performance of the members of the board of directors; and

make recommendations to the board of directors as to the structure, composition and functioning of the board of directors and its committees.

Director Nominations

In evaluating and determining whether to nominate a candidate for a position on the Board, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods and considers criteria such as high professional ethics and values, experience on the policy-making level in business or medical research/practice experience relevant to our product candidates and a commitment to enhancing stockholder value. Candidates may be brought to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee by current Board members, stockholders, officers or other persons. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review all candidates in the same manner regardless of the source of the recommendation.

We have no formal policy regarding board diversity. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board may therefore consider a broad range of factors relating to the qualifications and background of nominees, which may include diversity, which is not only limited to race, gender or national origin. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's and Board's priority in selecting board members is identification of persons who will further the interests of our stockholders through his or her established record of professional accomplishment, the ability to contribute positively to the collaborative culture among board members and professional and personal experiences and expertise relevant to our growth strategy.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers stockholder recommendations for director nominees that are properly received in accordance with our Bylaws and applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. In order to validly nominate a candidate for election or reelection as a director, stockholders must give timely notice of such nomination in writing to our Corporate Secretary and include, as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate, all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected). For more information on director candidate nominations by stockholders, see "Stockholder Proposals" herein.

Procedures for Nominating Directors

Our Bylaws provide that nominations for the election of directors may be made upon timely notice given by any stockholder of record entitled to vote for the election of directors. A timely notice must be made in writing, contain the information required by our Bylaws and be received by the Secretary of the Company, not later than the close of business on the 90th day, nor earlier than the opening of business on the 120th day before the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. However, in the event that the date of the upcoming annual meeting is advanced more than 45 days before, or delayed more than 45 calendar days after, such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be delivered not earlier than the opening of business on the 120th before the meeting and not later than (x) the close of business on the 90th day before the meeting or (y) the close of business on the 10th day

following the day on which public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was first made by the Company.

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Although we have not adopted a formal policy on whether the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions should be separate or combined, we have traditionally determined that it is in our best interests and in the best interests of our stockholders to combine these roles. Mr. Levy has served as our Chairman since November 1981. Due to our small size, we believe it is currently most effective to have the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions combined.

Our board of directors is primarily responsible for overseeing our risk management processes. The Board receives and reviews periodic reports from management, auditors, legal counsel, and others, as considered appropriate regarding our assessment of risks. The Board focuses on the most significant risks facing us and our general risk management strategy, and also ensures that risks undertaken by management are consistent with the board's appetite for risk. While the Board oversees our risk management, management is responsible for day-to-day risk management processes. We believe this division of responsibilities is the most effective approach for addressing the risks facing us and that our board leadership structure supports this approach.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our officers, directors and employees. A copy of the code of ethics is accessible on our website at <http://www.surgecomponents.com>. Additional copies of the code of ethics may be obtained without charge, from us by writing or calling: 95 East Jefryn Blvd., Deer Park, New York 11729, Attention: Corporate Secretary, Telephone: (631) 595-1818.

Stockholder Communications with the Board

Stockholders who wish to do so may communicate directly with the Board or specified individual directors by writing to:

Board of Directors (or name of individual director)

c/o Corporate Secretary
Surge Components, Inc.
95 East Jefryn Blvd.
Deer Park, New York 11729

We will forward all communications from security holders and interested parties to the full Board, to non-management directors, to an individual director or to the chairperson of the Board committee that is most closely related to the subject matter of the communication, except for the following types of communications: (i) communications that advocate that we engage in illegal activity; (ii) communications that, under community standards, contain offensive or abusive content; (iii) communications that have no relevance to our business or operations; and (iv) mass mailings, solicitations and advertisements. The Corporate Secretary will determine when a communication is not to be forwarded. Our acceptance and forwarding of communications to directors does not imply that directors owe or assume any fiduciary duties to persons submitting the communications.

Additionally, the Audit Committee has established procedures for the receipt, retention and confidential treatment of complaints received by Surge regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, including procedures for confidential, anonymous submissions by employees with respect to such matters. Employees and stockholders may raise a question or concern to the Audit Committee regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters by writing to:

Chairman, Audit Committee
c/o Corporate Secretary
Surge Components, Inc.
95 East Jefryn Blvd.
Deer Park, New York 11729

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed our financial statements for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 with both management and Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. In its discussion, management has represented to the Audit Committee that our financial statements for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015 were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Audit Committee meets with our independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their annual audit and quarterly reviews, our internal controls and the overall quality of our financial reporting. The Audit Committee has discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") in Rule 3200T.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from our independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has considered and discussed with Seligson & Giannattasio, LLP, such firm's independence and the compatibility of the non-audit services provided by the firm with its independence.

Based on the Audit Committee's review of the audited financial statements and the various discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2015.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Gary Jacobs (Chairman)
Alan Plafker
Lawrence Chariton

Executive Compensation

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation paid to our named executive officers for the years ended November 30, 2014 and November 30, 2015.

Name and Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	All Other Compensation(1) (\$)	Total
Ira Levy President, CEO and CFO	2015	\$[]	\$[]	\$ []	[]	\$ []	[]
	2014	\$225,000	\$112,000	—	\$10,627	\$49,683	\$397,310
Steven J. Lubman Vice President and Secretary	2015	\$[]	\$[]	\$ []	[]	\$ []	[]
	2014	\$225,000	\$100,000	—	\$7,811	\$57,291	\$390,102

(1)Includes payments for medical insurance, automobile allowance and insurance and life insurance.

Director Compensation for Year Ending November 30, 2015

The following table summarizes the compensation for our non-employee board of directors for the fiscal year end November 30, 2015. All compensation paid to our employee directors is included under the summary compensation table above.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Alan Plafker	[]	—	[]	—	[]
David Siegel	[]	—	[]	—	[]
Lawrence Chariton	[]	—	[]	—	[]
Gary Jacobs	[]	—	[]	—	[]

Outstanding Equity Awards at November 30, 2015

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date
		Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)		
Ira Levy		[][]	[]	[]
Steven J. Lubman		[][]	[]	[]
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Steven J. Lubman		[][]	[]	[]

Stockholder Proposals FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholder proposals intended for inclusion in our proxy statement for our 2016 Annual Meeting (expected to be held on or about _____, 2017) pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be submitted to us on or before _____, 2017 so that they may be considered by us for inclusion in our proxy statement relating to that meeting.

Our Bylaws provide that nominations for the election of directors and proposals for other business to be consider at the annual meeting of stockholders may be made upon timely notice given by any stockholder of record entitled to vote for the election of directors. A timely notice must be made in writing, contain the information required by our Bylaws and be received by the Secretary of the Company, not later than the close of business on the 90th day, nor earlier than the opening of business on the 120th day before the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. However, in the event that the date of the upcoming annual meeting is advanced more than 45 days before, or delayed more than 45 calendar days after, such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be delivered not earlier than the opening of business on the 120th before the meeting and not later than (x) the close of business on the 90th day before the meeting or (y) the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was first made by the Company.

Annual Report

The Annual Report is being sent with this Proxy Statement to each stockholder and is available at the Investor Relations portion of our website as well as on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The Annual Report contains our audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2014 and November 30, 2015. The Annual Report, however, is not to be regarded as part of the proxy soliciting material.

Delivery of Proxy Materials to Households

Only one copy of this Proxy Statement and one copy of our Annual Report are being delivered to multiple registered stockholders who share an address unless we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. A separate form of proxy and a separate notice of the Annual Meeting are being included for each account at the shared address.

Registered stockholders who share an address and would like to receive a separate copy of our Annual Report and/or a separate copy of this Proxy Statement, or have questions regarding the householding process, may contact our transfer

agent: Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, by calling (212) 509-4000, or by forwarding a written request addressed to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 17 Battery Place, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10004. Promptly upon request, a separate copy of our Annual Report and/or a separate copy of this Proxy Statement will be sent. By contacting Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, registered stockholders sharing an address can also (i) notify us that the registered stockholders wish to receive separate annual reports to stockholders, proxy statements and/or Notices of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, as applicable, in the future or (ii) request delivery of a single copy of annual reports to stockholders, proxy statements and/or Notices of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, as applicable, in the future if registered stockholders at the shared address are receiving multiple copies.

Many brokers, brokerage firms, broker/dealers, banks and other holders of record have also instituted “householding” (delivery of one copy of materials to multiple stockholders who share an address). If your family has one or more “street name” accounts under which you beneficially own shares of common stock of Surge, you may have received householding information from your broker, brokerage firm, broker/dealer, bank or other nominee in the past. Please contact the holder of record directly if you have questions, require additional copies of this Proxy Statement or our Annual Report or wish to revoke your decision to household and thereby receive multiple copies. You should also contact the holder of record if you wish to institute householding.

Other Matters

Management does not know of any other matters which are likely to be brought before the meeting. However, in the event that any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy will vote said proxy in accordance with their judgment in said matters.

The information presented in this proxy statement under the caption “Audit Committee Report” will not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, and nothing contained in any previous filings made by the Company under such acts shall be interpreted as incorporating by reference the information presented under said specified captions.

Where You Can Find More Information

We file annual and quarterly reports and other reports and information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports and other information can be inspected and copied at, and copies of these materials can be obtained at prescribed rates from, the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. We distribute to our stockholders annual reports containing financial statements audited by our independent registered public accounting firm and, upon request, quarterly reports for the first three quarters of each fiscal year containing unaudited financial information. In addition, the reports and other information are filed through Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (known as “EDGAR”) system and are publicly available on the SEC’s Web site, located at <http://www.sec.gov>. We will provide without charge to you, upon written or oral request, a copy of the reports and other information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Any requests for copies of information, reports or other filings with the SEC should be directed to Surge Components, Inc., 95 E. Jefryn Blvd., Deer Park, New York 11729, Attention: Investor Relations.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ira Levy, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

Deer Park, New York

, 2016

Appendix A**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPANTS**

The following tables (“Directors and Nominees” and “Officers and Employees”) set forth the name and business address of each of our directors and nominees, and the name, present principal occupation and business address of each of our officers and employees who, under the rules of the SEC, are considered to be participants in our solicitation of proxies from our stockholders in connection with our Annual Meeting (collectively, the “Participants”).

Directors and Officers

The principal occupations of our directors, nominees and executive officers are set forth under the section above titled “Proposal 1—Election of Directors” of this Proxy Statement. The names of the directors, nominees and executive officers are set forth below and the business addresses for all the Company’s directors and nominees is Surge Components, Inc., 95 East Jefryn Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729.

Name	Age	Position and Offices with Surge
Ira Levy	59	Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President and Class A Director
Steven J. Lubman	61	Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Class A Director
Alan Plafker	57	Class B Director, Member of Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Audit Committee
Martin Novick	80	Class B Director
Lawrence Chariton	58	Class C Director, Member of Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Audit Committee
Gary Jacobs	58	Class C Director, Member of Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Audit Committee

Information Regarding Ownership of Company Securities by Participants

The number and nature of beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock held by our directors, nominees and Named Executive Officers as of [], 2016 is set forth in the section titled “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” of this Proxy Statement.

Information Regarding Transactions in the Company's Securities by Participants

The following table sets forth information regarding purchases and sales of the Company's securities by each Participant during the past two years. No part of the purchase price or market value of these securities is represented by funds borrowed or otherwise obtained for the purpose of acquiring or holding such securities.

Participant	Date	Number of Shares	Price	Transaction
Steven J. Lubman	10/4/16	10,000	1.06	Purchase
Steven J. Lubman	10/3/16	1,515	1.03	Purchase
Steven J. Lubman	10/3/16	10,000	1.08	Purchase
Steven J. Lubman	9/30/16	7,400	1.09	Purchase
Steven J. Lubman	9/29/16	9,225	1.05	Purchase
Steven J. Lubman	9/29/16	45,938	0.8	Conversion ¹
Steven J. Lubman	9/29/16	25,000	0.82	Conversion ²
Steven J. Lubman	5/5/15	250,000	0.25	Conversion ³
Lawrence Chariton	2/12/15	25,000	0.25	Conversion ³
Gary Jacobs	4/23/15	25,000	0.25	Conversion ³
Ira Levy	9/29/2016	50,000	0.82	Conversion ²
Ira Levy	9/29/2016	62,500	0.8	Conversion ¹
Ira Levy	5/5/2015	250,000	0.25	Conversion ³

(1) Gained the options to convert on April 10, 2014

(2) Gained the options to convert on November 27, 2013

(3) Options to convert were issued on July 18, 2010 pursuant to the Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement, effective as of May 6, 2010, by and between the Participant and the Company

Appendix B

RIGHTS AGREEMENT

dated as of October 7, 2016

between

SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.,

as the Company

and

CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY,

as Rights Agent

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RIGHTS AGREEMENT

RIGHTS AGREEMENT, dated as of October 7, 2016, (this “**Agreement**”), by and between Surge Components, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “**Company**”), and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent (the “**Rights Agent**”).

WHEREAS, (a) the Company and certain of its Subsidiaries (as defined below) have certain net operating losses and certain other tax attributes (collectively, “**NOLs**”) for United States federal income tax purposes, (b) the Company desires to avoid an “ownership change” within the meaning of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”), and thereby preserve the Company’s ability to utilize such NOLs, and (c) in furtherance of such objective, the Company desires to enter into this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) authorized and declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a “**Right**”) for each share of Common Stock of the Company outstanding at the Close of Business on the Record Date, each Right initially representing the right to purchase one one-thousandth (subject to adjustment) of one share of Preferred Stock, upon the terms and subject to the conditions herein set forth, and further authorized and directed the issuance of one Right (subject to adjustment) with respect to each share of Common Stock of the Company that will become outstanding between the Record Date and the earlier of the Distribution Date and the Expiration Date; provided, however, that Rights may be issued with respect to shares of Common Stock that will become outstanding after the Distribution Date and prior to the Expiration Date in accordance with Section 22 hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements herein set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Certain Definitions.

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

(a) “**Acquiring Person**” shall mean any Person which, together with all of its Related Persons, is the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding, but shall exclude (i) the Excluded Persons, (ii) any Exempt Persons and (iii) any Grandfathered Persons.

Notwithstanding anything in Agreement to the contrary, no Person shall become an “Acquiring Person”:

(i) as the result of an acquisition of shares of Common Stock by the Company which, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding, increases the percentage of the shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned by such Person, together with all of its Related Persons, to 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding; provided, however, that if a Person, together with all of its Related Persons, becomes the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding by reason of share acquisitions by the Company and, after such share acquisitions by the Company, becomes the Beneficial Owner of any additional shares of Common Stock of the Company (other than pursuant to a dividend or distribution paid or made by the Company on the outstanding Common Stock or pursuant to a split or subdivision of the outstanding Common Stock), then such Person shall be deemed to be an “Acquiring Person” unless, upon becoming the Beneficial Owner of such additional shares of Common Stock, such Person, together with all of its Related Persons, does not Beneficially Own 4.99% or more of the Common Stock then outstanding;

(ii) if (A) the Board determines that such Person has become an “Acquiring Person” inadvertently (including, without limitation, because (1) such Person was unaware that it Beneficially Owned a percentage of the then outstanding Common Stock that would otherwise cause such Person to be an “Acquiring Person”; or (2) such Person was aware of the extent of its Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock but had no actual knowledge of the consequences of such Beneficial Ownership under this Agreement); and (B) such Person divests as promptly as practicable (as determined by the Board) a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock so that such Person would no longer be an “Acquiring Person”;

(iii) solely as a result of any unilateral grant of any security by the Company, or through the exercise of any options, warrants, rights or similar interests (including restricted stock) granted by the Company to its directors, officers and employees; provided, however, that if a Person, together with all of its Related Persons, becomes the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding by reason of a unilateral grant of a security by the Company, or through the exercise of any options, warrants, rights or similar interests (including restricted stock) granted by the Company to its directors, officers and employees, then such Person shall nevertheless be deemed to be an “Acquiring Person” if, subject to Section 1(a)(ii), such Person, together with all of its Related Persons, thereafter becomes the Beneficial Owner of any additional shares of Common Stock (unless upon becoming the Beneficial Owner of additional shares of Common Stock, such Person, together with all of its Related Persons, does not Beneficially Own 4.99% or more of the Common Stock then outstanding), except as a result of (A) a dividend or distribution paid or made by the Company on the outstanding Common Stock or a split or subdivision of the outstanding Common Stock; or (B) the unilateral grant of a security by the Company, or through the exercise of any options, warrants, rights or similar interest (including restricted stock) granted by the Company to its directors, officers and employees;

(iv) by means of share purchases or issuances (including debt to equity exchanges), directly from the Company or indirectly through an underwritten offering of the Company, in a transaction approved by the Board; provided, however, that a Person shall be deemed to be an “Acquiring Person” if such Person (A) is or becomes the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding following such transaction and (B) following such transaction, becomes the Beneficial Owner of any additional shares of Common Stock without the prior written consent of the Company and then Beneficially Owns 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding; or

(v) if such Person is a bona fide swaps dealer who has become an “Acquiring Person” as a result of its actions in the ordinary course of its business that the Board determines, in its sole discretion, were taken without the intent or effect of evading or assisting any other Person to evade the purposes and intent of this Agreement, or otherwise seeking to control or influence the management or policies of the Company.

(b) A person shall be deemed to be **“Acting in Concert”** with another Person if such Person knowingly acts pursuant to an express agreement, arrangement or understanding in concert or in parallel with such other Person, or towards a common goal with such other Person, relating to (i) acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of voting securities of the Company or (ii) changing or influencing the control of the Company or in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect where at least one additional factor supports a determination by the Board that such Persons intended to act in concert or in parallel, which such additional factors may include, without limitation, exchanging information, attending meetings, conducting discussions or making or soliciting invitations to act in concert or in parallel. In addition, a Person who is Acting in Concert with another Person shall be deemed to be Acting in Concert with any third Person who is Acting in Concert with such other Person.

(c) **“Adjustment Shares”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(ii) hereof.

(d) **“Affiliate”** and **“Associate”** shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act Regulations, as in effect on the date of this Agreement, and, to the extent not included within the foregoing, shall also include with respect to any Person, any other Person whose shares of Common Stock would be deemed to be constructively owned by such first Person, owned by a “single entity” with respect to such first Person as defined in Section 1.382-3(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations, or otherwise aggregated with shares owned by such first Person, pursuant to the provisions of Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

(e) **“Agreement”** shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereof.

(f) A Person is the **“Beneficial Owner”** of (and **“Beneficially Owns”** and has “Beneficial Ownership”) of any securities (that are as such **“Beneficially Owned”**):

(i) that such Person or any of such Person’s Affiliates or Associates Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, as determined pursuant to Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act Regulations as in effect on the date of this Agreement, including pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding (whether or not in writing), but only if the effect of such agreement, arrangement or understanding is to treat such Persons as an “entity” under Section 1.382-3(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations;

(ii) that such Person or any of such Person’s Affiliates or Associates, directly or indirectly, has (A) the right to acquire (whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time or satisfaction of other conditions) pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing), or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights (other than the Rights), rights, warrants or options, or otherwise; provided, however, that a Person shall not be deemed the “Beneficial Owner” of (1) securities (including rights, options or warrants) that are convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for Common Stock until such time as such securities

are converted or exchanged into or exercised for Common Stock except to the extent the acquisition or transfer of such rights, options or warrants would be treated as exercised on the date of its acquisition or transfer under Section 1.382-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations; or (2) securities tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made in accordance with the Exchange Act Regulations by or on behalf of such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates until such tendered securities are accepted for purchase or exchange; or (B) the right to vote or dispose of, pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding (whether or not in writing), but only if the effect of such agreement, arrangement or understanding is to treat such Persons as an "entity" under Section 1.382-3(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations;

(iii) that are Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by any other Person (or any Affiliate or Associate of such Person) with which such Person (or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates) is Acting in Concert or has any agreement, arrangement, or understanding (whether or not in writing), for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of any such securities, but only if the effect of such agreement, arrangement or understanding is to treat such Persons as an "entity" under Section 1.382-3(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations; or

(iv) which are Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by a Counterparty (or any of such Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) under any Derivatives Contract (without regard to any short or similar position under the same or any other Derivatives Contract) to which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates is a Receiving Party; provided, however, that the number of shares of Common Stock that a Person is deemed to Beneficially Own pursuant to this clause (iv) in connection with a particular Derivatives Contract shall not exceed the number of Notional Common Shares with respect to such Derivatives Contract; provided, further, that the number of securities Beneficially Owned by each Counterparty (including its Affiliates and Associates) under a Derivatives Contract shall for purposes of this clause (iv) include all securities that are Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by any other Counterparty (or any of such other Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) under any Derivatives Contract to which such first Counterparty (or any of such first Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) is a Receiving Party, with this proviso being applied to successive Counterparties as appropriate.

Notwithstanding anything in this definition of "Beneficial Ownership" to the contrary, (x) no Person engaged in business as an underwriter of securities shall be the "Beneficial Owner" of any securities acquired through such Person's participation in good faith in a firm commitment underwriting until the expiration of forty (40) days after the date of such acquisition; and (y) no Person shall be deemed the "Beneficial Owner" of any security as a result of an agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such security that would otherwise render such Person the Beneficial Owner of such security if such agreement, arrangement or understanding is not also then reportable on Schedule 13D and arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a public proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act Regulations.

Notwithstanding anything in this definition of "Beneficial Ownership" to the contrary, to the extent not within the foregoing provisions, a Person shall be deemed the Beneficial Owner of, and shall be deemed to beneficially own or have Beneficial Ownership of, securities which such Person would be deemed to constructively own or which otherwise would be aggregated with shares owned by such Person pursuant to Section 382 of the Code, or any successor provision or replacement provision and the Treasury Regulations thereunder.

- (g) **“Board”** shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals of this Agreement.
- (h) **“Board Evaluation Period”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.
- (i) **“Book Entry”** shall mean an uncertificated book entry for the Common Stock.
- (j) **“Business Day”** shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day on which banking or trust institutions in the State of New York or New Jersey are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.
- (k) **“Certificate of Designation”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(l) hereof.
- (l) **“Certificate of Incorporation”** shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, as filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, and together with the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock of the Company adopted contemporaneously with the approval of this Agreement and attached hereto as Exhibit A (the **“Certificate of Designation”**), as the same may hereafter be amended or restated.
- (m) **“Close of Business”** on any given date shall mean 5:00 P.M., New York City time, on such date; provided, however, that if such date is not a Business Day, it shall mean 5:00 P.M., Eastern time, on the next succeeding Business Day.
- (n) **“Closing Price”** shall mean in respect of any security for any day shall mean the last sale price, regular way, reported at or prior to 4:00 P.M. Eastern time or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the bid and asked prices, regular way, reported at or prior to 4:00 P.M. Eastern time, in either case as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed or admitted to trading on NASDAQ or the NYSE or, if the security is not listed or admitted to trading on NASDAQ or the NYSE, as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed on the principal national securities exchange on which the security is listed or admitted to trading or, if the security is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the last quoted price reported at or prior to 4:00 P.M. Eastern time or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices in the over-the-counter market, as reported by any system then in use reported as of 4:00 P.M. Eastern time or, if not so quoted, the average of the closing bid and asked price furnished by a professional market maker making a market in the security selected by the Board or, if not so quoted, as reported by the OTC Markets Group Inc. or similar organization.

(o) **“Code”** shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

(p) **“Common Stock”** shall mean (i) when used with reference to the Company, the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company; and (ii) when used with reference to any Person other than the Company, the class or series of capital stock or equity interest with the greatest voting power (in relation to any other classes or series of capital stock or equity interest) of such other Person or if such other Person is a Subsidiary of another Person, the Person who ultimately controls such first mentioned Person.

(q) **“Common Stock Equivalents”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(iii) hereof.

(r) **“Company”** shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereof.

(s) **“Counterparty”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(x) hereof.

(t) **“Current Market Price”** of any security on any date shall mean the average of the daily closing prices per share of such security for the thirty (30) consecutive Trading Days immediately prior to, but not including, such date; provided, however, that in the event that the “Current Market Price” of such security is determined during a period following the announcement by the issuer of such security of (i) a dividend or distribution on such security payable in shares of such security or securities convertible into such shares (other than the Rights); or (ii) any subdivision, combination or reclassification of such security, and prior to the expiration of the requisite 30 Trading Day period after but not including the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution or the record date for such subdivision, combination or reclassification, then, in each such case, the “Current Market Price” shall be appropriately adjusted to take into account ex-dividend trading. If on any such date no market maker is making a market in such security or such security is not publicly held or not listed or traded, the “Current Market Price” shall mean the fair value per share as determined in good faith by the Board, whose determination shall be described in a written statement filed with the Rights Agent and shall be conclusive for all purposes.

Except as provided in this paragraph, the “Current Market Price” of the Preferred Stock shall be determined in accordance with the method set forth above. If the Preferred Stock is not publicly traded, the “Current Market Price” of the Preferred Stock shall be conclusively deemed to be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock of the Company as determined pursuant to the paragraph above (appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof), multiplied by one hundred. If neither the Common Stock nor the Preferred Stock is publicly held or so listed or traded, the “Current Market Price” of the Preferred Stock shall mean the fair value per share as determined in good faith by the Board, whose determination shall be described in a written statement filed with the Rights Agent and shall be binding on the Rights Agent and the holders of the Rights. For all purposes of this Agreement, the “Current Market Price” of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock shall be equal to the “Current Market Price” of one share of Preferred Stock divided by 1,000.

(u) **“Current Value”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(iii) hereof.

(v) **“Definitive Acquisition Agreement”** shall mean any definitive written agreement entered into by the Company that is conditioned on the approval by the holders of not less than a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock at a meeting of the stockholders of the Company with respect to (i) a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving the Company or (ii) the

acquisition in any manner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the consolidated total assets (including, without limitation, equity securities of its subsidiaries) of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

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(w) **“Demanding Stockholders”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.

(x) **“Derivatives Contract”** shall mean a contract between two parties (the **“Receiving Party”** and the **“Counterparty”**) that is designed to produce economic benefits and risks to the Receiving Party that correspond substantially to the ownership by the Receiving Party of a number of shares of Common Stock specified or referenced in such contract (the number corresponding to such economic benefits and risks, the **“Notional Common Shares”**), regardless of whether obligations under such contract are required or permitted to be settled through the delivery of cash, Common Stock or other property, without regard to any short position under the same or any other Derivatives Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, interests in broad-based index options, broad-based index futures and broad-based publicly traded market baskets of stocks approved for trading by the appropriate federal governmental authority shall not be deemed “Derivatives Contracts.”

(y) **“Distribution Date”** shall mean the earlier of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth Business Day after the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth Business Day after the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date) and (ii) the Close of Business on the tenth Business Day (or, if such tenth Business Day occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date), or such later date as may be determined by the Board prior to such time any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, after the date of the commencement by any Person (other than any Excluded Person) of, or of the first public announcement of the intention of any Person (other than any Excluded Person) to commence, a tender or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in such Person becoming the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(z) **“Early Expiration Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

(aa) **“Equivalent Preferred Stock”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(b) hereof.

(bb) **“Exchange Act”** shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(cc) **“Exchange Act Regulations”** shall mean the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act.

(dd) **“Exchange Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

(ee) **“Exchange Ratio”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24(a) hereof.

(ff) **“Excess Shares”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(ii) hereof.

(gg) **“Exempt Person”** shall mean any Person determined by the Board to be an “Exempt Person” in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 25 hereof for so long as such Person complies with any limitations or conditions required by the Board in making such determination.

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(hh) **“Exemption Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(iii) hereof.

(ii) **“Excluded Person”** shall mean (i) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (ii) any officers, directors and employees or any of its Subsidiaries solely in respect of such Person’s status or authority as such (including, without limitation, any fiduciary capacity); or (iii) any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company or any entity or trustee holding (or acting in a fiduciary capacity in respect of) shares of capital stock of the Company for or pursuant to the terms of any such plan, or for the purpose of funding other employee benefits for employees of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

(jj) **“Exemption Request”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25(a) hereof.

(kk) **“Exercise Price”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(a), 11(a)(ii) and 13(a) hereof.

(ll) **“Expiration Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

(mm) **“Final Expiration Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

(nn) **“Flip-In Event”** shall mean any event described in Section 11(a)(ii) hereof.

(oo) **“Flip-In Trigger Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(iii) hereof.

(pp) **“Flip-Over Event”** shall mean any event described in clause (x), (y) or (z) of Section 13(a) hereof.

(qq) **“Grandfathered Person”** shall mean any Person which, together with all of its Related Persons, is, as of the date of this Agreement, the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding. A Person ceases to be a “Grandfathered Person” if and when (i) such Person becomes the Beneficial Owner of less than 4.99% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding; or (ii) such Person increases its Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock of the Company to an amount equal to or greater than the greater of (A) 4.99% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding and (B) the sum of (1) the lowest Beneficial Ownership of such Person as a percentage of the shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding as

of any time from and after the public announcement of this Agreement (other than as a result of an acquisition of shares of Common Stock by the Company) plus (2) one share of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding.

(rr) “**Independent Directors**” shall mean those members of the Board who meet the criteria for independent directors of any applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding independence in effect from time to time.

(ss) **“Minimum Tender Condition”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(bbb)(v).

(tt) **“NASDAQ”** shall mean The NASDAQ Stock Market.

(uu) **“NOLs”** shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals of this Agreement.

(vv) **“Notional Common Shares”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(x) hereof.

(ww) **“NYSE”** shall mean the New York Stock Exchange.

(xx) **“Outside Meeting Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(iii) hereof.

(yy) **“Person”** shall mean any individual, firm, corporation, partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, unincorporated organization, trust or other legal entity, or group of persons making a “coordinated acquisition” of Common Stock or otherwise treated as an “entity” within the meaning of Section 1.382-3(a)(1) of the Treasury Regulations or otherwise, including (i) any syndicate or group deemed to be a Person under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act and Rule 13d-5(b) thereunder; and (ii) any successor (by merger or otherwise) of any such firm, corporation, partnership (general or limited), limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, unincorporated organization, trust, or other group or entity.

(zz) **“Preferred Stock”** shall mean the Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company, having the voting rights, powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations and restrictions set forth in the Certificate of Designation.

(aaa) **“Principal Party”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 13(b) hereof.

(bbb) **“Qualifying Offer”** shall mean an offer determined by the Board in good faith to be:

- (i) an offer that has commenced within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) under the Exchange Act;
- (ii) a fully financed all-cash tender offer or an exchange offer offering shares of Common Stock of the offeror, or a combination thereof, in each such case for any and all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company at the same per-share consideration;
- (iii) an offer whose offer price per share of Stock of the Company is greater than the highest reported market price for the Stock of the Company in the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the commencement of such offer within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) under the Exchange Act, with, in the case of an offer that includes shares of Common Stock of the offeror, such offer price per share of Stock of the Company being determined using the lowest reported market price for Common Stock of the offeror during the five trading days immediately preceding and the five trading days immediately following the commencement of such offer within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) under the Exchange Act;
- (iv) an offer in respect of which, within twenty (20) Business Days after the commencement date of the offer (or within ten (10) Business Days after any increase in the offer consideration), a nationally recognized financial advisor retained by the Board does not render an opinion to the Board that the consideration being offered to the stockholders of the Company is either unfair or inadequate;

(v) an offer that is conditioned on a minimum of at least a majority of (A) the shares of the Common Stock of the Company outstanding on a fully-diluted basis; and (B) the outstanding shares of the Common Stock of the Company not held by the offeror (or such offeror's Related Persons) being tendered and not withdrawn as of the offer's expiration date, which condition shall not be waivable (the "**Minimum Tender Condition**");

(vi) an offer that is subject only to the Minimum Tender Condition and other customary terms and conditions, which conditions shall not include any financing, funding or similar conditions or any requirements with respect to the offeror or its representatives being permitted any due diligence with respect to the books, records, management, accountants or other outside advisers of the Company;

(vii) an offer pursuant to which the Company has received an irrevocable written commitment by the offeror that the offer, if it is otherwise to expire prior thereto, will be extended for at least twenty (20) Business Days after any increase in the consideration offered or after any bona fide alternative offer is commenced;

(viii) an offer pursuant to which the Company has received an irrevocable, legally binding written commitment of the offeror that the offer will remain open until at least the later of (A) the date the Board redeems the outstanding Rights or exempts such offer from the terms of this Agreement; (B) if no Special Meeting Demand has been received from the holders of a Requisite Percentage with respect to such offer, ten (10) Business Days after the end of the Board Evaluation Period; and (C) if a Special Meeting is duly requested in accordance with Section 23, ten (10) Business Days after the date of such Special Meeting or, if no Special Meeting is held within the Special Meeting Period, ten (10) Business Days following the last day of such Special Meeting Period;

(ix) an offer pursuant to which the Company has received an irrevocable, legally binding written commitment of the offeror to consummate, as promptly as practicable upon successful completion of the offer, a second step transaction whereby all shares of the Common Stock not tendered into the offer shall be acquired at the same consideration per share of Common Stock actually paid pursuant to the offer, subject to stockholders' statutory appraisal rights, if any;

(x) an offer pursuant to which the Company has received an irrevocable, legally binding written commitment of the offeror that no amendments shall be made to the offer to reduce the consideration being offered or to otherwise change the terms of the offer in a way that is adverse to a tendering stockholder (other than extensions of the offer consistent with the terms thereof);

(xi) an offer (other than an offer consisting solely of cash consideration) pursuant to which the Company has received the written representation and certification of the offeror and the written representations and certifications of the offeror's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, acting in such capacities, that (A) all facts about the offeror that would be material to making an investor's decision to accept the offer have been fully and accurately disclosed as of the date of the commencement of the offer within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) of the Exchange Act; (B) all such new facts shall be fully and accurately disclosed on a prompt basis during the entire period during which the offer remains open; and (C) all required Exchange Act reports shall be filed by the offeror in a timely manner during such period; and

(xii) if the offer includes shares of Common Stock of the offeror, (A) the offeror is a publicly owned United States corporation and its Common Stock is freely tradable and is listed or admitted to trading on either the NASDAQ or the NYSE; (B) no stockholder approval of the offeror is required to issue such Common Stock, or, if required, such approval has already been obtained; (C) no Person (including such Person's Related Persons) Beneficially Owns more than 20% of the voting stock of the offeror at the time of commencement of the offer or at any time during the term of the offer; (D) no other class of voting stock of the offeror is outstanding; and (E) the offeror meets the registrant eligibility requirements for use of Form S-3 for registering securities under the Securities Act, including, without limitation, the filing of all required Exchange Act reports in a timely manner during the twelve calendar months prior to the date of commencement of such offer.

For the purposes of the definition of Qualifying Offer, "fully financed" shall mean that the offeror has sufficient funds for the offer and related expenses which shall be evidenced by (x) firm, unqualified, written commitments from responsible financial institutions having the necessary financial capacity, accepted by the offeror, to provide funds for such offer subject only to customary terms and conditions; (y) cash or cash equivalents then available to the offeror, set apart and maintained solely for the purpose of funding the offer with an irrevocable, legally binding written commitment being provided by the offeror to the Board to maintain such availability until the offer is consummated or withdrawn; or (z) a combination of the foregoing; which evidence has been provided to the Company prior to, or upon, commencement of the offer. If an offer becomes a Qualifying Offer in accordance with this definition, but subsequently ceases to be a Qualifying Offer as a result of the failure at a later date to continue to satisfy any of the requirements of this definition, such offer shall cease to be a Qualifying Offer and the provisions of Section 23 shall no longer be applicable to such offer.

(ccc) "**Qualifying Offer Resolution**" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.

(ddd) "**Receiving Party**" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1(x) hereof.

(eee) "**Record Date**" shall mean the Close of Business on October 17, 2016.

(fff) **“Redemption Date”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(a) hereof.

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(ggg) **“Redemption Period”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(a) hereof.

(hhh) **“Redemption Price”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(a) hereof.

(iii) **“Related Person”** shall mean, as to any Person, any Affiliates or Associates of such Person.

(jjj) **“Requesting Person”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25(a) hereof.

(kkk) **“Requisite Percentage”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.

(lll) **“Rights”** shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals of this Agreement.

(mmm) **“Rights Agent”** shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble hereof.

(nnn) **“Rights Certificate”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(d) hereof.

(ooo) **“Schedule 13D”** shall mean a statement on Schedule 13D pursuant to Rule 13d-1(a), 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act as in effect at the time of the public announcement of the declaration of the Rights dividend with respect to the shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned by the Person filing such statement.

(ppp) **“Securities Act”** shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(qqq) **“Special Meeting”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.

(rrr) **“Special Meeting Demand”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(i) hereof.

(sss) **“Special Meeting Period”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23(c)(ii) hereof.

(ttt) **“Spread”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(iii) hereof.

(uuu) **“Stock Acquisition Date”** shall mean the first date of public announcement (including, without limitation, the filing of any report pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) by the Company or an Acquiring Person that a Person has become an Acquiring Person, or such other date, as determined by the Board, on which a Person has become an Acquiring Person.

(vvv) **“Stockholder Approval”** shall mean the approval or ratification by the stockholders of the Company of this Agreement (or such Agreement as then in effect or as contemplated to be in effect following such Stockholder Approval) as demonstrated by the votes cast in favor of any such approval or ratification proposal submitted to a stockholder vote by the Company exceeding the votes cast against such proposal at a duly held meeting of stockholders of the Company.

(www) “**Subsidiary**” shall mean, with reference to any Person, any other Person of which (i) a majority of the voting power of the voting securities or equity interests is Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by such first-mentioned Person or otherwise controlled by such first-mentioned Person; or (ii) an amount of voting securities or equity interests sufficient to elect at least a majority of the directors or equivalent governing body of such other Person is Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by such first-mentioned Person, or otherwise controlled by such first-mentioned Person.

(xxx) “**Substitution Period**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 11(a)(iii) hereof.

(yyy) “**Summary of Rights**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(a) hereof.

(zzz) “**Tax Benefits**” shall mean the net operating loss carryovers, capital loss carryovers, general business credit carryovers, alternative minimum tax credit carryovers and foreign tax credit carryovers, as well as any loss or deduction attributable to a “net unrealized built-in loss” within the meaning of Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(aaaa) “**Trading Day**” shall mean, in respect to any security, (i) if such security is listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, a day on which the principal national securities exchange on which such security is listed or admitted to trading is open for the transaction of business; and (ii) if such security is not so listed or admitted, a Business Day.

(bbbb) “**Treasury Regulations**” shall mean the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as may be amended from time to time.

(cccc) “**Triggering Event**” shall mean any Flip-In Event or any Flip-Over Event.

(dddd) “**Trust**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24(d) hereof.

(eeee) “**Trust Agreement**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24(d) hereof.

Section 2. Appointment of Rights Agent.

The Company hereby appoints the Rights Agent to act as agent for the Company in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof, and the Rights Agent hereby accepts such appointment. The Company may from time to time appoint such co-Rights Agents as it may deem necessary or desirable; provided that the Company shall notify the Rights Agent in writing two Business Days prior to such appointment. In the event the Company appoints one or more co-Rights Agents, the respective duties of the Rights Agent and any co-Rights Agents under the provisions of this Agreement shall be as the Company reasonably determines, and the Company shall notify, in writing, the Rights Agent and any co-Rights Agents of such duties. The Rights Agent shall have no duty to supervise, and shall in no event be liable for, the acts or omissions of any such co-Rights Agents.

Section 3. Issue of Rights Certificates.

(a) On the Record Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Company will send (directly or, at the expense of the Company, through the Rights Agent or its transfer agent if the Rights Agent or transfer agent is directed by the Company and provided with all necessary information and documents) a copy of a Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Stock, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and which may be appended to certificates that represent shares of Common Stock (the “Summary of Rights”), to each record holder of Common Stock as of the Close of Business on the Record Date (other than any Acquiring Person or any Associate or Affiliate of any Acquiring Person), at the address of such holder shown on the records of the Company or transfer agent or register for Common Stock. With respect to certificates representing shares of Common Stock (or Book Entry shares of Common Stock) outstanding as of the Record Date, until the Distribution Date, the Rights shall be evidenced by such shares of Common Stock registered in the names of the holders thereof together with the Summary of Rights, and not by separate Rights Certificates. With respect to Book Entry shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date, until the Distribution Date, the Rights shall be evidenced by the balances indicated in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock together with the Summary of Rights. Until the earlier of the Distribution Date and the Expiration Date, the transfer of any shares of Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date (whether represented by certificates or evidenced by the balances indicated in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock, and, in either case, regardless of whether a copy of the Summary of Rights is submitted with the surrender or request for transfer), shall also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with such shares of Common Stock.

(b) Rights shall be issued, without any further action, in respect of all shares of Common Stock that become outstanding (whether originally issued or delivered from the Company’s treasury) after the Record Date but prior to the earlier of the Distribution Date and the Expiration Date; provided, however, that Rights also shall be issued to the extent provided in Section 21 hereof. Confirmation and account statements sent to holders of Common Stock for Book Entry form or, in the case of certificated shares, certificates, representing such shares of Common Stock, issued after the Record Date shall bear a legend substantially in the following form:

“[This certificate] [These shares] also evidence[s] and entitle[s] the holder hereof to certain Rights as set forth in a Rights Agreement between Surge Components, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “Company”), and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company or any successor Rights Agent (the “Rights Agent”) dated as of October 7, 2016, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time (the “Rights Agreement”), the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference and a copy of which is on file at the principal executive offices of the Company. Under certain circumstances, as set forth in the Rights Agreement, such Rights shall be evidenced by separate certificates and will no longer be evidenced by [this certificate] [these shares]. The Company will mail to the holder of [this certificate] [these shares] a copy of the Rights Agreement as in effect on the date of mailing without charge after receipt of a written request therefor.

Under certain circumstances, as set forth in the Rights Agreement, Rights that are Beneficially Owned by any Person who is, was or becomes an Acquiring Person or any Related Person thereof (as such capitalized terms are defined in the Rights Agreement), or specified transferees of such Acquiring Person (or Related Person thereof) may become null and void and will no longer be transferable.”

With respect to all certificates representing shares of Common Stock containing the foregoing legend, until the earliest of the Distribution Date and the Expiration Date, the Rights associated with the Common Stock represented by such certificates shall be evidenced by such certificates alone and registered holders of Common Stock shall also be the registered holders of the associated Rights, and the transfer of any such certificate shall also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the shares of Common Stock represented by such certificates.

With respect to Common Stock in Book Entry form for which there has been sent a confirmation or account statement containing the foregoing legend, until the earliest of the Distribution Date and the Expiration Date, the Rights associated with the Common Stock shall be evidenced by such Common Stock alone and registered holders of Common Stock shall also be the registered holders of the associated Rights, and the transfer of any such Common Stock shall also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with such shares of Common Stock.

Notwithstanding this paragraph (b), the omission of the legend or the failure to send, deliver or provide the registered owner of shares of Common Stock a copy of the Summary of Rights shall not affect the enforceability of any part of this Agreement or the rights of any holder of the Rights.

In the event that the Company purchases or otherwise acquires any shares of Common Stock after the Record Date but prior to the Distribution Date, any Rights associated with such shares of Common Stock shall be cancelled and retired so that the Company is not entitled to exercise any Rights associated with the shares of Common Stock that are no longer outstanding.

(c) Until the Distribution Date, the Rights shall be transferable only in connection with the transfer of the underlying shares of Common Stock (including a transfer to the Company).

(d) As soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, the Company will prepare and execute, and the Rights Agent will countersign and the Company will send or cause to be sent (and the Rights Agent will, if so requested and provided with all necessary information and documents, at the expense of the Company, send) by first-class, insured, postage-prepaid mail, to each record holder of shares of Common Stock as of the Close of Business on the Distribution Date (other than any Acquiring Person or any Related Person of an Acquiring Person), at the address of such holder shown on the records of the Company, one or more rights certificates, in substantially the form of Exhibit C hereto (the “**Rights Certificate**”), evidencing one Right for each share of Common Stock so held, subject to

adjustment as provided herein. In the event that an adjustment in the number of Rights per share of Common Stock has been made pursuant to Section 11 hereof, at the time of distribution of the Rights Certificates, the Company shall make the necessary and appropriate rounding adjustments (in accordance with Section 14(a) hereof) so that Rights Certificates representing only whole numbers of Rights are distributed and cash is paid in lieu of any fractional Rights. As of and after the Distribution Date, the Rights shall be evidenced solely by such Rights Certificates, and the Rights Certificates and the Rights shall be transferable separately from the transfer of Common Stock. The Company shall promptly notify the Rights Agent in writing upon the occurrence of the Distribution Date and, if such notification is given orally, the Company shall confirm the same in writing on or prior to the Business Day next following. Until such written notice is received by the Rights Agent, the Rights Agent may presume conclusively for all purposes that the Distribution Date has not occurred.

Section 4. Form of Rights Certificate.

(a) The Rights Certificates (and the forms of election to purchase and of assignment and the certificate to be printed on the reverse thereof) shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto and may have such changes or marks of identification or designation and such legends, summaries, or endorsements printed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate (but which do not affect the rights, duties, liabilities, protections or responsibilities of the Rights Agent), and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, or as may be required to comply with any applicable law or any rule or regulation thereunder or with any applicable rule or regulation of any stock exchange upon which the Rights may from time to time be listed or the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or to conform to customary usage. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Rights Certificates, whenever distributed, shall be dated as of the Distribution Date and on their face shall entitle the holders thereof to purchase such number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock as shall be set forth therein at the price set forth therein (such price, the “**Exercise Price**”), but the amount and type of securities, cash, or other assets that may be acquired upon the exercise of each Right and the Exercise Price thereof shall be subject to adjustment as provided herein.

(b) Any Rights Certificate issued pursuant hereto that represents Rights Beneficially Owned by (i) an Acquiring Person or any Related Person of an Acquiring Person; (ii) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or of any such Related Person) that becomes a transferee after the Acquiring Person becomes an Acquiring Person; or (iii) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or of any such Related Person) that becomes a transferee prior to or concurrently with the Acquiring Person becoming an Acquiring Person and that receives such Rights pursuant to either (A) a transfer (whether or not for consideration) from the Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) to holders of equity interests in such Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) or to any Person with whom such Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) has any continuing written or oral plan, agreement, arrangement, or understanding regarding the transferred Rights, shares of Common Stock, or the Company; or (B) a transfer that the Board has determined in good faith to be part of a plan, agreement, arrangement, or understanding that has as a primary purpose or effect the avoidance of Section 7(e) hereof (and any Rights Certificate issued pursuant to Section 6 or Section 11 hereof upon transfer, exchange, replacement or adjustment of any other Rights Certificate referred to in this sentence), shall contain upon the direction of the Board a legend substantially in the following form:

“The Rights represented by this Rights Certificate are or were Beneficially Owned by a Person who was or became an Acquiring Person or a Related Person of an Acquiring Person (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement dated as of October 7, 2016 by and between Surge Components, Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (the “Rights Agreement”). Accordingly, this Rights Certificate and the Rights represented hereby may become null and void in the circumstances specified in Section 7(e) of the Rights Agreement.”

The Company shall give written notice to the Rights Agent promptly after it becomes aware of the existence and identity of any Acquiring Person or any Related Person thereof. Until such notice is received by the Rights Agent, the Rights Agent may presume conclusively without independent verification thereof for all purposes that no Person has become an Acquiring Person or a Related Person of an Acquiring Person. The Company shall instruct the Rights Agent in writing of the Rights which should be so legended.

Section 5. Countersignature and Registration.

(a) The Rights Certificates shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary, Treasurer, any Vice-President, any Assistant Secretary or any other officer of the Company, shall have affixed thereto the Company's corporate seal (or a facsimile thereof), and shall be attested by the Company's Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers on the Rights Certificates may be manual or by facsimile or other customary shall mean of electronic transmission (e.g., "pdf"). Rights Certificates bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of the individuals who were at the time of execution the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the countersigning of such Rights Certificates by the Rights Agent or did not hold such offices at the date of such Rights Certificates. No Rights Certificate shall be entitled to any benefit under this Agreement or shall be valid for any purpose unless there appears on such Rights Certificate a countersignature duly executed by the Rights Agent by manual or facsimile or other customary shall mean of electronic transmission (e.g., "pdf") of an authorized officer, and such countersignature upon any Rights Certificate shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Rights Certificate has been duly countersigned as required hereunder.

(b) Following the Distribution Date, and receipt by the Rights Agent of written notice to that effect and all other relevant and necessary information referred to in Section 3(d) hereof, the Rights Agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its office designated for such purpose, books for registration and transfer of the Rights Certificates issued hereunder. Such books shall show the name and address of each holder of the Rights Certificates, the number of Rights evidenced on its face by each Rights Certificate and the date of each Rights Certificate.

Section 6. Transfer, Split Up, Combination and Exchange of Rights Certificates; Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Rights Certificates.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Sections 4(b), 7(e) and 14 hereof, at any time after the Close of Business on the Distribution Date and at or prior to the Close of Business on the Expiration Date, any Rights Certificate (other than Rights Certificates representing Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof, that have been redeemed pursuant to Section 23 hereof, or that have been exchanged pursuant to Section 24 hereof) may be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged for another Rights Certificate, entitling the registered holder to purchase a like number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or following a Triggering Event, Common Stock, other securities, cash or other assets, as the case may be) as the Rights Certificate or Certificates surrendered then entitled such holder to purchase. Any registered holder desiring to transfer, split up, combine or exchange any Rights Certificate shall make such request in writing delivered to the Rights Agent, and shall surrender, together with any required form of assignment duly executed and properly completed, the Rights Certificates to be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged at the office of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose. The Rights Certificates are transferable only on the books and records of the Rights Agent. Neither the Rights Agent nor the Company shall be obligated to take any action whatsoever with respect to the transfer of any such surrendered Rights Certificate until the registered holder has properly completed and executed the certificate set forth in the form of assignment on the reverse side of such Rights Certificate and has provided such additional evidence of the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) of the Rights represented by such Rights Certificate or Related Person thereof as the Company or the Rights Agent requests, whereupon the Rights Agent shall, subject to the provisions of Sections 4(b), 7(e) and 14 hereof, countersign and deliver to the Person entitled thereto a Rights Certificate or Rights Certificates, as the case may be, as so requested. The Company may require payment by the holder of the Rights of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer, split up, combination or exchange of Rights Certificates. If and to the extent the Company does require payment of any such taxes or governmental charges, the Company shall give the Rights Agent prompt written notice thereof and the Rights Agent shall not deliver any Rights Certificate unless and until it is satisfied that all such payments have been made, and the Rights Agent shall forward any such sum collected by it to the Company or to such Persons as the Company specifies by written notice. The Rights Agent shall have no duty or obligation to take any action with respect to a Rights holder under any Section of this Agreement which requires the payment by such Rights holder applicable taxes and/or governmental charges unless and until it is satisfied that all such taxes and/or governmental charges have been paid.

(b) If a Rights Certificate is mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, upon written request by the registered holder of the Rights represented thereby and upon payment to the Company and the Rights Agent of all reasonable expenses incident thereto, there shall be issued, in exchange for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Rights Certificate, or in substitution for the lost, stolen or destroyed Rights Certificate, a new Rights Certificate, in substantially the form of the prior Rights Certificate, of like tenor and representing the equivalent number of Rights, but, in the case of loss, theft, or destruction, only upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Company and the Rights Agent of such loss, theft or destruction of such Rights Certificate and such additional evidence of the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) or Related Persons thereof as the Company or the Rights Agent requests, and, if requested by the Company or the Rights Agent, indemnity also satisfactory to it.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Company and the Rights Agent may amend this Agreement to provide for uncertificated Rights in addition to or in lieu of Rights evidenced by Right Certificates, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

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Section 7. Exercise of Rights; Exercise Price; Expiration Date of Rights.

(a) Subject to Section 7(e) hereof, the registered holder of any Rights Certificate may exercise the Rights evidenced thereby (except as otherwise provided herein including, without limitation, in the restrictions on exercisability set forth in Sections 9(c), 11(a)(iii) and 23(a) hereof) in whole or in part at any time after the Distribution Date upon surrender of the Rights Certificate, with the form of election to purchase and the certificate on the reverse side thereof properly completed and duly executed, to the Rights Agent at the office of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, together with payment of the Exercise Price for each one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock, other securities, cash or other assets, as the case may be) as to which the Rights are exercised prior to the earliest of (i) the Close of Business on October 7, 2019 or such later date as may be established by the Board prior to the expiration of the Rights as long as the extension is submitted to the stockholders of the Company for ratification at the next annual meeting of stockholders succeeding such extension (the **"Final Expiration Date"**); (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed pursuant to Section 23 hereof (the **"Redemption Date"**); (iii) the time at which the Rights are exchanged pursuant to Section 24 hereof (the **"Exchange Date"**); (iv) the closing of any merger or other acquisition transaction involving the Company pursuant to an agreement of the type described in Section 13(f) at which time the Rights are terminated; (v) the Close of Business on the first day after the Company's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, if Stockholder Approval has not been obtained at the Company's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders (the **"Early Expiration Date"**); (vi) the Close of Business on the effective date of the repeal of Section 382 of the Code if the Board determines that this Agreement is no longer necessary or desirable for the preservation of Tax Benefits; and (vii) the Close of Business on the first day of a taxable year of the Company to which the Board determines that no Tax Benefits are available to be carried forward (the earliest of (i) – (vii) being herein referred to as the **"Expiration Date"**).

(b) Each Right shall entitle the registered holder thereof to purchase one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock. The Exercise Price for each one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock pursuant to the exercise of a Right shall be initially \$5.00, and shall be subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in Sections 11 and 13 hereof and payable in lawful money of the United States in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section 7.

(c) Upon receipt of a Rights Certificate representing exercisable Rights, with the form of election to purchase and the certificate properly completed and duly executed, accompanied by payment, with respect to each Right so exercised, of the Exercise Price per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock, other securities, cash or other assets, as the case may be) to be purchased and an amount equal to any applicable tax or governmental charge, then the Rights Agent shall, subject to Section 18(j) hereof, promptly (i) (A) requisition from any transfer agent of the Preferred Stock certificates representing such number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or fractions of shares that are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock) as are to be purchased and the Company shall direct its transfer agent to comply with all such requests; or (B) if the Company has elected to deposit the total number of shares of Preferred Stock issuable upon exercise of the Rights hereunder with a depositary agent, requisition from the depositary agent depositary receipts representing such number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock as are to be purchased (in which case certificates for the shares of Preferred Stock represented by such receipts shall be deposited by the transfer agent with the depositary agent), and the Company shall direct the depositary to comply with all such requests; (ii) if necessary to comply with this Agreement, requisition from the Company the amount of cash, if any, to be paid *in lieu* of fractional shares in

accordance with Section 14 hereof; (iii) after receipt of such certificates or such depositary receipts, cause the same to be delivered to or upon the order of the registered holder of such Rights Certificate, registered in such name or names as may be designated by such holder; and (iv) if necessary to comply with this Agreement, after receipt thereof, deliver such cash, if any, to or upon the order of the registered holder of such Rights Certificate. In the event that the Company is obligated to issue Common Stock or other securities of the Company, pay cash and/or distribute other assets pursuant to Section 11(a) hereof, the Company shall make all arrangements necessary so that such Common Stock, other securities, cash and/or other assets are available for distribution by the Rights Agent, if and when necessary to comply with this Agreement, and until so received, the Rights Agent shall have no duties or obligations with respect to such securities, cash and/or other assets. The payment of the Exercise Price (as such amount may be reduced pursuant to Section 11(a)(iii) hereof) may be made in cash or by certified or bank check or money order payable to the order of the Company.

(d) In the event a registered holder of any Rights Certificate exercises less than all the Rights evidenced thereby, a new Rights Certificate evidencing the Rights remaining unexercised shall be issued by the Rights Agent and delivered to, or upon the order of, such holder, registered in such name or names as designated by such holder, subject to the provisions of Sections 6 and 14 hereof.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, from and after the first occurrence of a Flip-In Event, any Rights Beneficially Owned by (i) an Acquiring Person or a Related Person of an Acquiring Person; (ii) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or of any such Related Person) who becomes a transferee after the Acquiring Person becomes such; or (iii) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or of any such Related Person) who becomes a transferee prior to or concurrently with the Acquiring Person becoming such and who receives such Rights pursuant to either (A) a transfer (whether or not for consideration) from the Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) to holders of equity interests in such Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) or to any Person with whom the Acquiring Person (or any such Related Person) has any continuing written or oral plan, agreement, arrangement or understanding regarding the transferred Rights, shares of Common Stock or the Company; or (B) a transfer that the Board has determined in good faith to be part of a plan, agreement, arrangement or understanding that has as a primary purpose or effect the avoidance of this Section 7(e), shall be null and void without any further action, and any holder of such Rights thereafter shall have no rights or preferences whatsoever with respect to such Rights, whether under any provision of this Agreement, the Rights Certificates or otherwise (including, without limitation, rights and preferences pursuant to Sections 7, 11, 13, 23 and 24 hereof). The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section 7(e) and Section 4(b) hereof, but neither the Company nor the Rights Agent have any liability to any holder of Rights or any other Person as a result of the Company's failure to make any determination with respect to an Acquiring Person or its Related Persons or transferees hereunder.

(f) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any Rights Certificate to the contrary, neither the Rights Agent nor the Company shall be obligated to take any action with respect to a registered holder upon the occurrence of any purported transfer or exercise as set forth in this Section 7 by such registered holder unless such registered holder has (i) properly completed and duly executed the certificate following the form of election to purchase set forth on the reverse side of the Rights Certificate surrendered for such exercise, and (ii) provided such additional evidence of the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) of the Rights represented by such Rights Certificate or Related Persons thereof as the Company or the Rights Agent reasonably requests.

(g) Except for those provisions herein that expressly survive the termination of this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier of the Expiration Date and such time as all outstanding Rights have been exercised, redeemed or exchanged hereunder.

Section 8. Cancellation and Destruction of Rights Certificates.

All Rights Certificates surrendered for the purpose of exercise, transfer, split up, combination or exchange shall, if surrendered to the Company or to any of its agents, be delivered to the Rights Agent for cancellation or in cancelled form, or, if surrendered to the Rights Agent, shall be cancelled by it, and no Rights Certificates shall be issued *in lieu* thereof except as expressly permitted by this Agreement. The Company shall deliver to the Rights Agent for cancellation and retirement, and the Rights Agent shall so cancel and retire, any Rights Certificates acquired by the Company otherwise than upon the exercise thereof. The Rights Agent shall deliver all cancelled Rights Certificates to the Company, or shall, at the written request of the Company, destroy or cause to be destroyed such cancelled Rights Certificates, and in such case shall deliver a certificate of destruction thereof to the Company.

Section 9. Reservation and Availability of Capital Stock.

(a) The Company shall cause to be reserved and kept available out of its authorized and unissued shares of Preferred Stock (and following the occurrence of a Triggering Event, out of its authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock and/or other securities or out of its authorized and issued shares held in its treasury), a number of shares of Preferred Stock (and, following the occurrence of a Triggering Event, shares of Common Stock and/or other securities) that, as provided in this Agreement, including Section 11(a)(iii) hereof, shall be sufficient to permit the exercise in full of all outstanding Rights. Upon the occurrence of any events resulting in an increase in the aggregate number of shares of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other equity securities of the Company) issuable upon exercise of all outstanding Rights above the number then reserved, the Company shall make appropriate increases in the number of shares so reserved.

(b) As long as the shares of Preferred Stock (and following the occurrence of a Triggering Event, Common Stock and/or other securities) issuable upon the exercise of the Rights may be listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause, from and after such time as the Rights become exercisable, all shares reserved for such issuance to be listed or admitted to trading on such exchange upon official notice of issuance upon such exercise.

(c) If the Company is required to file a registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act with respect to the securities purchasable upon exercise of the Rights, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) file, as soon as practicable following the earliest date after the first occurrence of a Flip-In Event on which the consideration to be delivered by the Company upon exercise of the Rights has been determined in accordance with this Agreement, or as soon as is required by law following the Distribution Date, as the case may be, such registration statement; (ii) cause such registration statement to become effective as soon as practicable after such filing; and (iii) cause such registration statement to remain effective (and to include a prospectus at all times complying with the requirements of the Securities Act) until the earlier of (A) the date as of which the Rights are no longer exercisable for the securities covered by such registration statement, and (B) the Expiration Date. The Company shall also take such action as may be appropriate under, or to ensure compliance with, the securities or “blue sky” laws of the various states in connection with the exercisability of the Rights. The Company may temporarily suspend, with written notice thereof to the Rights Agent, for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days after the date set forth in clause (i) of the first sentence of this Section 9(c), the exercisability of the Rights in order to prepare and file such registration statement and permit it to become effective. Upon any such suspension, the Company shall issue a public announcement stating that the exercisability of the Rights has been temporarily suspended, as well as a public announcement at such time as the suspension is no longer in effect, in each case with simultaneous written notice to the Rights Agent. In addition, if the Company shall determine that a registration statement is required following the Distribution Date, the Company may temporarily suspend the exercisability of the Rights until such time as a registration statement has been declared effective. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Rights shall not be exercisable in any jurisdiction if the requisite qualification in such jurisdiction shall not have been obtained, the exercise thereof shall not be permitted under applicable law, or an effective registration statement is required and shall not have been declared effective or has been suspended.

(d) The Company shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that each one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (and, following the occurrence of a Triggering Event, Common Stock and/or other securities that may be delivered upon exercise of Rights) shall be, at the time of delivery of the certificates or depositary receipts for such securities (subject to payment of the Exercise Price), duly and validly authorized and issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(e) The Company shall pay when due and payable any and all documentary, stamp or transfer tax, or other tax or governmental charge, that is payable in respect of the issuance and delivery of the Rights Certificates or the issuance and delivery of any certificates or depositary receipts or entries in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock for a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other equity securities of the Company that may be delivered upon exercise of the Rights) upon the exercise of Rights; provided, however, the Company shall not be required to pay any such tax or governmental charge that may be payable in connection with the issuance or delivery of any of any certificates or depositary receipts or entries in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock for a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other equity securities of the Company as the case may be) to any Person other than the registered holder of the Rights Certificates evidencing the Rights surrendered for exercise. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificates or depositary receipts or entries in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other equity securities of the Company as the case may be) to, or in a name other than that of, the registered holder upon the exercise of any Rights until any such tax or governmental charge has been paid (any such tax or governmental charge being payable by the holder of such Rights Certificate at the time of surrender) or until it has been established to the Company's or Rights

Agent's satisfaction that no such tax or governmental charge is due.

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Section 10. Preferred Stock Record Date.

Each Person in whose name any certificate or entry in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Preferred Stock for a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other securities, as the case may be) is issued upon the exercise of Rights shall be for all purposes the holder of record of such fractional shares of Preferred Stock (or Common Stock and/or other securities, as the case may be) represented thereby on, and such certificate or entry shall be dated the date upon which the Rights Certificate evidencing such Rights was duly surrendered and payment of the Exercise Price (and any applicable transfer taxes and governmental charges) was made; provided, however, that if the date of such surrender and payment is a date upon which the applicable transfer books of the Company are closed, such Person shall be deemed to have become the record holder of such securities (fractional or otherwise) on, and such certificate or entry shall be dated, the next succeeding Business Day on which the applicable transfer books of the Company are open; provided, further, that if delivery of a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock is delayed pursuant to Section 9(c) hereof, such Persons shall be deemed to have become the record holders of such number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock only when such Preferred Stock first become deliverable. Prior to the exercise of the Rights evidenced thereby, the holder of a Rights Certificate shall not be entitled to any rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the securities for which the Rights are exercisable, including, without limitation, the right to vote, to receive dividends or other distributions or to exercise any preemptive rights, and shall not be entitled to receive any notice of any proceedings of the Company, except as provided herein.

Section 11. Adjustment of Exercise Price, Number and Kind of Shares or Number of Rights.

The Exercise Price, the number and kind of securities covered by each Right and the number of Rights outstanding are subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in this Section 11.

(a) (i) In the event the Company at any time after the date hereof (A) declares a dividend on the Preferred Stock payable in shares of Preferred Stock; (B) subdivides the outstanding Preferred Stock; (C) combines the outstanding Preferred Stock into a smaller number of shares; or (D) issues any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of Preferred Stock (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing or surviving corporation), except as otherwise provided in this Section 11(a), then the Exercise Price in effect at the time of the record date for such dividend or of the effective date of such subdivision, combination or reclassification, and the number and kind of shares (or fractions thereof) of Preferred Stock or capital stock, as the case may be, issuable on such date upon exercise of the Rights, shall be proportionately adjusted so that the holder of any Right exercised after such time becomes entitled to receive, upon payment of the Exercise Price then in effect, the aggregate number and kind of shares (or fractions thereof) of Preferred Stock or capital stock, as the case may be, which, if such Right had been exercised immediately prior to such date, such holder would have owned upon such exercise and been entitled to receive by virtue of such dividend, subdivision, combination or reclassification; provided, however, that in no event may the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one Right be less than the aggregate par value of the shares (or fractions thereof) of capital stock of the Company issuable upon exercise of one Right. If an event occurs that would require an adjustment under both this Section 11(a)(i) and Section 11(a)(ii) hereof, the adjustment provided for in this Section 11(a)(i) shall be in addition to, and shall be made prior to, any adjustment required pursuant to Section 11(a)(ii) hereof.

(ii) Subject to Section 23 and Section 24 hereof, in the event that any Person (other than any Excluded Person), alone or together with its Related Persons, becomes an Acquiring Person (the first occurrence of such event, the **“Flip-In Event”**), unless the event causing such Person to become an Acquiring Person is a transaction set forth in Section 13(a) hereof, then proper provision shall be made so that promptly following the Redemption Period, each holder of a Right (except as provided below and in Section 7(e) hereof) shall thereafter have the right to receive, upon exercise thereof and payment of an amount equal to the then current Exercise Price in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, *in lieu* of a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock, a number of shares of Common Stock of the Company equal to the result obtained by (A) multiplying the then current Exercise Price by the then number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock for which a Right was or would have been exercisable immediately prior to the first occurrence of a Flip-In Event, whether or not such Right was then exercisable; and (B) dividing that product (which, following such first occurrence, shall be referred to as the **“Exercise Price”** for each Right and for all purposes of this Agreement except to the extent set forth in Section 13 hereof) by 50% of the Current Market Price of Common Stock on the date of such first occurrence (such number of shares, the **“Adjustment Shares”**); provided, however, that in connection with any exercise effected pursuant to this Section 11(a)(ii), no holder of Rights shall be entitled to receive Common Stock (or other shares of capital stock of the Company) that would result in such holder, together with such holder’s Affiliates and Associates, becoming the Beneficial Owner of more than 4.99% of the then-outstanding Common Stock. If a holder would, but for the immediately preceding sentence, be entitled to receive a number of shares that would otherwise result in such holder, together with such holder’s Affiliates and Associates, becoming the Beneficial Owner of in excess of 4.99% of the then-outstanding Common Stock (such shares, the **“Excess Shares”**), then in lieu of receiving such Excess Shares and to the extent permitted by law or orders applicable to the Company, such holder will only be entitled to receive an amount in cash or, at the election of the Company, a note or other evidence of indebtedness maturing within nine months with a principal amount, equal to the current per share Current Market Price of a share of Common Stock at the Close of Business on the Trading Day following the date of exercise multiplied by the number of Excess Shares that would otherwise have been issuable to such holder. The Company shall provide the Rights Agent with written notice of the identity of any such Acquiring Person, Related Person or the nominee or transferee of any of the foregoing, and the Rights Agent may rely on such notice in carrying out its duties under this Agreement and shall be deemed not to have any knowledge of the identity of any such Acquiring Person, Related Person or the nominee or transferee of any of the foregoing, unless and until it has received

such notice.

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(iii) In the event that the number of shares of Common Stock authorized by the Certificate of Incorporation, but not outstanding, or reserved for issuance for purposes other than upon exercise of the Rights, is not sufficient to permit the exercise in full of the Rights in accordance with the foregoing clause (ii), the Board shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law and by any agreements or instruments then in effect to which the Company is a party, (A) determine the excess of (1) the value of the Adjustment Shares issuable upon the exercise of a Right (the **“Current Value”**) over (2) the Exercise Price (such excess being the **“Spread”**), and (B) with respect to each Right (subject to Section 7(e) hereof), make adequate provision to substitute for some or all of the Adjustment Shares, upon exercise of a Right and payment of the applicable Exercise Price, (1) cash; (2) a reduction in the Exercise Price; (3) shares or fractions of a share of Preferred Stock or other equity securities of the Company (including, without limitation, shares, or units of shares, of Preferred Stock which the Board has determined to have the same value as shares of Common Stock) (such shares of equity securities being herein called **“Common Stock Equivalents”**); (4) debt securities of the Company; (5) other assets; or (6) any combination of the foregoing, in each case having an aggregate value equal to the Current Value, as determined by the Board based upon the advice of a financial advisor selected by the Board; provided, however, if the Company has not made adequate provision to deliver value pursuant to clause (B) above within thirty (30) days following the later of (x) the first occurrence of a Flip-In Event; and (y) the date on which the Redemption Period expires (the later of (x) and (y) being referred to herein as the **“Flip-In Trigger Date”**), then the Company shall deliver, upon the surrender for exercise of a Right and without requiring payment of the Exercise Price, shares of Common Stock (to the extent available), and then, if necessary such number or fractions of shares of Preferred Stock (to the extent available) and then, if necessary, cash, which shares and/or cash have an aggregate value equal to the Spread.

If, upon the occurrence of a Flip-In Event, the Board determines in good faith that it is likely that sufficient additional shares of Common Stock could be authorized for issuance upon exercise in full of the Rights, then if the Board so elects, the thirty-day period set forth above may be extended to the extent necessary, but not more than ninety (90) days after the Flip-In Trigger Date, in order that the Company may seek stockholder approval for the authorization of such additional shares (such period, as it may be extended, the **“Substitution Period”**). To the extent that action is to be taken pursuant to the preceding provisions of this Section 11(a)(iii), the Company (aa) shall provide, subject to Section 7(e) hereof, that such action shall apply uniformly to all outstanding Rights; and (bb) may suspend the exercisability of the Rights until the expiration of the Substitution Period in order to seek an authorization of additional shares and/or to decide the appropriate form of distribution to be made pursuant to the second sentence of this Section 11(a)(iii) and to determine the value thereof. In the event of any such suspension, the Company shall issue a public announcement (with prompt written notice thereof to the Rights Agent) stating that the exercisability of the Rights has been temporarily suspended, as well as a public announcement (with prompt written notice thereof to the Rights Agent) at such time as the suspension is no longer in effect. For purposes of this Section 11(a)(iii), the value of the Common Stock shall be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the Flip-In Trigger Date and the value of any Common Stock Equivalents shall have the same value as the Common Stock on such date. The Board may establish procedures to allocate the right to receive shares of Common Stock upon the exercise of the Rights among holders of Rights pursuant to this Section 11(a)(iii).

(b) In case the Company fixes a record date for the issuance of rights, options or warrants to all holders of Preferred Stock entitling them (for a period expiring within forty-five (45) days after such record date) to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Stock (or shares having the same rights, privileges and preferences as the shares of Preferred Stock (“**Equivalent Preferred Stock**”)) or securities convertible into Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock at a price per share of Preferred Stock or per share of Equivalent Preferred Stock (or having a conversion price per share, if a security convertible into Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock) less than the Current Market Price of the Preferred Stock on such record date, the Exercise Price to be in effect after such record date shall be determined by multiplying the Exercise Price in effect immediately prior to such record date by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock outstanding on such record date, plus the number of shares of Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares of Preferred Stock and/or Equivalent Preferred Stock so to be offered (and/or the aggregate initial conversion price of the convertible securities so to be offered) would purchase at such Current Market Price, and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock outstanding on such record date, plus the number of additional shares of Preferred Stock and/or Equivalent Preferred Stock to be offered for subscription or purchase (or into which the convertible securities so to be offered are initially convertible); provided, however, that in no event may the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one Right be less than the aggregate par value of the shares of capital stock of the Company issuable upon exercise of one Right. In case such subscription price may be paid by delivery of consideration all or part of which may be in a form other than cash, the value of such consideration shall be determined by the Board, whose determination shall be described in a statement filed with the Rights Agent and shall be binding on the Rights Agent and the holders of the Rights. Shares of Preferred Stock or Equivalent Preferred Stock owned by or held for the account of the Company or any Subsidiary will not be deemed outstanding for the purpose of such computation. Such adjustment shall be made successively whenever such a record date is fixed, and in the event that such rights, options or warrants are not so issued, the Exercise Price shall be adjusted to be the Exercise Price that would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

(c) In case the Company fixes a record date for a distribution to all holders of shares of Preferred Stock (including any such distribution made in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing or surviving corporation), evidences of indebtedness, cash (other than a regular quarterly cash dividend out of the earnings or retained earnings of the Company), assets (other than a dividend payable in shares of Preferred Stock, but including any dividend payable in stock other than Preferred Stock), or subscription rights, options or warrants (excluding those referred to in Section 11(b) hereof), then, in each case, the Exercise Price to be in effect after such record date shall be determined by multiplying the Exercise Price in effect immediately prior to such record date by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Current Market Price of the Preferred Stock on such record date minus the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Board, whose determination shall be described in a statement filed with the Rights Agent and shall be binding and conclusive for all purposes on the Rights Agent and the holders of the Rights) of the portion of the cash, assets or evidences of indebtedness so to be distributed or of such subscription rights or warrants distributable in respect of a share of Preferred Stock, and the denominator of which shall be the Current Market Price of the Preferred Stock on such record date; provided, however, that in no event shall the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one Right be less than the aggregate par value of the shares of capital stock of the Company issuable upon exercise of one Right. Such adjustments shall be made successively whenever such a record date is fixed; and in the event that such distribution is not so made, the Exercise Price shall be adjusted to be the Exercise Price that would have been in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no adjustment in the Exercise Price is required unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least one percent (1%) in the Exercise Price; provided, however, that any adjustments that by reason of this Section 11(d) are not required to be made shall be carried forward and taken into account in any subsequent adjustment. All calculations under this Section 11 shall be made to the nearest cent or to the nearest ten-thousandth of a share of Common Stock or other share or one-millionth of a share of Preferred Stock, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Section 11(d), no adjustment required by this Section 11 may be made after the earlier of (i) three years from the date of the transaction that requires such adjustment and (ii) the Expiration Date.

(e) If, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to Sections 11(a)(ii) or 13(a) hereof, the holder of any Right thereafter exercised becomes entitled to receive any shares of capital stock other than Preferred Stock, the number of such other shares shall be subject to adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to the Preferred Stock contained in Sections 11(a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l) hereof, and the provisions of Sections 7, 9, 10, 13 and 14 hereof with respect to the Preferred Stock shall apply on like terms to any such other shares.

(f) All Rights originally issued by the Company subsequent to any adjustment made to the Exercise Price hereunder will evidence the right to purchase, at the adjusted Exercise Price, the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (or other securities or amount of cash or combination thereof) that may be acquired from time to time hereunder upon exercise of the Rights, all subject to further adjustment as provided herein.

(g) Unless the Company has exercised its election pursuant to Section 11(h), upon each adjustment of the Exercise Price as a result of the calculations made in Sections 11(b) and (c) hereof, each Right outstanding immediately prior to the making of such adjustment will thereafter evidence the right to purchase, at the adjusted Exercise Price, a number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock (calculated to the nearest one-millionth of a share) obtained by (i) multiplying (A) the number of one one-thousandths of a share covered by a Right immediately prior to this adjustment by (B) the Exercise Price in effect immediately prior to such adjustment of the Exercise Price; and (ii) dividing the product so obtained by the Exercise Price in effect immediately after such adjustment of the Exercise Price.

(h) The Company may elect, on or after the date of any adjustment of the Exercise Price, to adjust the number of Rights, *in lieu* of any adjustment in the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of a Right. Each of the Rights outstanding after the adjustment in the number of Rights shall be exercisable for the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock for which a Right was exercisable immediately prior to such adjustment. Each Right held of record prior to such adjustment of the number of Rights shall become a number of Rights (calculated to the nearest one ten-thousandth of a Right) obtained by dividing the Exercise Price in effect immediately prior to adjustment of the Exercise Price by the Exercise Price in effect immediately after adjustment of the Exercise Price. The Company shall make a public announcement (with prompt written notice thereof to the Rights Agent) of its election to adjust the number of Rights, indicating the record date for the adjustment, and, if known at the time, the amount of the adjustment to be made. Such record date may be the date on which the Exercise Price is adjusted or any day thereafter, but, if the Rights Certificates have been issued, shall be at least ten (10) days later than the date of such public announcement. If Rights Certificates have been issued, upon each adjustment of the number of Rights pursuant to this Section 11(h), the Company shall, as promptly as practicable, at the option of the Company, either (A) cause to be distributed to holders of record of Rights Certificates on such record date Rights Certificates evidencing, subject to Section 14 hereof, the additional Rights to which such holders are entitled as a result of such adjustment, or (B) cause to be distributed to such holders of record in substitution and replacement for the Rights Certificates held by such holders prior to the date of adjustment, and upon surrender thereof, if required by the Company, new Rights Certificates evidencing all the Rights to which such holders become entitled after such adjustment. Rights Certificates so to be distributed shall be issued, executed and delivered by the Company, and countersigned and delivered by the Rights Agent, in the manner provided for herein (and may bear, at the option of the Company, the adjusted Exercise Price) and shall be registered in the names of the holders of record of Rights Certificates on the record date specified in the public announcement.

(i) Irrespective of any adjustment or change in the Exercise Price or the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Rights, the Rights Certificates theretofore and thereafter issued may continue to express the Exercise Price per one one-thousandth of a share and the number of one one-thousandths of a share which were expressed in the initial Rights Certificates issued hereunder.

(j) Before taking any action that would cause an adjustment reducing the Exercise Price below the then par value, if any, of the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock issuable upon exercise of the Rights, the Company shall take any corporate action that may, in the opinion of its counsel, be necessary in order that the Company may validly and legally issue, such number of fully paid and non-assessable of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock at such adjusted Exercise Price.

(k) In any case in which this Section 11 requires that an adjustment in the Exercise Price be made effective as of a record date for a specified event, the Company may elect to defer (with prompt written notice thereof to the Rights Agent) until the occurrence of such event the issuance to the holder of any Right exercised after such record date of that number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock and shares of other capital stock or securities of the Company, if any, issuable upon such exercise over and above the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock and shares of other capital stock or securities of the Company, if any, issuable upon such exercise on the basis of the Exercise Price in effect prior to such adjustment; provided, however, that the Company shall deliver to such holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such holder's right to receive such additional shares (fractional or otherwise) or securities upon the occurrence of the event requiring such adjustment.

(l) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 11 to the contrary, prior to the Distribution Date, the Company is entitled to make such reductions in the Exercise Price, in addition to those adjustments expressly required by this Section 11, to the extent that the Board determines that any (i) consolidation or subdivision of the Preferred Stock; (ii) issuance wholly for cash of any shares of Preferred Stock at less than the Current Market Price; (iii) issuance wholly for cash of shares of Preferred Stock or securities that by their terms are convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Preferred Stock; (iv) stock dividends; or (v) issuance of rights, options or warrants referred to in this Section 11, hereafter made by the Company to holders of its Preferred Stock is taxable to such holders or reduces the taxes payable by such holders.

(m) The Company may not, at any time after the Distribution Date, (i) consolidate with any other Person (other than a direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in a transaction that complies with Section 11(n) hereof); (ii) merge with or into any other Person (other than a direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in a transaction that complies with Section 11(n) hereof); or (iii) sell or transfer (or permit any Subsidiary to sell or transfer), in one transaction, or a series of transactions, assets or earning power aggregating more than 50% of the assets or earning power of the Company and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any other Person or Persons (other than the Company and/or any of its direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiaries in one or more transactions, each of which complies with Section 11(n) hereof), if (A) at the time of or immediately after such consolidation, merger or sale there are any rights, warrants or other instruments or securities outstanding or agreements in effect that would substantially diminish or otherwise eliminate the benefits intended to be afforded by the Rights; or (B) prior to, simultaneously with or immediately after such consolidation, merger or sale, the stockholders or other Persons holding an equity interest in such Person that constitutes, or would constitute, the "Principal Party" for purposes of Section 13(a) hereof shall have received a distribution of, or otherwise have transferred to them, the Rights previously owned by such Person or any of its Related Persons; provided, however, this Section 11(m) shall not affect the ability of any Subsidiary of the Company to consolidate with, merge with or into, or sell or transfer assets or earning power to, any other Subsidiary of the Company.

(n) After the earlier of the Distribution Date and the Stock Acquisition Date and as long as any Rights are outstanding (other than Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof), the Company may not, except as permitted by Sections 23, 24, and 27Section 27 hereof, take (or permit any Subsidiary of the Company to take) any action if at the time such action is taken it is reasonably foreseeable that such action will diminish substantially or otherwise eliminate the benefits intended to be afforded by the Rights.

(o) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event that the Company, at any time after the date hereof and prior to the Distribution Date, (i) declares a dividend on the outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock; (ii) subdivides any outstanding shares of Common Stock; (iii) combines any of the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; or (iv) issues any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Common Stock (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing or surviving corporation), then the number of Rights associated with each share of Common Stock then outstanding or issued or delivered thereafter but prior to the Distribution Date shall be proportionately adjusted so that the number of Rights thereafter associated with each share of Common Stock following any such event equals the result obtained by multiplying the number of Rights associated with each share of Common Stock immediately prior to such event by a fraction the numerator of which shall be the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the occurrence of the event and the denominator of which shall be the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately following the occurrence of such event. The adjustments provided for in this Section 11(o) shall be made successively whenever such a dividend is declared or paid or such a subdivision, combination, or reclassification is effected. If an event occurs that would require an adjustment under Section 11(a)(ii) hereof and this Section 11(o), the adjustments provided for in this Section 11(o) shall be in addition and prior to any adjustment required pursuant to Section 11(a)(ii) hereof.

Section 12. Certificate of Adjusted Exercise Price or Number of Shares.

Whenever an adjustment is made or any event affecting the Rights or their exercisability (including without limitation an event that causes Rights to become null and void) occurs as provided in Section 11 or Section 13 hereof, the Company shall (a) promptly prepare a certificate setting forth such adjustment or describing such event, and a brief reasonably detailed statement of the facts, computations and methodology accounting for such adjustment; (b) promptly file with the Rights Agent, and with each transfer agent for the Preferred Stock and the Common Stock, a copy of such certificate; and (c) mail a brief summary thereof to each holder of a Rights Certificate (or, if prior to the Distribution Date, each registered holder of shares of Common Stock) in accordance with Section 27 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the failure of the Company to make such certification or give such notice shall not affect the validity of or the force or effect of the requirement for such adjustment. Any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 11 or Section 13 hereof shall be effective as of the date of the event giving rise to such adjustment. The Rights Agent shall be entitled to rely on any such certificate and on any adjustment or statement therein contained and shall have no duty or liability with respect thereto, and shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any such adjustment or any such event unless and until it shall have received such certificate.

Section 13. Consolidation, Merger or Sale or Transfer of Assets or Earning Power.

(a) At any time after a Person has become an Acquiring Person, in the event that, directly or indirectly,

(x) the Company consolidates with, or merges with and into, any other Person (other than a direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in a transaction that complies with Section 11(n) hereof), and the Company is not the continuing or surviving entity of such consolidation or merger;

(y) any Person (other than a direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in a transaction that complies with Section 11(n) hereof) consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, and the Company is the continuing or surviving entity of such consolidation or merger and, in connection with such consolidation or merger, all or part of the outstanding shares of Common Stock is converted into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other Person (or the Company) or cash or any other property; or

(z) the Company sells or otherwise transfers (or one or more of its Subsidiaries sells or otherwise transfers) to any Person or Persons (other than the Company or any of its direct or indirect, wholly-owned Subsidiaries in one or more transactions, each of which complies with Section 11(n) hereof), in one or more transactions, assets or earning power aggregating 50% or more of the assets or earning power of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(any such event described in (x), (y), or (z), a **“Flip-Over Event”**), then, in each such case, proper provision shall be made so that:

(i) each holder of a Right, except as provided in Section 7(e) hereof, upon the expiration of the Redemption Period, will have the right to receive, upon the exercise of the Right at the then current Exercise Price in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and in lieu of a number of one one-thousandth shares of Preferred Stock, a number of validly authorized and issued, fully paid, non-assessable and freely tradable shares of Common Stock of the Principal Party, free of any liens, encumbrances, rights of first refusal, transfer restrictions or other adverse claims, equal to the result obtained by:

(A) multiplying such then current Exercise Price by the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock for which such Right is exercisable immediately prior to the first occurrence of a Flip-Over Event (or, if a Flip-In Event has occurred prior to the first occurrence of a Flip-Over Event, multiplying the number of one one-thousandths of a share of Preferred Stock for which a Right would be exercisable hereunder but for the first occurrence of such Flip-In Event by the Exercise Price that would be in effect hereunder but for such first occurrence), and

(B) dividing that product (which, following the first occurrence of a Flip-Over Event, shall be the “**Exercise Price**” for each Right and for all purposes of this Agreement) by 50% of the then Current Market Price of the shares of Common Stock of such Principal Party on the date of consummation of such Flip-Over Event (or the fair market value on such date of other securities or property of the Principal Party, as provided for herein);

(ii) such Principal Party shall be liable for, and shall assume, by virtue of such Flip-Over Event, all the obligations and duties of the Company pursuant to this Agreement;

(iii) the term “Company” will thereafter be deemed to refer to such Principal Party, it being specifically intended that the provisions of Section 11 hereof shall apply only to such Principal Party following the first occurrence of a Flip-Over Event;

(iv) such Principal Party will take such steps (including, but not limited to, the reservation of a sufficient number of shares of its Common Stock) in connection with the consummation of any such transaction as may be necessary to ensure that the provisions hereof shall be applicable, as nearly as reasonably may be possible, to its shares of Common Stock thereafter deliverable upon the exercise of the Rights; and

(v) the provisions of Section 11(a)(ii) hereof shall be of no further effect following the first occurrence of any Flip-Over Event, and the Rights that have not theretofore been exercised shall thereafter become exercisable in the manner described in this Section 13.

(b) **“Principal Party”** shall mean

(i) in the case of any transaction described in clause (x) or (y) of the first sentence of Section 13(a) hereof, (A) the Person (including the Company as successor thereto or as the surviving entity) that is the issuer of any securities or other equity interests into which shares of Common Stock of the Company are converted in such merger or consolidation, or, if there is more than one such issuer, the issuer of Common Stock that has the highest aggregate Current Market Price; and (B) if no securities or other equity interests are so issued, (1) the Person that is the other constituent party to such merger, if such Person survives the merger, or, if there is more than one such Person, the Person, the Common Stock of which has the highest aggregate Current Market Price or (2) if the Person that is the other party to the merger does not survive the merger, the Person that does survive the merger (including the Company if it survives) or (3) the Person resulting from the consolidation; and

(ii) in the case of any transaction described in clause (z) of the first sentence of Section 13(a) hereof, the Person that is the party receiving the largest portion of the assets or earning power transferred pursuant to such transaction or transactions, or, if each Person that is a party to such transaction or transactions receives the same portion of the assets or earning power transferred pursuant to such transaction or transactions or if the Person receiving the largest portion of the assets or earning power cannot be determined, whichever Person that has received assets or earning power pursuant to such transaction or transactions, the Common Stock of which has the highest aggregate Current Market Price; provided, however, that in any such case: (1) if the Common Stock of such Person is not at such time and has not been continuously over the preceding twelve (12) month period registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, and such Person is a direct or indirect Subsidiary of another Person the Common Stock of which is and has been so registered, “Principal Party” will refer to such other Person; (2) if the Common Stock of such Person is not and has not been so registered and such Person is a Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, of more than one Person, the Common Stocks of two or more of which are and have been so registered, “Principal Party” will refer to whichever of such Persons is the issuer of the Common Stock having the highest aggregate market value; and (3) if the Common Stock

of such Person is not and has not been so registered and such Person is owned, directly or indirectly, by a joint venture formed by two or more Persons that are not owned, directly or indirectly, by the same Person, the rules set forth in (1) and (2) above will apply to each of the chains of ownership having an interest in such joint venture as if such party were a Subsidiary of both or all of such joint venturers, and the Principal Parties in each such chain shall bear the obligations set forth in this Section 13 in the same ratio as their direct or indirect interests in such Person bear to the total of such interests.

(c) The Company may not consummate any Flip-Over Event unless the Principal Party has a sufficient number of authorized shares of its Common Stock that have not been issued (or reserved for issuance) or that are held in its treasury to permit the exercise in full of the Rights in accordance with this Section 13 and unless prior thereto the Company and such Principal Party have executed and delivered to the Rights Agent a supplemental agreement providing for the terms set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section 13 and further providing that, as soon as practicable after the date of any such Flip-Over Event, the Principal Party, at its own expense, shall:

(i) if the Principal Party is required to file a registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act with respect to the Rights and the securities purchasable upon exercise of the Rights, (A) prepare and file such registration statement; (B) use its best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective as soon as practicable after such filing and remain effective (and to include a prospectus at all times complying with the requirements of the Securities Act) until the Expiration Date; and (C) take such action as may be required to ensure that any acquisition of such securities that may be acquired upon exercise of the Rights complies with any applicable state security or “blue sky” laws as soon as practicable following the execution of such agreement;

(ii) deliver to holders of the Rights historical financial statements for the Principal Party and each of its Affiliates that comply in all respects with the requirements for registration on Form 10 (or any successor form) under the Exchange Act;

(iii) use its best efforts to obtain any and all necessary regulatory approvals as may be required with respect to the securities that may be acquired upon exercise of the Rights; and

(iv) use its best efforts, if such Common Stock of the Principal Party is listed or admitted to trading on NASDAQ, the NYSE or on another national securities exchange, to list or admit to trading (or continue the listing of) the Rights and the securities that may be acquired upon exercise of the Rights on NASDAQ, the NYSE or on such securities exchange, or if the securities of the Principal Party that may be acquired upon exercise of the Rights are not listed or admitted to trading on NASDAQ, the NYSE or a national securities exchange, to cause the Rights and the securities that may be acquired upon exercise of the Rights to be authorized for quotation on any other system then in use; and

(v) obtain waivers of any rights of first refusal or preemptive rights in respect of the Common Stock of the Principal Party subject to purchase upon exercise of outstanding Rights.

(d) In case the Principal Party that is to be a party to a transaction referred to in this Section 13 has at the time of such transaction, or immediately following such transaction has a provision in any of its authorized securities or in its certificate or articles of incorporation or by-laws or other instrument governing its affairs, or any other agreements or arrangements, which provision would have the effect of (i) causing such Principal Party to issue, in connection with, or as a consequence of, the consummation of a transaction referred to in this Section 13, shares of Common Stock of such Principal Party at less than the then Current Market Price or securities exercisable for, or convertible into, Common Stock of such Principal Party at less than such then Current Market Price (other than to holders of Rights pursuant to this Section 13); (ii) providing for any special payment, tax or similar provisions in connection with the issuance of the Common Stock of such Principal Party pursuant to the provisions of this Section 13; or (iii) otherwise eliminating or substantially diminishing the benefits intended to be afforded by the Rights in connection with, or as a consequence of, the consummation of a transaction referred to in this Section 13, then, in each such case, the Company may not consummate any such transaction unless prior thereto the Company and such Principal Party have executed and delivered to the Rights Agent a supplemental agreement providing that the provision in question of such Principal Party has been cancelled, waived or amended, or that the authorized securities have been redeemed, so that the applicable provision will have no effect in connection with, or as a consequence of, the consummation of such transaction.

(e) The provisions of this Section 13 shall apply similarly to successive mergers or consolidations or sales or other transfers. In the event that a Flip-Over Event occurs after the occurrence of a Flip-In Event, the Rights that have not theretofore been exercised shall thereafter become exercisable in the manner described in Section 13(a) hereof.

(f) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in the event of any merger or other acquisition transaction involving the Company pursuant to a merger or other acquisition agreement between the Company and any Person (or one or more of such Person's Affiliates or Associates) which agreement has been approved by the Board prior to any Person becoming an Acquiring Person, this Agreement and the rights of holders of Rights hereunder shall be terminated in accordance with Section 7(a).

Section 14. Fractional Rights; Fractional Shares; Waiver.

(a) The Company is not required to issue fractions of Rights except prior to the Distribution Date as provided in Section 11(o) hereof, or to distribute Rights Certificates that evidence fractional Rights. In lieu of such fractional Rights, the Company shall pay to the Persons to which such fractional Rights would otherwise be issuable an amount in cash equal to such fraction of the market value of a whole Right. For purposes of this Section 14(a), the market value of a whole Right is the Closing Price of the Rights for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date that such fractional Rights would have been otherwise issuable.

(b) The Company is not required to issue fractions of shares of Preferred Stock (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock) upon exercise of the Rights or to distribute

certificates which evidence fractional shares of Preferred Stock (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock). In lieu of fractional shares of Preferred Stock that are not integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock, the Company may pay to the registered holders of Rights Certificates at the time such Rights are exercised as herein provided an amount in cash equal to the same fraction of the current market value of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock. For purposes of this Section 14(b), the current market value of one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock is one one-thousandth of the Closing Price of a share of Preferred Stock for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date of such exercise.

(c) Following the occurrence of one of the events specified in Section 11 hereof giving rise to the right to receive Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or other securities upon the exercise of a Right, the Company will not be required to issue fractions of shares of Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or other securities upon exercise of the Rights or to distribute certificates which evidence fractional shares of Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or other securities. In lieu of fractional shares of Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or other securities, the Company may pay to the registered holders of Rights Certificates at the time such Rights are exercised as herein provided an amount in cash equal to the same fraction of the current market value of one share of Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or other securities. For purposes of this Section 14(c), the current market value of one share of Common Stock is the Closing Price of one share of Common Stock for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date of such exercise.

(d) The holder of a Right, by the acceptance of the Right, expressly waives such holder's right to receive any fractional Rights or any fractional shares upon exercise of a Right, except as permitted by this Section 14.

(e) Whenever a payment for fractional Rights or fractional shares is to be made by the Rights Agent under this Agreement, the Company shall (i) promptly prepare and deliver to the Rights Agent a certificate setting forth in reasonable detail the facts related to such payments and the prices and formulas utilized in calculating such payments; and (ii) provide sufficient monies to the Rights Agent in the form of fully collected funds to make such payments. The Rights Agent may rely upon such a certificate and has no duty with respect to, and will not be deemed to have knowledge of, any payment for fractional Rights or fractional shares under any Section of this Agreement relating to the payment of fractional Rights or fractional shares unless and until the Rights Agent has received such a certificate and sufficient monies.

Section 15. Rights of Action.

All rights of action in respect of this Agreement, other than the rights of action vested in the Rights Agent hereunder, are vested in the respective registered holders of the Rights Certificates (and, prior to the Distribution Date, the registered holders of shares of the Common Stock); and any registered holder of a Rights Certificate (or, prior to the Distribution Date, any registered holder of shares of the Common Stock), without the consent of the Rights Agent or of the holder of any other Rights Certificate (or, prior to the Distribution Date, any registered holder of shares of the Common Stock), may, in such holder's own behalf and for such holder's own benefit, enforce, and may institute and maintain any suit, action or proceeding against the Company or any other Person to enforce, or otherwise act in respect of, such holder's right to exercise the Rights evidenced by such Rights Certificate in the manner provided in such Rights Certificate and in this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing or any remedies available to the holders of Rights, it is specifically acknowledged that the holders of Rights would not have an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the Company and shall be entitled to specific performance of the obligations hereunder, and injunctive relief against actual or threatened violations by the Company of the obligations hereunder of any Person (including, without limitation, the Company) subject to this Agreement.

Section 16. Agreement of Rights Holders.

Every holder of a Right, by accepting such Right, consents and agrees with the Company and the Rights Agent and with every other holder of a Right that:

(a) prior to the Distribution Date, the Rights shall be evidenced by the balances indicated in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock registered in the names of the holders of Common Stock (which Common Stock shall also be deemed to represent certificates for Rights) or, in the case of certificated shares, the certificates for the Common Stock registered in the names of the holders of the Common Stock (which certificates for shares of Common Stock also constitute certificates for Rights) and each Right is transferable only in connection with the transfer of the Common Stock;

(b) after the Distribution Date, the Rights Certificates shall be transferable only on the registry books of the Rights Agent if surrendered at the office of the Rights Agent designated for such purposes, duly endorsed or accompanied by a proper instrument of transfer and with the appropriate forms and certificates properly completed and duly executed;

(c) subject to Section 6(a) and Section 7(e) hereof, the Company and the Rights Agent may deem and treat the Person in whose name a Rights Certificate (or, prior to the Distribution Date, the associated balance indicated in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock, or in the case of certificated shares, by the associated Common Stock certificate) is registered as the absolute owner thereof and of the Rights evidenced thereby (notwithstanding any notations of ownership or writing on the Rights Certificates or the associated balance indicated in the Book Entry account system of the transfer agent for the Common Stock, or in the case of certificated shares, by the associated Common Stock certificate made by anyone other than the Company or the Rights Agent) for all purposes whatsoever, and neither the Company nor the Rights Agent, subject to the last sentence of Section 7(e) hereof, shall be affected by any notice to the contrary; and

(d) notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, neither the Company nor the Rights Agent has any liability to any holder of a Right or any other Person as a result of the inability of the Company or the Rights Agent to perform any of its or their obligations under this Agreement by reason of any preliminary or permanent injunction or other order, decree, judgment or ruling (whether interlocutory or final) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a governmental, regulatory, self-regulatory or administrative agency or commission, or any statute, rule, regulation or executive order promulgated or enacted by any governmental authority, prohibiting or otherwise restraining performance of such obligation; provided, however, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to have any such injunction, order, decree, judgment or ruling lifted or otherwise overturned as promptly as practicable.

Section 17. Rights Certificate Holder Not Deemed a Stockholder.

No holder, as such, of any Rights Certificate is entitled to vote, receive dividends or be deemed for any purpose the holder of the shares of Preferred Stock or any other securities of the Company that may at any time be issuable on the exercise of the Rights represented thereby, nor shall anything contained herein or in any Rights Certificate be construed to confer upon the holder of any Rights Certificate, as such, any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company or any right to vote for the election of directors or upon any matter submitted to stockholders at any meeting thereof, or to give or withhold consent to any corporate action, or, except as provided in Section 26 hereof, to receive notice of meetings or other actions affecting stockholders, or to receive dividends or subscription rights, or otherwise, until the Right evidenced by such Rights Certificate have been exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 18. Duties of Rights Agent.

The Rights Agent undertakes to perform its duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement upon the following terms and conditions, by all of which the Company and the holders of Rights Certificates, or, prior to the Distribution Date, Common Stock, by their acceptance thereof, shall be bound:

(a) The Rights Agent may consult with legal counsel selected by it (who may be legal counsel for the Rights Agent or the Company or an employee of the Rights Agent), and the advice or opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection to the Rights Agent, and the Rights Agent will have no liability for or in respect of, any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in the absence of bad faith in accordance with such advice or opinion.

(b) Whenever in the performance of its duties under this Agreement the Rights Agent shall deem it necessary or desirable that any fact or matter (including the identity of any Acquiring Person and the determination of Current Market Price) be proved or established by the Company prior to taking, suffering or omitting to take any action hereunder, such fact or matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed) may be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Rights Agent; and such certificate shall be full and complete authorization and protection to the Rights Agent, and the Rights Agent shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it, in the absence of bad faith, under the provisions of this Agreement in reliance upon such certificate.

(c) The Rights Agent shall be liable hereunder to the Company and any other Person only for its own gross negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct (as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final non-appealable judgment). Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the Rights Agent be liable for

special, punitive, indirect, consequential or incidental loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Rights Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage. Any liability of the Rights Agent under this Agreement will be limited to the amount of annual fees paid by the Company to the Rights Agent.

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(d) The Rights Agent will not be liable for or by reason of any of the statements of fact or recitals contained in this Agreement or in the Rights Certificates or be required to verify the same (except as to its countersignature thereof), but all such statements and recitals are deemed to have been made by the Company only.

(e) The Rights Agent shall not have any liability for nor be under any responsibility in respect of the validity of this Agreement or the execution and delivery hereof (except the due execution and delivery hereof by the Rights Agent) or for the validity or execution of any Rights Certificate (except its countersignature thereon); nor will it be liable or responsible for any breach by the Company of any covenant or failure by the Company to satisfy any condition contained in this Agreement or in any Rights Certificate; nor will it be liable or responsible for any change in the exercisability of the Rights (including, but not limited to, the Rights becoming null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof) or any change or adjustment in the terms of the Rights including, but not limited, to any adjustment required under the provisions of Sections 11, 13, 23 or 24 hereof or for the manner, method or amount of any such change or adjustment or the ascertaining of the existence of facts that would require any such change or adjustment (except with respect to the exercise of Rights evidenced by Rights Certificates after receipt by the Rights Agent of the certificate describing any such adjustment contemplated by Section 12 hereof, upon which the Rights Agent may rely); nor will it by any act hereunder be deemed to make any representation or warranty as to the authorization or reservation of any shares of the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock or any other securities to be issued pursuant to this Agreement or any Rights Certificate or as to whether any shares of Common Stock, Preferred Stock or any other securities will, when so issued, be validly authorized and issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

(f) The Company shall perform, execute, acknowledge and deliver or cause to be performed, executed, acknowledged and delivered all such further acts, instruments and assurances as may reasonably be required by the Rights Agent for the performance by the Rights Agent of its duties under this Agreement.

(g) The Rights Agent is hereby authorized and directed to accept verbal or written instructions with respect to the performance of its duties hereunder and certificates delivered pursuant to any provision hereof from the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the Company, and to apply to such officers for advice or instructions in connection with its duties, and such advice or instruction shall be full authorization and protection to the Rights Agent and the Rights Agent shall have no duty to independently verify the accuracy or completeness of such instructions and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted to be taken by it by it, in the absence of bad faith, in accordance with advice or instructions of any such officer or for any delay in acting while waiting for those instructions. Any application by the Rights Agent for written instructions from the Company may, at the option of the Rights Agent, set forth in writing any action proposed to be taken or omitted by the Rights Agent under this Agreement and the date on and/or after which such action shall be taken or such omission shall be effective. The Rights Agent shall be fully authorized and protected in relying upon the most recent verbal or written instructions received from any such officer, and shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by the Rights Agent in the absence of bad faith in accordance with a proposal included in any such application on or after the date specified in such application (which date shall not be less than five (5) Business Days after the date any officer of the Company actually receives such application unless any such officer shall have consented in writing to an earlier date) unless, prior to taking any such action (or the effective date in the case of an omission), the Rights Agent shall have received written instructions in response to such application

specifying the action to be taken, suffered or omitted.

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(h) The Rights Agent and any stockholder, affiliate, director, officer or employee of the Rights Agent may buy, sell or deal in any of the Rights or other securities of the Company or become pecuniarily interested in any transaction in which the Company may be interested, or contract with or lend money to the Company or otherwise act as fully and freely as though it were not Rights Agent under this Agreement. Nothing herein shall preclude the Rights Agent from acting in any other capacity for the Company or for any other Person.

(i) The Rights Agent may execute and exercise any of the rights or powers hereby vested in it or perform any duty hereunder either itself (through its directors, officers and employees) or by or through its attorneys or agents, and the Rights Agent shall not be liable for any act, default, neglect or misconduct of any such attorneys or agents or for any loss to the Company, any holder of Rights or any other Person resulting from any such act, default, neglect or misconduct, absent gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in the selection and continued employment thereof.

(j) No provision of this Agreement shall require the Rights Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if there are reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnification against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(k) If, with respect to any Rights Certificate surrendered to the Rights Agent for exercise or transfer, either (i) the certificate attached to the form of assignment or form of election to purchase, as the case may be, has either not been completed or indicates an affirmative response to clause 1 and/or 2 thereof, or (ii) any other actual or suspected irregularity exists, the Rights Agent shall not take any further action with respect to such requested exercise or transfer without first consulting with the Company.

Section 19. Concerning the Rights Agent.

(a) The Company agrees to pay to the Rights Agent on demand compensation as agreed in writing between the Company and the Rights Agent for all services rendered by it hereunder and from time to time, on demand of the Rights Agent, to reimburse the Rights Agent for all of its reasonable and documented expenses incurred in the preparation, delivery, amendment, administration and execution of this Agreement and the exercise and performance of its duties hereunder. The Company also agrees to indemnify the Rights Agent, its employees, officers or directors for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability, damage, demand, judgment, fine, penalty, claim, settlement, cost or expense (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel), for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by the Rights Agent pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the acceptance, administration, exercise and performance of its duties under this Agreement, including the reasonable and documented costs and expenses of defending against any claim of liability arising therefrom, directly or indirectly, or enforcing its rights hereunder; provided that the Company shall not be required to indemnify the Rights Agent, its employees, officers or directors for any such loss, liability, damage, demand, judgment, fine, penalty, claim, settlement cost or expense to the

extent caused by the Right Agent's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct (as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final non-appealable judgment).

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(b) The Rights Agent shall be authorized and protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in connection with its acceptance and administration of this Agreement and the exercise and performance of its duties hereunder in reliance upon any Rights Certificate or Book Entry for Common Stock or other securities of the Company, instrument of assignment or transfer, power of attorney, endorsement, affidavit, letter, notice, direction, consent, certificate, statements or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to be signed, executed and shall not be obligated to verify the accuracy or completeness of such instrument, power of attorney, endorsement, affidavit, letter, notice, direction, consent, certificate, statements or other paper or document and, where necessary, guaranteed, verified or acknowledged, by the proper Person or Persons. The Rights Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any event of which it was supposed to receive notice thereof hereunder, and the Rights Agent shall be fully protected and shall incur no liability for failing to take action in connection therewith unless and until it has received such notice in writing.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no case shall the Company be liable with respect to any action, proceeding, suit or claim against the Rights Agent unless the Rights Agent shall have notified the Company in accordance with Section 27 hereof of the assertion of such action, proceeding, suit or claim against the Rights Agent, promptly after the Rights Agent shall have notice of such assertion of an action, proceeding, suit or claim or have been served with the summons or other first legal process giving information as to the nature and basis of the action, proceeding, suit or claim; provided that the failure to provide such notice promptly shall not affect the rights of the Rights Agent hereunder except to the extent that such failure actually prejudices the Company. The Company shall be entitled to participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action, proceeding, suit or claim, and, if the Company so elects, the Company shall assume the defense of any such action, proceeding, suit or claim. In the event that the Company assumes such defense, the Company shall not thereafter be liable for the fees and expenses of any counsel retained by the Rights Agent, so long as the Company shall retain counsel satisfactory to the Rights Agent, in the exercise of its reasonable judgment, to defend such action, proceeding, suit or claim, and provided that the Rights Agent does not have defenses that are adverse to or different from any defenses of the Company. The Rights Agent agrees not to settle any litigation in connection with any action, proceeding, suit or claim with respect to which it may seek indemnification from the Company without the prior written consent of the Company, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) The provisions of this Section 19 and Section 18 shall survive the termination of this Agreement, the resignation, replacement or removal of the Rights Agent and the exercise, termination and the expiration of the Rights. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the Rights Agent be liable for special, punitive, incidental, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Rights Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of the action; and the Company agrees to indemnify the Rights Agent and to hold it harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law against any loss, liability or expense incurred as a result of claims for special, punitive, incidental, indirect or consequential loss or damages of any kind whatsoever provided in each case that such claims are not based on the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the Rights Agent (each as determined by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). Any liability of the Rights Agent under this Agreement shall be limited to the amount of annual fees paid by the Company to the Rights Agent.

Section 20. Merger or Consolidation or Change of Name of Rights Agent.

(a) Any Person into which the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent is merged or with which the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent is consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent is a party, or any Person succeeding to the stockholder services business of the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent, shall be the successor to the Rights Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto; but only if such Person would be eligible for appointment as a successor Rights Agent under the provisions of Section 21 hereof. The purchase of all or substantially all of the Rights Agent's assets employed in the performance of transfer agent activities shall be deemed a merger or consolidation for purposes of this Section 20. In case at the time such successor Rights Agent shall succeed to the agency created by this Agreement, any of the Rights Certificates have been countersigned but not delivered, any such successor Rights Agent may adopt the countersignature of a predecessor Rights Agent and deliver such Rights Certificates so countersigned; and in case at that time any of the Rights Certificates have not been countersigned, any successor Rights Agent may countersign such Rights Certificates either in the name of the predecessor or in the name of the successor Rights Agent; and in all such cases such Rights Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Rights Certificates and in this Agreement.

(b) In case at any time the name of the Rights Agent shall be changed and at such time any of the Rights Certificates shall have been countersigned but not delivered, the Rights Agent may adopt the countersignature under its prior name and deliver Rights Certificates so countersigned; and in case at that time any of the Rights Certificates shall not have been countersigned, the Rights Agent may countersign such Rights Certificates either in its prior name or in its changed name; and in all such cases such Rights Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Rights Certificates and in this Agreement.

Section 21. Change of Rights Agent.

The Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent may resign and be discharged from its duties under this Agreement upon at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the Company, and to each transfer agent of the Preferred Stock and the Common Stock, by registered or certified mail, in which case the Company will give or cause to be given written notice to the registered holders of the Rights Certificates by first-class mail. The Company may remove the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent upon at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing, mailed to the Rights Agent or successor Rights Agent, as the case may be, and to each transfer agent of the Common Stock and Preferred Stock, by registered or certified mail, and, if such removal occurs after the Distribution Date, to the holders of the Rights Certificates by first-class mail. If the Rights Agent resigns or is removed or otherwise becomes incapable of acting, the Company shall appoint a successor to the Rights Agent. If the Company fails to make such appointment within a period of thirty (30) days after giving notice of such removal or after it has been notified in writing of such resignation or incapacity by the resigning or incapacitated Rights Agent or by the holder of a Rights Certificate (such holder shall, with such notice, submit its Rights Certificate for inspection by the Company), then the incumbent Rights Agent or any registered holder of any Rights Certificate may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a new Rights Agent. Any successor Rights Agent, whether appointed by the Company or by such a court, shall be (a) a Person organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, in good standing, which is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust, stock transfer or stockholder services powers and which at the time of its appointment as Rights Agent has, or with its parent has, a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 or (b) an affiliate of a Person described in clause (a) of this sentence. After appointment, the successor Rights Agent shall be vested with the same powers, rights, duties and responsibilities as if it had been originally named as Rights Agent under this Agreement without further act or deed; but the predecessor Rights Agent shall deliver and transfer to the successor Rights Agent any property at the time held by it hereunder, and execute and deliver any further assurance, conveyance, act or deed necessary for the purpose in each case at the sole expense of the Company. Not later than the effective date of any such appointment, the Company shall file notice thereof in writing with the predecessor Rights Agent and each transfer agent of the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock, and, if such appointment occurs after the Distribution Date, mail a notice thereof in writing to the registered holders of the Rights Certificates. Failure to give any notice provided for in this Section 21, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of the resignation or removal of the Rights Agent or the appointment of the successor Rights Agent, as the case may be.

Section 22. Issuance of New Rights Certificates.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement or the Rights Certificates to the contrary, the Company may, at its option, issue new Rights Certificates evidencing Rights in such form as may be approved by the Board to reflect any adjustment or change made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement in the Exercise Price or the number or kind or class of shares or other securities or property that may be acquired under the Rights Certificates. In addition, in connection with the issuance or sale of shares of Common Stock following the Distribution Date (other than upon exercise of a Right) and prior to the redemption or the Expiration Date, the Company (a) shall, with respect to shares of Common Stock so issued or sold pursuant to the exercise of stock options or under any employee plan or arrangement, or upon the exercise, conversion or exchange of securities hereinafter issued by the Company, and (b) may, in any other case, if deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board, issue Rights Certificates representing the

appropriate number of Rights in connection with such issuance or sale; provided, however, that (i) no such Rights Certificate may be issued if, and to the extent that, the Company has been advised by counsel that such issuance would create a significant risk of material adverse tax consequences to the Company or the Person to whom such Rights Certificate would be issued, and (ii) no such Rights Certificate may be issued if, and to the extent that, appropriate adjustment shall otherwise have been made in lieu of the issuance thereof.

Section 23. Redemption.

(a) The Board may, within its sole discretion, at any time before any Person becomes an Acquiring Person (the **“Redemption Period”**) cause the Company to redeem all, but not less than all, of the then outstanding Rights at a redemption price of \$0.001 per Right, as such amount may be appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof (such redemption price, as adjusted, the **“Redemption Price”**). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Rights will not be exercisable after the first occurrence of a Flip-In Event or Flip-Over Event until such time as the Company’s right of redemption hereunder has expired. The redemption of the Rights by the Board pursuant to this paragraph (a) may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board may establish, in its sole discretion. The Company may, at its option, pay the Redemption Price in cash, shares of Common Stock based on the Current Market Price or any other form of consideration deemed appropriate by the Board.

(b) Immediately upon the action of the Board ordering the redemption of the Rights pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 23 (or such later time as the Board may establish for the effectiveness of such redemption), and without any further action and without any notice, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right thereafter of the holders of Rights shall be to receive the Redemption Price for each Right held. The Company shall promptly give (i) written notice to the Rights Agent of any such redemption; and (ii) public notice of any such redemption; provided, however, that the failure to give, or any defect in, any such notice will not affect the validity of such redemption. Within ten (10) days after such action of the Board ordering the redemption of the Rights, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption to all the holders of the then outstanding Rights at their last addresses as they appear upon the registry books of the Rights Agent or, prior to the Distribution Date, on the registry books of the transfer agent for the Common Stock. Any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be deemed given, whether or not the holder receives the notice. Each such notice of redemption will state the method by which the payment of the Redemption Price shall be made. Neither the Company nor any of its Related Persons may redeem, acquire or purchase for value any Rights at any time in any manner other than that specifically set forth in this Section 23 or in Section 24 hereof, or other than in connection with the purchase of shares of Common Stock or the conversion or redemption of shares of Common Stock in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation prior to the Distribution Date.

(c) (i) In the event the Company receives a Qualifying Offer and the Board has not redeemed the outstanding Rights or exempted such Qualifying Offer from the terms of this Agreement or called a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of voting on whether or not to exempt such Qualifying Offer from the terms of this Agreement, in each case, by the Close of Business on the date that is ninety (90) days following the commencement of such Qualifying Offer within the meaning of Rule 14d-2(a) under the Exchange Act (the “**Board Evaluation Period**”), the holders of record (or their duly authorized proxy) of twenty percent (20%) or more of the shares of Common Stock of the Company then outstanding (excluding shares of Common Stock that are Beneficially Owned by the Person making the Qualifying Offer) (the “**Requisite Percentage**”) may submit to the Board, not later than ninety (90) days following the Board Evaluation Period a written demand complying with the terms of this Section 23(c) (the “**Special Meeting Demand**”) directing the Board to submit to a vote of stockholders at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Company (a “**Special Meeting**”) a resolution exempting such Qualifying Offer from the provisions of this Agreement (the “**Qualifying Offer Resolution**”). Any Special Meeting Demand must be (A) delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Company; and (B) signed by the demanding stockholders (the “**Demanding Stockholders**”) or a duly authorized agent of the Demanding Stockholders.

(ii) After receipt of Special Meeting Demands in proper form and in accordance with this Section 23(c) from Demanding Stockholders holding the Requisite Percentage, the Board shall take such actions necessary or desirable to cause the Qualifying Offer Resolution to be so submitted to a vote of stockholders at a Special Meeting to be convened within ninety (90) days following the last day of the Board Evaluation Period (the “**Special Meeting Period**”) by including a proposal relating to adoption of the Qualifying Offer Resolution in the proxy materials of the Company for the Special Meeting; provided, however, that if the Company at any time during the Special Meeting Period and prior to a vote on the Qualifying Offer Resolution enters into a Definitive Acquisition Agreement, the Special Meeting Period may be extended (and any Special Meeting called in connection therewith may be cancelled) if the Qualifying Offer Resolution is separately submitted to a vote at the same meeting as the Definitive Acquisition Agreement. Subject to the requirements of applicable law, the Board may take a position in favor of or opposed to the adoption of the Qualifying Offer Resolution, or no position with respect to the Qualifying Offer Resolution, as it determines to be appropriate in the exercise of its fiduciary duties.

(iii) In the event that no Person has become an Acquiring Person prior to the Exemption Date and the Qualifying Offer continues to be a Qualifying Offer and either (A) the Special Meeting has not been convened on or prior to the last day of the Special Meeting Period (the “**Outside Meeting Date**”); or (B) if, at the Special Meeting at which a quorum is present, a majority of the shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the record date for the Special Meeting selected by the Board (excluding shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned by the Person making the Qualified Offer and such Person’s Related Persons) shall vote in favor of the Qualifying Offer Resolution, then the Qualifying Offer shall be exempt from the application of this Agreement in all respects to such Qualifying Offer as long as it remains a Qualifying Offer, such exemption to be effective on the Close of Business on (1) the Outside Meeting Date or (2) the date on which the results of the vote on the Qualifying Offer Resolution at the Special Meeting are certified as official by the appointed inspectors of election for the Special Meeting, as the case may be (the “**Exemption Date**”). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no action or vote by stockholders not in compliance with the provisions of this Section 23(c) shall serve to exempt any offer from the terms of this Agreement. Immediately upon the Close of Business on the Exemption Date, and without any further action and without any notice, the right to exercise the Rights with respect to the Qualifying Offer will terminate and, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the consummation of the Qualifying Offer shall not cause the offeror (or its Related Persons) to become an Acquiring Person; and the Rights shall immediately expire and have no further

force and effect upon such consummation.

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Section 24. Exchange.

(a) The Board may, at its option, at any time after any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, exchange all or part of the then outstanding and exercisable Rights (which shall not include Rights that have become null and void pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(e) hereof) for shares of Common Stock at an exchange ratio of two shares of Common Stock per each outstanding Right, as appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof (such exchange ratio being hereinafter referred to as the **“Exchange Ratio”**). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board is not empowered to effect such exchange at any time after any Acquiring Person, together with all of its Related Persons, becomes the Beneficial Owner of 50% or more of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding. The exchange of the Rights by the Board may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board in its sole discretion may establish. From and after the occurrence of a Flip-Over Event, any Rights that theretofore have not been exchanged pursuant to this Section 24(a) will thereafter be exercisable only in accordance with Section 13 hereof and may not be exchanged pursuant to this Section 24(a).

(b) Immediately upon the action of the Board ordering the exchange of any Rights pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 24 and without any further action or notice, the right to exercise such Rights will terminate and the only right thereafter of a holder of such Rights shall be to receive a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of such Rights held by such holder multiplied by the Exchange Ratio; provided, however, that in connection with any exchange effected pursuant to this Section 24(b), no holder of Rights shall be entitled to receive Common Stock (or other shares of capital stock of the Company) that would result in such holder, together with such holder's Affiliates and Associates, becoming the Beneficial Owner of more than 4.99% of the then-outstanding Common Stock. If a holder would, but for the immediately preceding sentence, be entitled to receive Excess Shares, in lieu of receiving such Excess Shares and to the extent permitted by law or orders applicable to the Company, such holder will only be entitled to receive an amount in cash or, at the election of the Company, a note or other evidence of indebtedness maturing within nine months with a principal amount, equal to the current per share Current Market Price of a share of Common Stock at the Close of Business on the Trading Day following the date the Board effects the forgoing exchange multiplied by the number of Excess Shares that would otherwise have been issuable to such holder. The exchange of the Rights by the Board may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board in its sole discretion may establish. The Company shall promptly give (i) written notice to the Rights Agent of any such exchange; and (ii) public notice of any such exchange; provided, however, that the failure to give, or any defect in, such notice will not affect the validity of such exchange. The Company promptly shall mail a notice of any such exchange to all of the holders of such Rights at their last addresses as they appear upon the registry books of the Rights Agent. Any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be deemed given, whether or not the holder receives the notice. Each such notice of exchange will state the method by which the exchange of the shares of Common Stock for Rights shall be effected and, in the event of any partial exchange, the number of Rights that shall be exchanged. Any partial exchange shall be effected *pro rata* based on the number of Rights (other than Rights that have become null and void pursuant to the provisions of Section 7(e) hereof) held by each holder of Rights.

(c) The Company may at its option substitute, and, in the event that there shall not be sufficient shares of Common Stock issued but not outstanding or authorized but unissued to permit an exchange of Rights for Common Stock as contemplated in accordance with this Section 24, the Company shall substitute to the extent of such insufficiency, for each share of Common Stock that would otherwise be issuable upon exchange of a Right, a number of shares of Preferred Stock or fraction thereof (or Equivalent Preferred Stock, as such term is defined in Section 11(b)) such that the Current Market Price of one share of Preferred Stock (or Equivalent Preferred Share) multiplied by such number or fraction is equal to the Current Market Price of one share of Common Stock as of the date of such exchange.

(d) Upon declaring an exchange pursuant to this Section 24, or as promptly as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Company may implement such procedures as it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion, for the purpose of ensuring that the Common Stock (or such other consideration) issuable upon an exchange pursuant to this Section 24 is not received by holders of Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof. Before effecting an exchange pursuant to this Section 24, the Board may direct the Company to enter into a Trust Agreement in such form and with such terms as the Board shall then approve (the **“Trust Agreement”**). If the Board so directs, the Company shall enter into the Trust Agreement and the Company shall issue to the trust created by the Trust Agreement (the **“Trust”**) all or a portion (as designated by the Board) of the shares of Common Stock and other securities, if any, distributable pursuant to the Exchange, and all stockholders entitled to distribution of such shares or other securities (and any dividends or distributions made thereon after the date on which such shares or other securities are deposited in the Trust) shall be entitled to receive a distribution of such shares or other securities (and any dividends or distributions made thereon after the date on which such shares or other securities are deposited in the Trust) only from the Trust and solely upon compliance with all relevant terms and provisions of the Trust Agreement. Prior to effecting an exchange and registering shares of Common Stock (or other such securities) in any Person’s name, including any nominee or transferee of a Person, the Company may require (or cause the trustee of the Trust to require), as a condition thereof, that any holder of Rights provide evidence, including, without limitation, the identity of the Beneficial Owners thereof and their Related Persons (or former Beneficial Owners thereof and their Related Persons) as the Company reasonably requests in order to determine if such Rights are null and void. If any Person fails to comply with such request, the Company shall be entitled conclusively to deem the Rights formerly held by such Person to be null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof and not transferable or exercisable or exchangeable in connection herewith. Any shares of Common Stock or other securities issued at the direction of the Board in connection herewith shall be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock or of such other securities (as the case may be), and the Company shall be deemed to have received as consideration for such issuance a benefit having a value that is at least equal to the aggregate par value of the shares so issued.

Section 25. Process to Seek Exemption

(a) Any Person who desires to effect any acquisition of Common Stock that might, if consummated, result in such Person beneficially owning 4.99% or more of the then-outstanding Common Stock (or, in the case of a Grandfathered Person, additional shares of Common Stock) (a **“Requesting Person”**) may request that the Board grant an exemption with respect to such acquisition under this Agreement so that such Person would be deemed to be an **“Exempt Person”** for purposes of this Agreement (an **“Exemption Request”**). An Exemption Request shall be in proper form and shall be delivered by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company. The Exemption Request shall be deemed made upon receipt by the Secretary of the Company. To be in proper form, an Exemption Request shall set forth (i) the name and address of the Requesting Person, (ii) the number and percentage of shares of Common Stock then Beneficially Owned by the Requesting Person, together with all Affiliates and Associates of the Requesting Person, and (iii) a reasonably detailed description of the transaction or transactions by which the Requesting Person would propose to acquire Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock aggregating 4.99% or more of the then-outstanding Common Stock and the maximum number and percentage of shares of Common Stock that the Requesting Person proposes to acquire. The Board shall endeavor to respond to an Exemption Request within twenty (20) Business Days after receipt of such Exemption Request; provided, that the failure of the Board to make a determination within such period shall be deemed to constitute the denial by the Board of the Exemption Request. The Requesting Person shall respond promptly to reasonable and appropriate requests for additional information from the Company or the Board and its advisors to assist the Board in making its determination. The Board shall only grant an exemption in response to an Exemption Request if it receives, at the Board’s request, a report from the Company’s advisors to the effect that the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock by the Requesting Person does not create a significant risk of material adverse tax consequences to the Company or the Board otherwise determines in its sole discretion that the exemption is in the best interests of the Company. Any exemption granted hereunder may be granted in whole or in part, and may be subject to limitations or conditions (including a requirement that the Requesting Person agree that it will not acquire Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock in excess of the maximum number and percentage of shares approved by the Board), in each case as and to the extent the Board shall determine necessary or desirable to provide for the protection of the Company’s NOLs. Any Exemption Request may be submitted on a confidential basis and, except to the extent required by applicable law, the Company shall maintain the confidentiality of such Exemption Request and determination of the Board with respect thereto, unless the information contained in the Exemption Request or the determination of the Board with respect thereto otherwise becomes publicly available. The Exemption Request shall be considered and evaluated by the Independent Directors who are also independent of the Requesting Person and disinterested with respect to the Exemption Request, and the action of a majority of such Independent Directors shall be deemed to be the determination of the Board for purposes of such Exemption Request.

Section 26. Notice of Certain Events.

(a) In case the Company proposes, at any time after the earlier of the Distribution Date or the Stock Acquisition Date, (i) to pay any dividend payable in stock of any class or series to the holders of Preferred Stock or to make any other distribution to the holders of Preferred Stock (other than a regular quarterly cash dividend out of earnings or retained earnings of the Company); (ii) to offer to the holders of Preferred Stock rights or warrants to subscribe for or to purchase any additional shares of Preferred Stock or shares of stock of any class or any other securities, rights or options; (iii) to effect any reclassification of Preferred Stock (other than a reclassification involving only the subdivision of outstanding shares of Preferred Stock); (iv) to effect any consolidation or merger into or with any other Person (other than a Subsidiary of the Company in a transaction which complies with Section 11(n) hereof) or to effect any sale or other transfer (or to permit one or more of its Subsidiaries to effect any sale or other transfer), in one or more transactions, of more than 50% of the assets or earning power of the Company and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any other Person or Persons (other than the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries in one or more transactions each of which complies with Section 11(n) hereof); or (v) to effect the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, then, in each such case, the Company shall give to each registered holder of a Rights Certificate, to the extent feasible, and to the Rights Agent in accordance with Section 27 hereof, a written notice of such proposed action, which shall specify the record date for the purposes of such stock dividend, distribution of rights or warrants, or the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, liquidation, dissolution or winding up is to take place and the date of participation therein by the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock if any such date is to be fixed, and such notice shall be so given in the case of any action covered by clause (i) or (ii) above at least ten (10) days prior to the record date for determining holders of the shares of Preferred Stock for purposes of such action and, in the case of any such other action, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the taking of such proposed action or the date of participation therein by the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock, whichever is earlier; provided, however, that no such action shall be taken pursuant to this Section 26(a) that will or would conflict with any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation; provided, further, that no such notice is required pursuant to this Section 26 if any Subsidiary of the Company effects a consolidation or merger with or into, or effects a sale or other transfer of assets or earning power to, any other Subsidiary of the Company.

(b) In case any Flip-In Event occurs, (i) the Company shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, give to each registered holder of a Rights Certificate, to the extent feasible, and to the Rights Agent in accordance with Section 27 hereof, a written notice of the occurrence of such event, which notice shall describe such event and the consequences of such event to holders of Rights under Section 11(a)(ii) hereof; and (ii) all references in paragraph (a) of this Section 26 to Preferred Stock shall be deemed thereafter to refer to Common Stock and/or, if appropriate, to any other securities that may be acquired upon exercise of a Right.

(c) In case any Flip-Over Event occurs, then the Company shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, give to each registered holder of a Rights Certificate, to the extent feasible, and to the Rights Agent in accordance with Section 27 hereof, a written notice of the occurrence of such event, which notice shall describe such event and the consequences of such event to holders of Rights under Section 13(a) hereof.

Section 27. Notices.

Notices or demands authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Rights Agent or by the holder of any Rights Certificate to or on the Company shall be sufficiently given or made if sent in writing by first-class or express United States mail, FedEx or UPS, postage prepaid or overnight delivery service and properly addressed (until another address is filed in writing by the Rights Agent with the Company) as follows:

If to the Company, at its address at:

Surge Components, Inc.

95 East Jefryn Blvd.

Deer Park, NY 11729

Attention: Ira Levy

Subject to the provisions of Section 21 hereof, any notice or demand authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Company or by the holder of any Rights Certificate to or on the Rights Agent shall be sufficiently given or made if sent in writing by first-class or express United States mail, FedEx or UPS, postage prepaid or overnight delivery service and properly addressed (until another address is filed in writing with the Rights Agent) as follows:

Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company

17 Battery Place

New York, New York 10004

Attention: Margaret Villani & Steven Vacante

Notices or demands authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Company or the Rights Agent to the holder of any Rights Certificate (or, if prior to the Distribution Date, to the holder of shares of Common Stock) shall be sufficiently given or made if sent in writing by first-class or express United States mail, FedEx or UPS, postage prepaid or overnight delivery service and properly addressed, to such holder at the address of such holder as shown on the registry books of the Company.

Section 28. Supplements and Amendments.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section 28, the Company, by action of the Board, may from time to time and in its sole and absolute discretion, and the Rights Agent shall if the Company so directs, supplement or amend this Agreement in any respect without the approval of any holders of Rights, including, without limitation, in order to (a) cure any ambiguity; (b) correct or supplement any provision contained herein that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provisions herein; (c) shorten or lengthen any time period hereunder; (d) otherwise change, amend, or supplement any provisions hereunder in any manner that the Company may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that from and after any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, this Agreement may not be supplemented or amended in any manner that would (a) adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights (other than Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 7(e) hereof) as such or (b) cause this Agreement to become amendable other than in accordance with this Section 28. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company, by action of the Board, may at any time before any Person becomes an Acquiring Person amend this Agreement to make the provisions of this Agreement inapplicable to a particular transaction by which a Person might otherwise become an Acquiring Person or to otherwise alter the terms and conditions of this Agreement as they may apply with respect to any such transaction. Upon the delivery of a certificate from an appropriate officer of the Company that states that the proposed supplement or amendment is in compliance with the terms of this Section 28, the Rights Agent shall execute such supplement or amendment; provided, however, that any supplement or amendment that does not amend Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, or this Section 28 in a manner adverse to the Rights Agent shall become effective immediately upon execution by the Company, whether or not also executed by the Rights Agent. The Company shall provide within three (3) Business Days of the adoption of an amendment to the Agreement written notification of such amendment to the Rights Agent.

Prior to the Distribution Date, the interests of the holders of Rights shall be deemed coincident with the interests of the holders of Common Stock.

Section 29. Successors.

All the covenants and provisions of this Agreement by or for the benefit of the Company or the Rights Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns hereunder.

Section 30. Determinations and Actions by the Board.

(a) For all purposes of this Agreement, any calculation of the number of shares of Common Stock or any other class of capital stock outstanding at any particular time, including for purposes of determining the particular percentage of such outstanding shares of Common Stock of which any Person is the Beneficial Owner, shall be made in accordance with the last sentence of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act or Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, as applicable. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Board has the exclusive power and authority to administer this Agreement and to exercise all rights and powers specifically granted to the Board or to the Company hereunder, or as may be necessary or advisable in the administration of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right and power (a) to interpret the provisions of this Agreement, and (b) to make all determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of this Agreement (including, without limitation, a determination to redeem or not redeem the Rights in accordance with Section 23 hereof, to exchange or not exchange the rights in accordance with Section 24 hereof, to amend or not amend this Agreement in accordance with Section 28 hereof). All such actions, calculations, interpretations and determinations (including, for purposes of clause (ii) below, all omissions with respect to the foregoing) that are done or made by the Board shall be (i) be final, conclusive, and binding on the Company, the Rights Agent, the holders of the Rights and all other parties; and (ii) not subject the Board or any member thereof to any liability to the holders of the Rights. Without limiting the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be construed to suggest or imply that the Board shall not be entitled to reject any Qualifying Offer or any other tender offer or other acquisition proposal, or to recommend that holders of Common Stock of the Company reject any Qualifying Offer or any other tender offer or other acquisition proposal, or to take any other action (including, without limitation, the commencement, prosecution, defense or settlement of any litigation and the submission of additional or alternative offers or other proposals) with respect to any Qualifying Offer or any other tender offer or other acquisition proposal that the Board determines in good faith is necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its fiduciary duties.

Section 31. Benefits of this Agreement.

Nothing in this Agreement may be construed to give to any Person other than the Company, the Rights Agent and the registered holders of the Rights Certificates (and, prior to the Distribution Date, the registered holders of shares of the Common Stock of the Company) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement; rather, this Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Company, the Rights Agent and the registered holders of the Rights Certificates (and, prior to the Distribution Date, the registered holders of shares of Common Stock of the Company).

Section 32. Tax Compliance and Withholding.

(a) The Rights Agent, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Company, will comply with all applicable certification, information reporting and withholding (including “backup” withholding) requirements imposed by applicable tax laws, regulations or administrative practice with respect to (i) any payments made hereunder and (ii) the issuance, delivery, holding, transfer, redemption or exercise of Rights, Common Stock or Preferred Stock hereunder. Such compliance shall include, without limitation, the preparation and timely filing of required returns and the timely payment of all amounts required to be withheld to the appropriate taxing authority or its designated agent. The Rights Agent shall maintain all appropriate records documenting compliance with such requirements, and shall make such records available, on written request, to the Company or its authorized representative within a reasonable period of time after receipt of such request.

(b) In the event that the Company, the Rights Agent or their agents determine that they are obligated to withhold or deduct any tax or other governmental charge under any applicable law on actual or deemed payments or distributions hereunder to a holder of the Rights, Common Stock or other cash, securities or other property, the Company, the Rights Agent or their agents shall be entitled to (i) deduct and withhold such amount by withholding a portion or all of the cash, securities or other property otherwise deliverable or by otherwise using any property (including, without limitation, Rights, Preferred Stock, Common Stock or cash) that is owned by such holder, or (ii) in lieu of such withholding, require any holder to make a payment to the Company, the Rights Agent or their agents, in each case in such amounts as they deem necessary to meet their withholding obligations, and in the case of (i) above, shall also be entitled to sell all or a portion of such withheld securities or other property by public or private sale in such amounts and in such manner as they deem necessary and practicable to pay such taxes and governmental charges.

Section 33. Severability.

If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, null and void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and

restrictions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if any such term, provision, covenant or restriction is held by such court or authority to be invalid, null and void or unenforceable and the Board determines in good faith judgment that severing the invalid language from this Agreement would materially and adversely affect the purpose or effect of this Agreement, the right of redemption set forth in Section 23 hereof shall be reinstated and will not expire until the Close of Business on the tenth (10th) Business Day following the date of such determination by the Board.

Section 34. Governing Law.

This Agreement, each Right, and each Rights Certificate issued hereunder shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Nevada and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of such State applicable to contracts to be made and performed entirely within such State.

Section 35. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of Agreement by facsimile or other customary shall mean of electronic transmission (e.g., "PDF") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

Section 36. Interpretation.

The headings contained in this Agreement are for descriptive purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, whenever a specific provision of the Code or a specific Treasury Regulation is referenced, such reference shall also apply to any successor or replacement provision or Treasury Regulation, as applicable.

Section 37. Force Majeure.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Rights Agent will not have any liability for not performing, or a delay in the performance of, any act, duty, obligation or responsibility by reason of any occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Rights Agent (including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, any act of God, war, civil or military disobedience or disorder, riot, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, fire, earthquake, storm, flood, strike, work stoppage, interruptions or malfunctions of computer facilities, loss of data due to power failures or mechanical difficulties with information, labor dispute, accident or failure or malfunction of any utilities, communication or computer (software or hardware) services or similar occurrence).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed, all as of the date first above written.

SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.,
as Company

By: /s/ Ira Levy
Name: Ira Levy
Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Rights Agreement]

CONTINENTAL STOCK
TRANSFER & TRUST
COMPANY,
as Rights Agent,

By: /s/ Margaret Villani
Name: Margaret Villani
Title: Vice President

[Signature Page to Rights Agreement]

Exhibit A

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION

OF

SERIES D PREFERRED STOCK

OF

SURGE COMPONENTS, INC.

(Pursuant to Chapter 78, Section 1955 of the Nevada Revised Statutes)

In accordance with Chapter 78, Section 1955 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the undersigned corporation, hereby certifies that the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of Surge Components, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “**Corporation**”) at a meeting duly called and held:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to and vested in the Board of Directors of this Corporation (the “**Board of Directors**”) in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended (the “**Certificate of Incorporation**”) the Board of Directors hereby creates a series of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Corporation (the “**Preferred Stock**”), and hereby states the designation and number of shares, and fixes the relative rights, preferences, and limitations thereof as follows:

Series D Preferred Stock:

(1) Designation and Amount. The shares of such series shall be designated as “Series D Preferred Stock” (the “**Series D Preferred Stock**”) and the number of shares constituting the Series D Preferred Stock shall be 75,000. Such number of shares may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors; provided, that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Series D Preferred Stock to a number less than the number of shares then outstanding plus the number of shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options, rights or warrants or upon the conversion of any outstanding securities issued by the corporation convertible into Series D Preferred Stock.

(2) Dividends and Distributions.

(a) Subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of any series of Preferred Stock (or any similar stock) ranking prior and superior to the Series D Preferred Stock with respect to dividends, the holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock, in preference to the holders of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”), of the corporation, and of any other junior stock, shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available for the purpose, quarterly dividends payable in cash on the first day of March, June, September and December in each year (each such date being referred to herein as a “**Quarterly Dividend Payment Date**”), commencing on the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date after the first issuance of a share or fraction of a share of Series D Preferred Stock, in an amount per share (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to the greater of (1) \$1.00 or (2) subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount of all cash dividends, and 1,000 times the aggregate per share amount (payable in kind) of all non-cash dividends or other distributions, other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock or a subdivision of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise), declared on the Common Stock since the immediately preceding Quarterly Dividend Payment Date or, with respect to the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of any share or fraction of a share of Series D Preferred Stock. In the event the corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount to which holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under clause (2) of the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(b) The corporation shall declare a dividend or distribution on the Series D Preferred Stock as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection immediately after it declares a dividend or distribution on the Common Stock (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock); provided, that in the event no dividend or distribution shall have been declared on the Common Stock during the period between any Quarterly Dividend Payment Date and the next subsequent Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, a dividend of \$1.00 per share on the Series D Preferred Stock shall nevertheless be payable on such subsequent Quarterly Dividend Payment Date.

(c) Dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative on outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock from the Quarterly Dividend Payment Date next preceding the date of issue of such shares, unless the date of issue of such shares is prior to the record date for the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in which case dividends on such shares shall begin to accrue from the date of issue of such shares, or unless the date of issue is a Quarterly Dividend Payment Date or is a date after the record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock entitled to receive a quarterly dividend and before such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in either of which events such dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative from such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date. Accrued but unpaid dividends shall not bear interest. Dividends paid on the shares of Series D Preferred Stock in an amount less than the total amount of such dividends at the time accrued and payable on such shares shall be allocated pro rata on a share-by-share basis among all such shares at the time outstanding. The Board of Directors may fix a record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock entitled to receive payment of a dividend or distribution declared thereon, which record date shall be not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for the payment thereof.

(3) Voting Rights. The holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock shall have the following voting rights:

(a) Subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, each share of Series D Preferred Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to 1,000 votes on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the corporation. In the event the corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the number of votes per share to which holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted by multiplying such number by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, in any other certificate of designation creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock, or by law, the holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of Common Stock and any other capital stock of the corporation having general voting rights shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the corporation.

(c) Except as set forth herein, or as otherwise provided by law, holders of Series D Preferred Stock shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

(4) Certain Restrictions.

(a) Whenever quarterly dividends or other dividends or distributions payable on the Series D Preferred Stock as provided in Section (2) are in arrears, thereafter and until all accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions, whether or not declared, on shares of Series D Preferred Stock outstanding shall have been paid in full, the corporation shall not:

(1) declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series D Preferred Stock;

(2) declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking on a parity (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) with the Series D Preferred Stock, except dividends paid

ratably on the Series D Preferred Stock and all such parity stock on which dividends are payable or in arrears in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are then entitled;

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(3) redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of any stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series D Preferred Stock other than (A) such redemptions or purchases that may be deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or similar rights or grant, vesting or lapse of restrictions on the grant of any other performance shares, restricted stock, restricted stock units or other equity awards to the extent that such shares represent all or a portion of (x) the exercise or purchase price of such options, warrants or similar rights or other equity awards and (y) the amount of withholding taxes owed by the recipient of such award in respect of such grant, exercise, vesting or lapse of restrictions; (B) the repurchase, redemption, or other acquisition or retirement for value of any such shares from employees, former employees, directors, former directors, consultants or former consultants of the Corporation or their respective estate, spouse, former spouse or family member, pursuant to the terms of the agreements pursuant to which such shares were acquired, provided that the corporation may at any time redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of any such junior stock in exchange for shares of any stock of the corporation ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up) to the Series D Preferred Stock; or

(4) redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of Series D Preferred Stock, or any shares of stock ranking on a parity with the Series D Preferred Stock, except in accordance with a purchase offer made in writing or by publication (as determined by the Board of Directors) to all holders of such shares upon such terms as the Board of Directors, after consideration of the respective annual dividend rates and other relative rights and preferences of the respective series and classes, shall determine in good faith will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective series or classes.

(b) The corporation shall not permit any subsidiary of the corporation to purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of stock of the corporation unless the corporation could, under paragraph (a) of this Section (4), purchase or otherwise acquire such shares at such time and in such manner.

(5) Reacquired Shares. Any shares of Series D Preferred Stock purchased or otherwise acquired by the corporation in any manner whatsoever shall be retired and cancelled promptly after the acquisition thereof. All such shares shall upon their cancellation become authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock and may be reissued as part of a new series of Preferred Stock subject to the conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein, in the Certificate of Incorporation, or in any other certificate of designation creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock or as otherwise required by law.

(6) Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, voluntary or otherwise, no distribution shall be made (1) to the holders of shares of stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series D Preferred Stock unless, prior thereto, the holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock shall have received the greater of (A) \$1,000 per share, plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions thereon, whether or not declared, to the date of such payment, and (B) an amount, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 times the aggregate amount to be distributed per share to holders of shares of Common Stock, or (2) to the holders of shares of stock ranking on a parity (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) with the Series D Preferred

Stock, except distributions made ratably on the Series D Preferred Stock and all such parity stock in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are entitled upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding up. In the event the corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the aggregate amount to which holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under the proviso in clause (1) of the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

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(7) Consolidation, Merger, Etc. In case the corporation shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then in any such case each share of Series D Preferred Stock shall at the same time be similarly exchanged or changed into an amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 times the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is changed or exchanged. In the event the corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount set forth in the preceding sentence with respect to the exchange or change of shares of Series D Preferred Stock shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(8) No Redemption. The shares of Series D Preferred Stock shall not be redeemable.

(9) Rank. The Series D Preferred Stock shall rank, with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets, junior to all series of any other class of the corporation's Preferred Stock and shall rank senior to the Common Stock as to such matters.

(10) Amendment. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation shall not be amended in any manner which would materially alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series D Preferred Stock so as to affect them adversely without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class.

(11) Fractional Shares. The Series D Preferred Stock may be issued in fractions of a share, which fractions shall entitle the holder, in proportion to such holder's fractional shares, to exercise voting rights, receive dividends, participate in distributions, and to have the benefit of all other rights of holders of Series D Preferred Stock.

Exhibit B

SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

TO PURCHASE SERIES D PREFERRED STOCK

Introduction

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Surge Components, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “**Company**”), declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a “**Right**”) for each outstanding share of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (the “**Common Stock**”). The dividend is payable on October 7, 2016 (the “**Record Date**”) to the stockholders of record on that date. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series D Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (the “**Preferred Stock**”) at a price of \$5.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (the “**Purchase Price**”), subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement dated as of October 7, 2016, as the same may be amended from time to time (the “**Rights Agreement**”), between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the “**Rights Agent**”).

Until the earlier to occur of (i) the close of business on the tenth business day after a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (with certain exceptions, an “**Acquiring Person**”) has acquired beneficial ownership of 4.99% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock and (ii) the close of business on the tenth business day after the commencement by any person of, or of the first public announcement of the intention of any Person to commence, a tender or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in such Person becoming the Beneficial Owner of 4.99% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (the earlier of such dates being called the “**Distribution Date**”), the Rights will be evidenced, with respect to any of the Common Stock certificates (or book entry shares) outstanding as of the Record Date, by such Common Stock certificate (or book entry shares) together with this Summary of Rights.

The Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date (or earlier expiration or redemption of the Rights), the Rights will be transferred with and only with the Common Stock. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier expiration or redemption of the Rights), new Common Stock certificates issued after the Record Date upon transfer or new issuances of Common Stock will contain a legend incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference, and notice of such legend will be furnished to holders of book entry shares. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier expiration or redemption of the Rights), the surrender for transfer of any certificates for shares of Common Stock (or book entry shares of Common Stock) outstanding as of the Record Date, even without such legend or a copy of this Summary of Rights, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the shares of Common Stock represented by such certificate or registered in book entry form. As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights (“**Rights Certificates**”) will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Stock as

of the Close of Business on the Distribution Date and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

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The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire prior to the earliest of (i) October 7, 2019 or such later date as may be established by the Board prior to the expiration of the Rights as long as the extension is submitted to the stockholders of the Company for ratification at the next annual meeting of stockholders succeeding such extension (the “**Final Expiration Date**”), (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed or exchanged by the Company, in each case as described below, (iii) upon the occurrence of certain transactions, (iv) the first day after the Company’s 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, if stockholder approval has not been obtained on or prior to the first day after the Company’s 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, (v) the Close of Business on the effective date of the repeal of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if the Board determines that this Agreement is no longer necessary or desirable for the preservation of Tax Benefits, and (vi) the Close of Business on the first day of a taxable year of the Company to which the Board determines that no Tax Benefits (as defined in the Rights Agreement) are available to be carried forward.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of shares of Preferred Stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights is subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution (i) in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Preferred Stock, (ii) upon the grant to holders of the Preferred Stock of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Stock at a price, or securities convertible into Preferred Stock with a conversion price, less than the then-current market price of the Preferred Stock or (iii) upon the distribution to holders of the Preferred Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular periodic cash dividends or dividends payable in Preferred Stock) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

The number of outstanding Rights is subject to adjustment in the event of a stock dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the Common Stock occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

Shares of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will not be redeemable. Each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled, when, as and if declared, to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of the greater of (a) \$1.00 per share, and (b) an amount equal to 1,000 times the dividend declared per share of Common Stock. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential payment of the greater of (i) \$1,000.00 per share (plus any accrued but unpaid dividends), and (ii) an amount equal to 1,000 times the payment made per share of Common Stock. Each share of Preferred Stock will have 1,000 votes, voting together with the Common Stock. Finally, in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which outstanding shares of Common Stock are converted or exchanged, each share of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount received per share of Common Stock. These rights are protected by customary anti-dilution provisions.

Because of the nature of the Preferred Stock’s dividend, liquidation and voting rights, the value of the one one-thousandth interest in a share of Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of each Right should approximate the value of one share of Common Stock.

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In the event that any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an Acquiring Person, each holder of a Right, other than Rights beneficially owned by the Acquiring Person, affiliates and associates of the Acquiring Person and certain transferees thereof (which will thereupon become null and void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right that number of shares of Common Stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

In the event that, after a person or group has become an Acquiring Person, the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transacti