

PROXY STATEMENT INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS (THE "MEETING") OF SEADRILL LIMITED TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2023.

GENERAL

In March 2023, we held the first annual general meeting of our shareholders after our emergence from bankruptcy. At that meeting we originally intended to seek the approval of our shareholders of a management incentive plan under which equity incentive awards could be made to our team in order to better align their interests with the interests of our shareholders. Before the meeting, some shareholders expressed concern about aspects of the management incentive plan. Therefore, our Board of Directors (the "Board") removed the plan from consideration by shareholders at the March meeting so as to address those concerns and make resulting changes to the plan. We have completed that exercise. Even though our prior annual general meeting was held only six months ago, the Board believes that it is imperative to get the plan approved by shareholders so that the Company can begin including equity awards in the compensation packages we provide to our team. Therefore, we have decided to hold a general meeting of our shareholders this November (the "Meeting"). As a matter of efficiency, the Board has decided to treat the Meeting as the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and address other items of business that are appropriate for such a meeting, including presenting the 2022 financial statements of the Company, reelecting directors and approving auditors. Holding the 2023 Annual General Meeting on this schedule should also allow us to get on a more normalized schedule for our annual general meetings beginning in 2024, and hold them in the late spring or early summer of the year.

We are furnishing this Proxy Statement in connection with the solicitation by the Board of proxies for use at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting. The Meeting is to be held at 9:00 am at the Rosewood Hotel, 60 Tucker's Point Dr., Hamilton Parish, HS 02 Bermuda on November 17, 2023. At the Meeting, we will ask you to consider and vote on the proposals described in the accompanying Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting Notice"). We are soliciting proxies from shareholders of record as of 5:00 p.m., Bermuda time on September 20, 2023.

Under Bermuda law, holders of a company's common shares are referred to as "members" but for convenience they are referred to in this Proxy Statement as "shareholders" or "shareholders of record". In this Proxy Statement, the terms "Seadrill," "we," "our," "Company" and "us" refer, as the context requires, to Seadrill Limited.

HOW TO VOTE

Shareholders of Record / Members: You are asked to complete, date and sign the enclosed Proxy Card to appoint each of the following persons as proxy holders for the Meeting: Mrs. Julie Robertson (Chair of the Board), Mr. Simon Johnson (Seadrill CEO), Mr. Martyn Svensen (Seadrill Vice President of Insurance) and Ms. Jennifer Panchaud (Attorney at Conyers Dill & Pearman Limited, Seadrill's Bermuda Counsel).

To be valid, any Proxy Card appointing a proxy must be received (completed, dated and signed):

- in case of Proxy Cards sent by Broadridge, by Broadridge online at <u>www.proxyvote.com</u> or by mail at: c/o Broadridge 51 Mercedes Way Edgewood, NY 11717 USA before 11:59pm EST on November 15, 2023; or
- in case of Proxy Cards sent by DNB, by DNB via email at <u>vote@dnb.no</u> or by mail at: DNB Bank, ASA, Registrars Dept.
 P.O. Box 1600 Sentrum 0021 Oslo Norway
 before 12:00 CET on November 15, 2023.

(where each time and date above, as applicable, is referred to herein as the "share voting cutoff time").

Please refer to the accompanying Proxy Card for specific voting instructions.

Please sign the Proxy Card exactly as your name appears on the card. If shares are owned jointly, each joint owner should sign the Proxy Card. If a shareholder is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, the Proxy Card should be signed in the full corporate, limited liability company or partnership name by a duly authorized person. If the Proxy Card is signed pursuant to a power of attorney or by an executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please state the signatory's full title and provide a certificate or other proof of appointment.

Beneficial Owners: If you are a beneficial owner of shares of the Company, your broker, bank or other nominee will arrange to provide materials and instructions for voting your shares. Please note that you may not vote shares held in street name by returning a Proxy Card or voting instruction card directly to the Company unless you provide a legal proxy executed by the shareholder of record and enabling you to vote the shares.

Your vote is important. All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Meeting. We urge you, whether or not you plan to attend the Meeting, to submit your proxy by completing, signing, dating and mailing the enclosed Proxy Card.

A shareholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. A proxy may be revoked by sending written notice of revocation to the Company Secretary, James Gilbertson, at Park Place, 55 Par-la-Ville Road, Third Floor, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda, which must be received by the share voting cutoff time, stating that you would like to revoke your proxy or by completing, signing and dating another proxy card and returning it to the Company Secretary, James Gilbertson, at Park Place, 55 Par-la-Ville Road, Third Floor, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda, together with a written notice of revocation, which must be received by the share voting cutoff time, or by attending the Meeting and voting in person.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 will be made available at the Meeting. The Board has approved these statements before the meeting, however, there is no requirement under Bermuda law that such statements be approved by shareholders, and no such approval will be sought at the Meeting.

The Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 are contained in the Company's report on Form 20-F which is filed with the U.S.

Securities and Exchange Commission and published on our website at <u>www.seadrill.com/investors/reports-presentations/reports/</u>. Shareholders can request a hard copy free of charge upon request by email to: <u>ir@seadrill.com</u>.

COMPANY PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1 – NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, our shareholders approved an increase in the number of Directors comprising the Board from seven (7) to nine (9) to enable the Board to satisfy the Company's obligations under the merger agreement with Aquadrill and appoint two independent directors designated by Aquadrill. Those independent designees were Harry Quarls and Jonathan Swinney and they were appointed to the Board in April 2023 following completion of the Aquadrill merger. As a result, the Company currently has nine (9) serving Directors.

At the Meeting, the Board will ask the shareholders to determine that the number of Directors comprising the Board be set at up to nine (9) Directors until the next annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company, or until such number is changed in accordance with the Byelaws of the Company. The Board has nominated, in accordance with Proposal 2, for re-election to the Board those nine (9) persons currently serving as Directors of the Company.

The Board recommends that the shareholders vote FOR Proposal 1.

PROPOSAL 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board has nominated the persons listed below for re-election as Directors of the Company, all of whom are presently serving members of the Board.

As provided in the Company's Bye-laws, each Director is elected at each annual general meeting of Shareholders and shall hold office until the next annual general meeting following his or her election or until his or her office is otherwise vacated in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

At the Meeting, the Board will ask the shareholders to re-elect, by way of separate resolutions, each of Julie Robertson, Jean Cahuzac, Jan Kjaervik, Mark McCollum, Harry Quarls, Andrew Schultz, Paul Smith, Jonathan Swinney and Ana Zambelli to serve until the next annual general meeting or until their respective offices are otherwise vacated in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

Nominees For Election as a Director

Information concerning the nominees for Directors of the Company is set forth below:

	Name	Director Since	
Resolution 2			
(a)	Julie Robertson*	22 February 2022	
(b)	Jean Cahuzac	22 February 2022	
(c)	Jan Kjaervik	22 February 2022	
(d)	Mark McCollum	22 February 2022	

(e)	Harry Quarls	3 April 2023
(f)	Andrew Schultz	22 February 2022
(g)	Paul Smith	22 February 2022
(h)	Jonathan Swinney	3 April 2023
<i>(i)</i>	Ana Zambelli	25 January 2023

* Serves as Chair of the Board

Biographies

Julie Johnson Robertson, Chair of the Board, Age 66

Ms. Robertson is one of the most respected leaders in the offshore drilling business, and she also was one of the highest ranking female chief executives in the energy sector. Her career at Noble Corporation plc and its predecessor companies spanned more than 40 years and she held many roles, including Executive Chairman, President, and CEO. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for EOG Resources, Superior Energy Services and Patterson-UTI. She is a resident of Houston, Texas. Ms. Robertson serves as chair of the Joint Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board.

Mark McCollum, Age 63

Mr. McCollum has extensive global experience in the offshore energy services sector and has chaired three different public-company Audit Committees. He is a 17-year veteran of the oil and gas industry, having most recently served as President and CEO of Weatherford International. He also held several roles of prominence at Halliburton, including EVP and CFO. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Westlake Corporation and Marathon Oil Corporation where he also sits on the Compensation Committee and the Health, Environmental, Safety and Corporate Responsibility Committee. He is a resident of Crawford, Texas. Mr. McCollum serves as chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board.

Jean Cahuzac, Age 69

Mr. Cahuzac is a highly regarded senior executive in the offshore energy services sector. Until recently the CEO of Subsea 7, he brings over 41 years in the industry having previously worked for Transocean and Schlumberger in operational and management roles. He currently sits on the Compensation Committee at Subsea 7 and as Chairman of the sustainability committee and on the strategy committee at Bourbon Maritime. He is a resident of Paris, France. Mr. Cahuzac serves as the chair of the Operational Excellence Committee of the Board.

Jan Kjærvik, Age 66

Mr. Kjærvik is an accomplished financial executive who brings nearly 40 years of experience in financial roles across the banking, energy and maritime sectors. He is currently Interim Treasurer for GE Energy businesses (Vernova) preparing for demerger from General Electric parent. He was most recently Head of Treasury & Risk for A.P. Møller-Mærsk and prior to that held similar role at Aker Kværner/Solutions. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Høegh Autoliners and also serves as Chair of its Audit Committee. Previous directorships include Mærsk Supply Service, Mærsk Insurance, Danish Ship Finance, VP Securities and Britannia PI. Mr. Kjærvik holds a Masters in Economics (lic. oec.) from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Mr. Kjærvik is a Norwegian citizen and resides in Oslo, Norway. Mr. Kjærvik is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board.

Harry Quarls, Age 71

Mr. Quarls currently serves as chairman of the board for CHC Helicopter, Key Energy Services, and ESS Tech, Inc., and is Lead Director for FlexSteel Pipe. Mr. Quarls previously served as chairman of the board for EP Energy, Sunrise Oil & Gas, Penn Virginia Corporation, SH 130 Concessions Company, Trident Resources Corp, Woodbine Acquisition Corp, and US Oil Sands Corp. Mr. Quarls also served as a director and chairman of the strategic alternatives committee for Gastar Exploration Inc and Rosehill Resources. He has also been a director for Fairway Resources, PetroQuest Energy, GreenRock Energy and Opal Resources. Mr. Quarls served as a Managing Director at Global Infrastructure Partners, leading their efforts in North American energy midstream investments. Additionally, Mr. Quarls served as Managing Directors at Booz & Company, a leading international management consulting firm. Mr. Quarls holds BS and ScM degrees in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University and MIT, respectively. He also holds an MBA from Stanford University. Mr. Quarls is a member of the Operational Excellence Committee of the Board.

Andrew Schultz, Age 68

Mr. Schultz is an experienced turnaround investor and executive, as well as a seasoned director with extensive experience in stressed and distressed situations. As a lawyer and investor, his career has spanned many industries. He is very familiar with both the offshore drilling sector and the E&P sector, serving as Board Chair for Pacific Drilling and a Director for Vanguard Natural Resources. Currently a non-executive director advisor, he sits on a total of seven Boards. He is a resident of New Canaan, Connecticut. Mr. Schultz is a member of the Joint Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board.

Paul Smith, Age 52

Mr. Smith is a highly analytical and energetic financial leader who brings depth and expertise in capital allocation, capital structure, capital markets, and restructurings with a global track record across various industries, including mining & metals, oil & gas, and steel. Currently, he is Founder and Principal of Collingwood Capital Partners (which manages public and private investments focused on resources, energy transformation, and technology sectors), and Managing Partner of Voltaire Minerals Partners. He had a nine-year career with Glencore, culminating as CFO for Katanga Mining. He currently sits on the Board of Bunker Hill Mining Corp. He is a resident of Zug, Switzerland. Mr. Smith is a member of the Joint Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board.

Jonathan Swinney, Age 57

Mr. Swinney served as the founding Chief Financial Officer of EnQuest PLC from 2010 until 2022, where he led a number of asset acquisitions and major capital markets transactions. Mr. Swinney also served as the head of Mergers and Acquisitions of Petrofac Limited before joining EnQuest PLC and previous to that worked as Managing Director of Lehman Brothers (London) and as Director, Equity Capital Markets of Credit Suisse First Boston (London). Mr. Swinney is a chartered accountant and a qualified solicitor, and holds an LPC with distinction from the College of Law, and a BSc with honors from Southampton University. Mr. Swinney is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board.

Ana Zambelli, Age 50

Ms. Zambelli brings significant industry experience to the Company, with more than 20 years' experience in the energy services sector in operational, commercial and finance roles. Ms.

Zambelli served as Chief Commercial Officer at Maersk Drilling, Managing Director at Transocean, and President of the Brazilian division of Schlumberger. Last, she served as a Managing Director in Brookfield's Private Equity Group, responsible for business operations in Brazil, where she also provided operational and financial oversight for Brookfield portfolio companies. Ms. Zambelli previously served as an independent member of the Board of Directors of Petrobras and Braskem, and was the founder and leader of the Diversity Committee at the Brazilian Petroleum Institute (IBP) from 2018 to present. Ms. Zambelli currently sits on the Board of BW Energy. Ms. Zambelli is a member of the Operational Excellence Committee of the Board.

The Board recommends that the shareholders vote FOR Proposals 2(a)-(i).

PROPOSAL 3 – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit and Risk Committee has approved the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent auditor for the Company for the financial year ending December 31, 2023 and their remuneration and has recommended such to the Board.

At the Meeting, the Board will ask the shareholders to approve the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent auditor for the financial year ending December 31, 2023 and serve until the close of the Company's next annual general meeting, and to authorize the Board (acting through its Audit and Risk Committee) to determine the remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The Board recommends that the shareholders vote FOR Proposal 3.

PROPOSAL 4 - TO APPROVE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

The order of the United States Bankruptcy Court confirming the Joint Plan of Reorganization of the Company and its debtor affiliates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, as confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court (the "Chapter 11 Plan"), provided that a management incentive plan was to be implemented by the Company following the Company's emergence from the Chapter 11 process on such terms and conditions set forth in the Chapter 11 Plan. The Chapter 11 Plan provided that 5.5% of the Company's issued share capital as of February 22, 2022 (on a fully diluted, fully distributed basis) would be reserved for issuance in respect of awards made under a management incentive plan.

Accordingly, the Board adopted a management incentive plan in August 2022 and reserved 2,910,053 common shares of the Company ("common shares") for issuance thereunder. In accordance with the Chapter 11 Plan, such number of shares constituted 5.5% of the Company's share capital as of February 22, 2022 (3.64% of the Company's share capital as of the date of this Proxy Statement; in each case, on a fully diluted and fully distributed basis). In order to address feedback received from certain shareholders of the Company, the Board approved certain changes and adopted the Amended and Restated Seadrill Limited 2022 Management Incentive Plan on September 25, 2023 (as amended, the "MIP").

Description of the MIP

The following is a description of certain material terms of the MIP. The summary that follows is not intended to be complete, and we refer you to the copy of the MIP set forth as Appendix 1 to this Proxy Statement for a complete statement of its terms and provisions.

<u>General.</u> The MIP provides for awards of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights, and other stock-based awards to employees or consultants providing services to the Company or any of our subsidiaries and, in certain circumstances, non-employee Directors of the Company. We believe that the MIP will provide an opportunity for participants to acquire or increase their equity interests in the Company and to provide a means whereby they may develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in our development and financial success, will strengthen our ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel, and will better align the interests of senior management and employees with the interests of our shareholders.

<u>Administration</u>. The MIP is administered by the Joint Nomination and Remuneration Committee or such other committee of the Board as may be appointed by the Board (the "Committee"), with the Board retaining the same authority as the Committee. Subject to certain limitations, the Committee may delegate the authority to grant awards to a committee of one or more members of the Board or one or more officers of the Company, except that no subcommittee of the Board or officer of the Company may be delegated the authority to grant awards to executive officers or Directors of the Company subject to Section 16 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Subject to the terms of the MIP and applicable law, the Committee will have full power and authority to: designate participants; determine the types of awards to be granted to any participant; determine the number of common shares to be covered by awards; determine the terms and conditions of any award; determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances awards may be settled in cash, common shares, other securities, other awards or other property, or may be canceled, forfeited or suspended or vesting of awards may be accelerated; interpret or administer the MIP and any award agreement or any related instrument under the MIP; establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it deems appropriate for the proper administration of the MIP; and make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the MIP.

No member of the Board or the Committee or officer to whom authority has been delegated shall be liable for anything done or omitted to be done in connection with the performance of any duties under the MIP and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be indemnified from any losses with respect to any such action or omission, except for willful misconduct or as expressly provided by statute.

<u>Eligibility</u>. Individuals eligible to receive awards under the MIP include employees of the Company, or any of its subsidiaries; individuals who have agreed to become an employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and who actually become such an employee; individuals who render consulting services to the Company, or any of its subsidiaries; or, in certain circumstances, members of the Board who are not employees or consultants. As of August 31, 2023, approximately 100 individuals, including six executive officers and nine non-employee Directors, were eligible to receive awards under the MIP.

<u>Shares Subject to the MIP</u>. The maximum number of common shares to be reserved for issuance under the MIP is 2,910,053 shares, subject to adjustment as described in the "— Adjustments" section below. Common shares underlying awards granted under the MIP that are forfeited, acquired for cancellation, cancelled or exchanged, or if an award terminates or expires without having been exercised, or is settled in cash, or is a restricted stock or restricted stock unit award that is forfeited prior to becoming vested shall again be available for grant under the MIP. Common shares awarded under the MIP that are not issued or delivered as a result of the net settlement of an outstanding option; used to pay the withholding taxes related to an outstanding award; underlie a stock appreciation right settled in shares; or repurchased on the open market with the proceeds from any repurchase plan or program, whether using

option proceeds or otherwise, will not be available for reissuance under the MIP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there are no limitations on the number of awards that may be granted under the MIP that are payable solely in cash.

<u>Types of Awards</u>. The MIP provides for awards of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights, and other stock-based awards to eligible participants. All awards, further described below, are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, vesting and forfeiture provisions determined by the Committee, in its discretion, subject to such limitations that are set forth in the MIP. The number of common shares subject to any award is also determined by the Committee in its discretion. Any authorized but previously unissued common shares issued under the MIP will not be issued for consideration that is less than their aggregate par value.

Stock options. Stock options are rights to purchase a specified number of common shares at a specified price (the "exercise price"). The exercise price per common share purchasable under such option will be determined by the Committee at the time the option is granted, but may not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value (as defined below) per share as of the date of grant and may not be less than the par value per share. The term of each option will be for a period as determined by the Committee, but may not exceed 10 years. The Committee will determine the exercise terms of the options, which may include provisions for accelerated vesting upon the achievement of specified performance goals or other events, and the methods by which payment of the exercise price may be made.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A stock appreciation right or "SAR" is an award that, upon exercise, entitles the holder to receive the excess of the Fair Market Value of a common share on the exercise date over the exercise price established for such SAR. The exercise price per SAR will be determined by the Committee at the time the SAR is granted, but may not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per common share as of the date of grant and may not be less than the par value per share. The term of each SAR will be for a period as determined by the Committee, but may not exceed 10 years. The Committee will determine the exercise terms of the SARs, which may include provisions for accelerated vesting upon the achievement of specified performance goals or other events, and the methods by which payment of the exercise price may be made.

Restricted Stock. A restricted stock award is a common share that becomes vested and may be transferred upon completion of a restriction period. The Committee will determine the applicable restriction period, and the conditions under which the award may become vested or forfeited, and any such other terms or conditions as determined by the Committee.

Restricted Stock Units. A restricted stock unit ("RSU") is a notional share that, upon vesting, entitles the holder to receive a common share, or an amount of cash, other securities or other property, in the discretion of the Committee and, in each case, equal to the Fair Market Value of a common share. The Committee determines conditions under which RSUs may become vested or forfeited and such other terms or conditions as determined by the Committee.

Dividends and Dividend Equivalent Rights. A dividend may be made part of a restricted stock award and a dividend equivalent right ("DER") may be granted in tandem with RSUs, performance awards settled in common shares and other stock-based awards and represents a contingent right to receive value equal to dividends or other distributions made by the Company with respect to common shares underlying the award. The dividends and DERs are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable award agreement and shall be payable at the same time, and subject to the same conditions, that are applicable to the underlying restricted stock award or RSUs.

Other Stock-Based Awards. Other stock-based awards may be granted under the MIP in such

amounts as the Committee may select. Other stock-based awards may be denominated or payable in, valued in or otherwise based on or related to the common shares, in whole or in part. The Committee will determine the terms and conditions, if any, of any other stock-based awards. Upon vesting, other stock-based awards can be paid in cash, common shares or any combination thereof as provided in the applicable award agreement.

Performance Awards. At the discretion of the Committee, any of the above-described awards may be designated as a performance award. Performance awards are contingent upon performance measures applicable to a particular period, as established by the Committee and set forth in the individual agreements.

<u>Minimum Vesting</u>. Awards granted under the MIP are subject to minimum vesting requirements such that awards may not vest earlier than the one-year anniversary of the date of grant except (1) where the Committee provides for the accelerated vesting of awards in connection with a participant's death or disability or a change in control of the Company or (2) with respect to annual awards granted to non-employee Directors that vest on the earlier of the one-year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of shareholders (so long as vesting does not occur less than 50 weeks from the date of grant). Notwithstanding the foregoing, an aggregate of not more than 5% of the common shares reserved under the MIP may be granted to participants, or to the extent underlying outstanding awards, may be modified, without regard to such minimum vesting requirement.

<u>Fair Market Value</u>. The "Fair Market Value" of a share means, as of any given date, the closing sales price on such date of a common share on the national securities exchange, national market system or other regulated exchange on which such share is traded. In the event shares are not publicly traded on a national securities exchange, national market system or other regulated exchange, or if the value of such shares is not otherwise determinable or if there is insufficient trading volume in such shares at the time a determination of Fair Market Value is required to be made, the determination of Fair Market Value will be made in good faith by the Committee. In no case will the Fair Market Value be less than the par value per share.

<u>Director Awards and Limits</u>. Non-employee Directors of the Company may be granted restricted stock awards, RSUs and other stock-based awards, in each case, so long as such award is not subject to performance-based vesting conditions. The maximum grant date value of awards granted to any single non-employee Director in a single fiscal year shall not exceed \$750,000. No awards have been made under the MIP to Directors to date.

<u>Adjustments</u>. In the event of a dividend or other distribution (other than normal cash distributions), recapitalization, stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, division, subdivision, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, reacquisition or exchange of common shares or other securities of the Company, or other corporate transaction or event or unusual or nonrecurring events that affects the common shares such that an adjustment is appropriate to prevent dilution or an enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the MIP, the Committee shall make equitable adjustments to reflect such event to: the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the MIP; the number and kind of shares or property) subject to outstanding awards; and the grant or exercise price per unit of any outstanding award.

<u>Change in Control</u>. Upon the occurrence of a change in control (as defined in the MIP), the Committee, in its sole discretion, may: provide that the award be assumed or substituted by the successor or survivor entity; provide for the acceleration of vesting and exercisability or, or the lapse of restrictions, in whole or in part, with respect to an award; or provide for the cancellation of any award in exchange for an amount in cash, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of the award or realization of the participant's rights under the award.

<u>Amendment and Termination</u>. The Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the MIP in any manner and for any reason, without the consent of any person; however, the Board must obtain shareholder approval of any amendment to the extent (i) the amendment would (a) materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under the MIP; (b) materially increase the number of securities which may be issued under the MIP; (c) materially modify the requirements for participation in the MIP; (d) increase the non-employee Director compensation limit, or (ii) such amendment is necessary to comply with applicable law or securities exchange listing standards or rules.

<u>Duration</u>. The MIP will continue until the earlier of (i) a termination date established by the Committee, and (ii) the 10th anniversary of the date the MIP is approved by shareholders.

New Plan Benefits

Except as otherwise described below, due to the discretionary authority afforded the Committee in connection with the administration of the MIP, we cannot determine or predict the value, number or type of awards to be granted pursuant to the MIP.

Prior to the date of this Proxy Statement, we granted awards in 2022 and in 2023 of timebased RSUs and performance-based RSUs to our executives and certain other eligible employees (the "Prior Awards"). That portion of the Prior Awards that has become vested has been settled in cash. The remaining portion of the Prior Awards that may become vested will be settled in cash unless shareholder approval of the MIP is obtained, in which case such portion may be settled in either cash or common shares in the discretion of the Committee. The Prior Awards are set forth below and include awards of 321,136 time-based RSUs and 654,106 performance-based RSUs, which can be earned between 0% and 100% of the number of units listed below, dependent on the achievement of performance criteria and continued service requirements. As a result of the Prior Awards, 1,978,799 common shares would remain available for future grants under the MIP as of the date of this Proxy Statement.

Name	Position/status	Performance-Based RSUs ¹	Time-Based RSUs ^{1,2}
Simon Johnson	Chief Executive Officer	254,204	108,945
Grant Creed	Chief Financial Officer	79,590	34,109
Leif Nelson	Chief Operations & Technology Officer	104,727	44,883
Torsten Sauer- Petersen	EVP, Human Resources	59,743	25,605
Samir Ali	EVP, Chief Commercial Officer	59,743	25,605
Todd Strickler	SVP, General Counsel	36,058	15,454
Various	Other employees	60,041	66,535

1 Comprises annual awards made in 2022 and 2023.

2 On August 6, 2023, the following number of time-based RSUs became vested and were settled in cash: Mr. Johnson, 17,809; Mr. Creed, 6,233; Mr. Nelson, 8,904; Mr. Sauer-Petersen, 4,452; Mr. Ali, 4,452; Mr. Strickler, 1,069; other employees 1,069.

Section 18 of the MIP requires that before any awards may be settled in common shares of the Company, the MIP must be approved by the Company's shareholders at a general meeting. Further, pursuant to Bye-law 45(b) of the Company's Bye-laws, any benefits

provided to the directors or officers of the Company pursuant to an employee share scheme is to be approved by the shareholders.

Shareholder Outreach Efforts and Engagement of Proxy Advisory Services

Prior to the Company's 2022 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "2022 AGM"), the Company engaged with certain key shareholders to solicit feedback on the prior version of the MIP that was proposed for approval by shareholders at such meeting. Due to the feedback received, the Company chose to withdraw the approval of the MIP from the agenda of the 2022 AGM so that we could conduct further analysis on a MIP acceptable to shareholders. The Committee and the Board considered the feedback received by shareholders during such outreach and has incorporated key changes to the prior version of the MIP in what is being submitted to shareholders at this Meeting, as more fully described below.

In June 2023, the Company engaged a consulting firm familiar with the practices of shareholder advisory services, such as Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), to review the MIP and the disclosure in this Proxy Statement. The engagement of the consulting firm included a review of ISS standards for incentive plans for various regions, including the U.S. market, where we maintain our primary listing and where we primarily compete with our peer competitors for talent. We also reviewed the incentive plan features of many of our peer competitors. We believe that ISS will assess the MIP based on whether it complies with ISS's *Europe, Middle East and Africa* policy (the "EMEA policy") due to our status as a foreign private issuer. We believe that the assessment by ISS under the EMEA policy is ill-advised and does not provide meaningful information or assistance to our shareholders.

The purpose of a management incentive plan is to attract and retain qualified employees and independent directors and align the interests of such employees and directors with shareholders of the company. Our primary competition for qualified employees is other large, international, offshore drilling companies. Those peer competitors provide employees the opportunity to participate in the equity of the relevant competitor through awards made under management incentive plans that provide very similar opportunities as those that would be provided under stock-based awards that have been and would be made under the MIP. We believe that the management incentive plans of those peer competitors (and the awards that may be granted thereunder) are not subject to assessment by ISS under the EMEA policy and instead are assessed under ISS's U.S. policy.

MIP Features and Application of ISS's U.S. Policy

In connection with feedback from shareholders, our consulting firm and ISS, we have adopted the following changes to our MIP since the 2022 AGM:

- (1) We have included a specific provision in the MIP that awards are subject to a 12-month minimum vesting period. In practice, this provision was included in the grant agreements for the Prior Awards, but has now been codified in the MIP itself.
- (2) We have amended the MIP to specifically provide that any awards granted to nonemployee Directors shall not be performance-based awards. To date, we have not granted any equity awards to Directors, but in the future, if our Board determines to make such awards, they will be exclusively time-vested.
- (3) We have amended the MIP to explicitly prohibit the payment of dividends or dividend equivalents on any unvested/unearned awards.

We believe that, were the MIP to be assessed by ISS under its U.S. policy, as we believe is the case with our peer competitors, ISS would view the plan favorably. Specifically, the MIP includes the following features that we believe are in line with ISS's U.S. policy for equity compensation plans, and the plans of our peers:

- (1) <u>Non-liberal recycling of awards</u>. In ISS's FAQs regarding its assessment of Equity Compensation Plans, ISS defines "liberal share recycling" to occur when shares vested and/or exercised can, under certain circumstances, be added back to the plan reserve for future grants. This typically involves recycled shares in the following circumstances: shares tendered as payment for an option exercise; shares withheld to cover taxes; shares repurchased by the company using stock option exercise proceeds; or stock-settled awards where only the actual shares delivered are counted against the plan reserve. We believe that the MIP prohibits the actions identified in the ISS FAQs as liberal share recycling.
- (2) Minimum vesting period and limited discretion to accelerate. In the ISS FAQs, ISS provides that equity compensation plans "should mandate a vesting period of at least one year for all equity award types issuable under the plan, which applies to no less than 95% of the shares authorized for grant." Plan provisions that include other mechanisms to reduce or eliminate this requirement (such as permitting the plan administrator discretion to accelerate vesting of an award in contradiction of this requirement in circumstances unrelated to death. disability or a change in control) result in no credit under ISS's analysis. We believe the MIP satisfies these requirements as it requires that 95% of awards must have a minimum vesting period of at least 12 months, and does not permit the Committee to accelerate vesting to avoid this requirement, except in the case of death or disability, or a change in control. Furthermore, it has been our practice to grant time-vested awards where vesting occurs in equal portions over a three-year period, so that one-third of the award yests after 12 months, one-third after 24 months and the remaining one-third after 36 months. Prior Awards granted as performance-vested awards are subject to three-year cliff vesting. As discussed below, we also believe that the vesting allowed under the MIP upon a change in control (CIC) is not contrary to ISS's U.S. policy.
- (3) <u>Prohibition on payment of dividends</u>. ISS considers it a negative factor in its assessment of equity plans under the U.S. policy if dividends are paid on unearned/unvested awards. The MIP prohibits such payment on all types of awards.
- (4) <u>Change in Control vesting</u>. The ISS FAQs provide that a liberal CIC definition could be grounds on a stand-alone basis for a negative recommendation on an equity compensation plan. The FAQs also provide that the absence of disclosure around CIC vesting in a plan may be a negative factor in ISS's assessment of the plan under the U.S. policy. We believe that the definition of "Change in Control" in the MIP is not liberal within the definition provided by ISS and that the definition and effects of a Change in Control are defined adequately in the MIP.
- (5) <u>Prohibition of share repricing</u>. The ISS FAQs provide that if an equity compensation plan permits repricing of options or SARs without shareholder approval, that could be grounds on a stand-alone basis for a negative recommendation on the plan. The FAQs also provide information on actions ISS considers to effectively constitute re-pricing. The MIP prohibits the actions that would constitute repricing of options and SARs.
- (6) <u>Other factors</u>. The ISS FAQs identify other factors that could result in a stand-alone negative recommendation of an equity compensation plan under U.S. policy, including when a plan that is a vehicle for problematic pay practices or a pay-for-performance misalignment; when a plan is estimated to be excessively dilutive to shareholders' holdings; when a plan contains an evergreen (automatic share replenishment) feature; or when a plan contains any other features or company practices that are deemed by ISS to be detrimental to shareholder interests, such as tax gross-ups related to plan awards or change in control excise taxes, provision for reload options (whether or not included in a prior approved plan), or provision for transferability of stock options to third-party financial institutions without shareholder approval. We do not believe that the MIP has any of these features.

On the contrary, ISS's *EMEA* policy contains of number of restrictions that we do not believe are required under the U.S. policy and that we view as out of market for our Company. Furthermore, as indicated in the table below, these restrictions are not part of the equity compensation plans of our peer competitors. We believe that the inclusion of such provisions in the MIP would make it more difficult to attract and retain talent and compete with our peers. Such provisions include but are not limited to:

- (1) <u>No pro-rata vesting at one year</u>. Plans must require three-year minimum vesting for all awards, such vesting to be cliff vested at the end of three years with pro rata vesting not permitted.
- (2) <u>No time-based awards</u>. All awards to executives and senior-level employees must consist entirely of performance-based awards; time-vested equity awards in any amounts are not viewed favorably.
- (3) <u>No awards to directors</u>. No equity awards of any type may be made to outside directors unless such awards are granted as substitution for cash compensation, and also within very strict compensation limits for outside directors.
- (4) <u>No vesting upon CIC</u>. Plan must not permit full, single trigger accelerated vesting of awards upon a change in control of the Company.

Summary of Seadrill and Peer Competitor Equity Award Practices

In the table below, we have identified how the foregoing factors are addressed in the MIP, and how we believe they are addressed in peer competitor equity compensation plans. In summary, all peer competitors grant (i) a mix of performance- and time-based equity awards to their "named executive officers" (i.e., those executive officers with respect to which the companies provide public compensation disclosure, with time-based awards vesting ratably over three years, and (ii) awards to non-employee directors. Accelerated vesting of awards upon a change in control occurs with all peers and is predominately double trigger.

Peer Competitor	Time-based Awards Vest Ratably Over Three Years	Grants Include Performance and Time Vested Awards	Awards Granted to Directors	Accelerated Vesting on CIC ¹
		Yes	Directors	Vesting on oro
		70% Perf-based		Yes
Seadrill Limited	Yes	30% Time-based	No ²	Double trigger
		Yes		
		50% Perf-based		Yes
Transocean Ltd.	Yes	50% Time-based	Yes	Double trigger
		Yes		
		60% Perf-based		Yes
Noble Corporation plc	Yes	40% Time-based	Yes	Double trigger
		Yes		
		80% Perf-based		Yes
Valaris Limited ³	Yes	20% Time-based	Yes	Single trigger
		Yes		
Diamond Offshore		~70% Perf-based		Yes
Drilling, Inc.	Yes	~30% Time-based	Yes	Double trigger

All companies but one granted equity compensation awards that accelerate and vest upon a change in control plus a termination of employment of the executive before vesting occurs ("double trigger"). The other company granted awards that vest upon a change in control, whether or not termination of employment occurs ("single trigger").

² The MIP permits the Board to make time-vested RSU awards to non-employee directors; however, to date, no such awards have been made.

³ This company's named executive officers who were executive officers of the company when the company emerged from bankruptcy in 2021 received "reload" equity compensation awards and did

not receive additional equity compensation awards in 2022. The information shown relates to the reload awards made in 2021.

The Board considers the MIP to be a reasonable and necessary means of providing executives, certain employees, and non-employee directors a means of participating in the equity of the Company and aligning the interests of such employees and directors with shareholders of the Company by tying a portion of the value of their compensation to the performance of the Company's common shares. The adoption of the MIP also enables the Company to satisfy the requirements of the Chapter 11 Plan. Therefore, the Board believes that adoption of the MIP is in the best interest of the Company and recommends that shareholders vote in favor of approval of the MIP.

At the Meeting, the Board will ask the shareholders to approve the MIP.

The Board recommends that the shareholders vote FOR Proposal 4.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Company knows of no business that will be presented for consideration at the Annual General Meeting other than that stated in the Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

One or more shareholders of record who hold any issued and outstanding shares as of the record date for the 2024 Annual General Meeting and at the time of such Meeting and has complied with the requirements in our Bye-laws may nominate a Director nominee or make a proposal in accordance with sections 79 and 80 of the Companies Act of Bermuda to be included on the agenda at such Annual General Meeting.

Our Bye-laws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as Directors before an annual general meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing. Generally, to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date of the previous year's annual general meeting of shareholders. However, in the event the annual general meeting is called for a date that is greater than 30 days before or after such anniversary, the notice must be given not later than 10 days following the earlier of the date on which notice of the annual general meeting was posted to shareholders or the date on which public disclosure of the date of the annual general meeting was made. Our Bye-laws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice, including information concerning the nominee of the proposal, if any, and the shareholder and the beneficial owner, as the case may be. These provisions may impede shareholders' ability to make nominations for Directors at an annual general meeting of shareholders. Any proposed nomination that does not meet the requirements set forth in our Bye-laws may be declared out of order and may not be considered at the next annual general meeting of shareholders

The Chair of the meeting may refuse to allow the transaction of any business not proposed in compliance with our Bye-laws and/or in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

Shareholders who wish to send communications on any topic to the Board, may do so by writing to our Company Secretary at Park Place, 55 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda.

By Order of the Board of Directors

James Gilbertson, Company Secretary

October 3, 2023 Hamilton, Bermuda

Appendix 1 – Management Incentive Plan

AMENDED AND RESTATED SEADRILL LIMITED 2022 MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

1. **Purpose**. This Amended and Restated Seadrill Limited 2022 Management Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>") is designed to align the interests of eligible participants with those of the Company's shareholders by providing long-term incentive compensation opportunities tied to the performance of the Company and its Shares. The Plan is intended to assist the Company and its Subsidiaries with attracting, retaining and motivating key personnel by rewarding them for the overall success of the Company and its Subsidiaries. These objectives are to be accomplished by making Awards under the Plan and thereby providing such persons with proprietary interest in the growth and performance of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

2. **Definitions**. As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

a. "<u>Award</u>" means the grant of any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock Award, Restricted Stock Unit Award, Performance Award, or Other Stock-Based Award, any of which may be structured as a Performance Award, whether granted singly, in combination or in tandem, to a Participant pursuant to such applicable terms, conditions and limitations as the Committee may establish in accordance with the objectives of the Plan.

b. "<u>Award Agreement</u>" means the document (in written or electronic form) communicating the terms, conditions and limitations applicable to an Award. The Committee may, in its discretion, require that the Participant execute such Award Agreement, or may provide for procedures through which Award Agreements are made available but not executed. Any Participant who is granted an Award and who does not affirmatively, and in writing delivered to the Committee (or its applicable delegate), reject the applicable Award and Award Agreement shall be deemed to have accepted the terms of Award as embodied in the Award Agreement.

c. "<u>Board</u>" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Cause" as a reason for a Participant's termination of employment or service shall, d. unless otherwise agreed to in writing between the Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company, have the meaning assigned such term or an analogous term in the employment, severance or similar agreement, if any, between the Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company. If the Participant is not a party to an employment, severance or similar agreement with the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company in which such term is defined, then unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, "Cause" means the Participant's: (i) serious or repeated breach of an Award Agreement or other material agreement with the Company or Subsidiary of the Company, (ii) failure to comply with any reasonable and lawful order or direction given to the Participant by the Board, Committee, or the Participant's supervisor, as applicable, (iii) commission of any gross misconduct or conduct (whether in connection with Participant's employment with the Company or not) which in the reasonable opinion of the Board, Committee, or the Participant's supervisor, as applicable, is or could reasonably be expected to be materially harmful to the Company, (iv) conviction of any criminal offense (other than a traffic offense for which the Participant is not sentenced to any term of imprisonment, whether immediate or suspended), (v) commission of any act of fraud or dishonesty or corrupt practice relating to the Company, any of its or their employees, customers or otherwise or a breach of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, as such laws, rules and regulations may be amended

from time to time, or (vi) breach of any legislation or regulation in force which may affect or relate to the business or securities of the Company or any Group Company.

e. "<u>Change in Control</u>" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

i. the acquisition by a Person of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of either (A) the then issued and outstanding registered Shares of the Company (the "<u>Outstanding Shares</u>") or (B) the combined voting power of the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "<u>Outstanding Voting Securities</u>"); provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph (i) the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (w) any acquisition directly from the Company (excluding an acquisition by virtue of the exercise of a conversion privilege), (x) any acquisition by the Company, (y) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any company controlled by the Company, or (z) any acquisition by any company pursuant to a reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, if, following such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, the conditions described in clauses (A), (B) and (C) of sub-section (iii) of this definition are satisfied;

ii. individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the "<u>Incumbent</u> <u>Board</u>") cease for any reason to constitute a majority of such Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director of the Company subsequent to the Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors of the Company then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of either an actual or threatened election contest or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board;

iii. consummation of a reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation of the Company, with or without approval by the shareholders of the Company, in each case, unless, following such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, (A) more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or equivalent security) of the company resulting from such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Shares and Outstanding Voting Securities immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, of the Outstanding Shares and Outstanding Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding the Company, any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such company resulting from such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the Outstanding Shares or Outstanding Voting Securities, as the case may be) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or equivalent security) of the company resulting from such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, and (C) a majority of the members of the board of directors of the company resulting

from such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement providing for such reorganization, merger, amalgamation or consolidation;

iv. consummation of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Company, with or without approval by the shareholders of the Company, other than to a company, with respect to which following such sale or other disposition, (A) more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or equivalent security) of such company and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Shares and Outstanding Voting Securities immediately prior to such sale or other disposition in substantially the same proportion as their ownership, immediately prior to such sale or other disposition, of the Outstanding Shares and Outstanding Voting Securities, as the case may be, (B) no Person (excluding the Company, any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such company, and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of the Outstanding Shares or Outstanding Voting Securities, as the case may be) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 25% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock (or equivalent security) of such company or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, and (C) a majority of the members of the board of directors of such company were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or action of the Board providing for such sale or other disposition of assets of the Company; or

v. approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

f. "<u>Code</u>" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

g. "<u>Committee</u>" means (i) the Nomination & Remuneration Committee of the Board, and any successor committee thereto, (ii) such other committee of the Board as may be designated by the Board to administer the Plan in whole or in part including any subcommittee of the Board as designated by the Board, or (iii) the Board, as determined by the Board.

h. "<u>Company</u>" means Seadrill Limited (registration no. 202100496), an exempted company incorporated and existing under the laws of Bermuda.

i. "<u>Consultant</u>" means an individual providing services to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than an Employee or Non-Employee Director.

j. "<u>Disability</u>" means (i) any physical or mental condition that would qualify a Participant for a disability benefit under any long-term disability plan maintained by the Company (or by the Subsidiary of the Company by which he is employed) or (ii) such other condition as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee to constitute Disability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the definition of Disability shall conform to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(4)(i) to the extent necessary to avoid the imposition of any tax by such Section 409A of the Code.

k. "<u>Dividend Equivalents</u>" means, in the case of an Award comprising Restricted Stock Units, a Performance Award settled in Shares or Other Stock-Based Award, an amount equal to all dividends and other distributions (or the economic equivalent thereof (excluding, unless the Committee determines otherwise special dividends)) that are payable to shareholders of record in respect of the relevant record dates that occur during the period of which the Restricted Stock Units may be forfeited to the Company, on a like number of Shares that are subject to the Award.

1. "<u>Effective Date</u>" means August 6, 2022, the date the Plan was originally approved by the Board.

m. "<u>Employee</u>" means an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and an individual who has agreed to become an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and actually becomes such an employee following the date of agreement.

n. "<u>Exchange Act</u>" means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

o. "<u>Fair Market Value</u>" of a Share as of a particular date shall mean (1) the closing sale price reported for such share on the national securities exchange, national market system or other regulated exchange on which such share is traded on such date (or, if there were no trades on such date, on the most recently preceding day on which there was a sale), or (2) if the Shares are not then listed on a national securities exchange, national market system or other regulated exchange, the value of such shares is not otherwise determinable, or if there is insufficient trading volume in such shares on such trading day, such value as determined by the Committee in good faith in its sole discretion; provided in the case of (1) or (2) the value shall not be less than the par value of a Share.

p. "<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>" means an Option that is designated as such in the applicable Award Agreement and intended to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 422 of the Code.

q. "<u>Non-Employee Director</u>" means an individual serving as a member of the Board who is not an Employee, Consultant or officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (i.e., an individual elected or appointed to serve as a director of the Company by the Board or in such other manner as may be prescribed in the bye-laws of the Company).

r. "<u>Non-qualified Stock Option</u>" means an Option that is not intended to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 422 of the Code, including any Option that is not specifically designated as an Incentive Stock Option.

s. "<u>Option</u>" means a right to purchase a specified number of Shares from the Company pursuant to Section 6 of the Plan.

t. "<u>Other Stock-Based Award</u>" means any right granted pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan.

u. "<u>Participant</u>" means an individual to whom an Award is made under the Plan.

v. "<u>Performance Award</u>" means any right granted pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.

w. "<u>Performance Goal</u>" means one or more standards established by the Committee pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan to determine in whole or in part whether a Performance Award shall be earned.

x. "<u>Performance Period</u>" means one or more periods of time, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to the payment of a Performance Award.

y. "<u>Person</u>" has the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, except that such term shall not include (i) the Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its affiliates, (iii) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (iv) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of shares of the Company.

z. "<u>Restatement Effective Date</u>" means the date the Plan, as amended and restated, is approved by the shareholders of the Company.

aa. "<u>Restricted Stock</u>" means any Share granted pursuant to Section 8 of the Plan.

bb. "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" or "<u>RSU</u>" means any unit granted pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan that provides for the allotment and issuance, transfer, or delivery of one Share or equivalent value in cash upon the satisfaction of the terms, conditions, and restricted applicable to such Restricted Stock Unit.

cc. "<u>Securities Act</u>" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

dd. "<u>Shares</u>" means the fully diluted common shares of the Company, \$0.01 par value, or such other securities of the Company (i) into which such common shares shall be changed by reason of a recapitalization, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, division, sub-division, splitup, combination, exchange of shares or other similar transaction or (ii) as may be determined by the Committee pursuant to Section 4.b of the Plan.

ee. "<u>Stock Appreciation Right</u>" or "<u>SAR</u>" means a right to receive a payment, in cash or by allotment and issuance, transfer, or delivery of Shares, equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares on the date the right is exercised over a specified exercise price, granted pursuant to Section 7 of the Plan.

ff. "<u>Subsidiary</u>" means any "subsidiary" within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

gg. "Substitute Awards" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.a of the Plan.

3. Administration.

a. <u>Authority of the Committee</u>. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or cancelled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) grant Awards and issue any Shares or other securities or other Awards or property pursuant to an Award; (vii) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances of the securities or other Awards or property pursuant to an Award; (vii) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property, and other amounts payable with respect to an

Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee (in each case consistent with Section 409A of the Code); (viii) interpret, administer or reconcile any inconsistency, correct any defect, resolve ambiguities and/or supply any omission in the Plan, any Award Agreement, and any other instrument or agreement relating to, or Award made under, the Plan; (ix) establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; (x) establish and administer Performance Goals and certify or determine whether, and to what extent, they have been attained; (xi) adopt and approve any supplements to or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of the Plan (including, without limitation, sub-plans) in accordance with Section 14 of the Plan; and (xii) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan.

b. <u>Indemnity</u>. No member of the Board or the Committee or officer of the Company to whom the Committee has delegated authority in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.c below shall be liable for anything done or omitted to be done by him or her, by any member of the Board or the Committee or by any officer of the Company in connection with the performance of any duties under the Plan, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any claim, loss, damage or expense (including counsel fees) with respect to any such action or determination, except for his or her own willful misconduct or as expressly provided by statute.

c. <u>Delegation</u>. The Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company (or, in the case of awards of Shares, the Board may delegate to a committee made up of one or more directors) the authority to grant Awards to Participants who are not executive officers or directors of the Company subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

4. Shares Available for Awards.

a. <u>Available Shares</u>. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.b below, the aggregate number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted from time to time under the Plan shall in the aggregate not exceed 2,910,053; provided, that, subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 4.b below, all of such Shares may be granted as Incentive Stock Options. Shares available under the Plan may be newly issued Shares, Shares repurchased by the Company or Shares acquired and held in treasury by the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company.

If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited, acquired for cancellation, cancelled, or exchanged or if an Award terminates or expires without a distribution of Shares to the Participant, the Shares with respect to such Award shall, to the extent of any such forfeiture, acquisition for cancellation, cancellation, exchange, termination or expiration, again be available for Awards under the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, if two Awards are granted together in tandem, the Shares underlying any portion of the tandem Award which is not exercised or not otherwise settled in Shares will again be available for Awards under the Plan. Upon payment in cash of the benefit provided by any Award granted under this Plan, any Shares that were covered by that Award will again be available for Awards under the Plan. If, under this Plan, a Participant has elected to give up the right to receive cash compensation in exchange for Shares based on Fair Market Value, such Shares will not count against the aggregate limit described above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Shares which (i) are tendered to or withheld or acquired by the Company to satisfy payment or applicable tax withholding requirements in connection with the vesting or delivery of an Award, (ii) are withheld or acquired by the Company upon exercise of an Option pursuant to a "net exercise" arrangement, or (iii) underlie a Stock Appreciation Right that is settled in Shares, shall not again be available for Awards under the Plan. In addition, Shares that are purchased or acquired by the Company in the open market pursuant to any repurchase plan or program, whether using Option proceeds

or otherwise, shall not be made available for grants of Awards under the Plan, nor shall such number of purchased shares be added to the limit described in above in this Section 4.a. Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be made under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines ("<u>Substitute Awards</u>"). The number of Shares underlying any Substitute Awards shall not be counted against the aggregate number of Shares available for Awards under the Plan.

b. Adjustments. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that the Committee determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, division, sub-division, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, reacquisition or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall equitably adjust any or all of (i) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted, including any appropriate adjustments to the individual limitations applicable to Awards set forth in Section 4.a above; provided, however, that any adjustment to such individual limitations will be made only if and to the extent that such adjustment would not cause any Option intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option to fail to so qualify, (ii) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards, and (iii) the grant or exercise price with respect to any Award or, if deemed appropriate, make provision for a cash payment to the holder of an outstanding Award in consideration for the cancellation of such Award, which, in the case of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall equal the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of the Share subject to each such Option or Stock Appreciation Right over the per Share exercise price or grant price of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

c. <u>Director Limits</u>. Notwithstanding any plan or program of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company to the contrary, the maximum grant date value of Awards granted to any single Non-Employee Director in any single fiscal year, determined based on the Fair Market Value of each Award as of the grant date thereof, shall not exceed \$750,000 (the "<u>Non-Employee Director Compensation Limit</u>").

d. <u>Minimum Purchase Price</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, any authorized but previously unissued Shares issued under the Plan shall not be issued for consideration that is less than their aggregate par value.

5. Eligibility. Any Employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director shall be eligible to be selected as a Participant and receive any Award as determined by the Committee. Any Non-Employee Director shall be eligible to be selected as a Participant to receive Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards, so long as any such Award is not subject to performance-based vesting conditions.

6. Stock Options.

a. <u>Grant of Options</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole authority to determine the Participants to whom Options shall be granted, the number of Shares to be covered by each Option, the exercise price thereof and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of the Option. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Incentive Stock Options, or to grant Non-Qualified Stock Options, or to grant both types of Options. In the case of Incentive Stock Options, the terms and conditions of such grants shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code, as from time to time amended, and any regulations implementing such statute. All Options when granted under the Plan are intended to be Non-Qualified Stock Options, unless the applicable Award Agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option. If an Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option, and if for any reason such Option (or any portion thereof) shall not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, then, to the extent of such nonqualification, such Option (or portion thereof) shall be regarded as a Non-Qualified Stock Option appropriately granted under the Plan; provided that such Option (or portion thereof) otherwise complies with the Plan's requirements relating to Non-Qualified Stock Options. No Option shall be exercisable more than ten years from the date of grant.

b. <u>Exercise Price</u>. The Committee shall establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted, which exercise price shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement and which exercise price (except with respect to Substitute Awards) shall not be less than the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant and, provided that the exercise price per share shall not be less than the par value per share.

c. <u>Exercise</u>. Each Option shall be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement. The applicable Award Agreement shall specify the period or periods of continuous service by the Participant that is necessary before the Option or installments thereof will become exercisable. The Committee may impose such conditions with respect to the exercise of Options, including without limitation, any relating to the application of federal or state securities laws, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

Payment of Exercise Price. No Shares shall be delivered pursuant to any exercise of d. an Option until payment in full of the aggregate exercise price therefor is received by the Company. Such payment may be made (A) in cash, or its equivalent, or (B) subject to the Company's consent, by exchanging Shares owned by the optionee (which are not the subject of any pledge or other security interest and which have been owned by such optionee for at least six months), or (C) subject to such rules as may be established by the Committee and applicable law, through delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell the Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the aggregate exercise price, or (D) subject to any conditions or limitations established by the Committee, the Company's withholding or Shares or reacquisition of Shares otherwise issuable upon exercise of an Option pursuant to a "net exercise" arrangement (it being understood that, solely for purposes of determining the number of treasury shares held by the Company, any Shares so withheld or reacquired by the Company will be cancelled and not be treated as issued and acquired as treasury shares by the Company upon such exercise), or (E) by a combination of the foregoing, or (F) by such other methods as may be approved by the Committee, provided that the combined value of all cash and cash equivalents and the Fair Market Value of any such Shares so tendered to the Company or withheld as of the date of such tender or withholding is at least equal to such aggregate exercise price.

Wherever in this Plan or any Award Agreement a Participant is permitted to pay the exercise price of an Option or taxes relating to the exercise of an Option by delivering Shares, the Participant may, subject to procedures satisfactory to the Committee, satisfy such delivery requirement by presenting proof of beneficial ownership of such Shares, in which case the Company shall treat the Option as exercised without further payment and shall withhold such number of Shares from the Shares acquired by the exercise of the Option.

7. Stock Appreciation Rights.

a. <u>Grant of SARs</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole authority to determine the Participants to whom Stock Appreciation Rights shall be granted, the

number of Shares to be covered by each Stock Appreciation Right Award, the grant price thereof and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise thereof. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted in tandem with another Award, in addition to another Award, or freestanding and unrelated to another Award. Stock Appreciation Rights granted in tandem with or in addition to an Award may be granted either before, at the same time as the Award or at a later time. No Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable more than ten years from the date of grant.

b. <u>Exercise and Payment</u>. A Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant to receive an amount equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right over the grant price thereof (which grant price (except with respect to Substitute Awards) shall not be less than the Fair Market Value on the date of grant or less than the par value per share). The Committee shall determine in its sole discretion whether a Stock Appreciation Right shall be settled in cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares.

c. <u>Other Terms and Conditions</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine, at the grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, the term, methods of exercise, methods and form of settlement, and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right. The Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions on the exercise of any Stock Appreciation Right as it shall deem appropriate.

8. Restricted Stock.

a. <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole authority to determine the Participants to whom Shares of Restricted Stock shall be granted, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock to be granted to each Participant, the duration of the period during which, and the conditions, if any, under which the Restricted Stock may be forfeited to or acquired for no further consideration by the Company, and the other terms and conditions of such Awards.

b. <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered except as provided in the Plan or the applicable Award Agreements. Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, (i) any certificates issued in respect of Shares of Restricted Stock shall be registered in the name of the Participant and deposited by such Participant, together with a stock power or share transfer form endorsed in blank, with the Company, or (ii) Shares of Restricted Stock shall be held at the Company's transfer agent in book entry form with appropriate restrictions relating to the transfer of such Shares of Restricted Stock. Upon the lapse of the restrictions applicable to such Shares of Restricted Stock, the Company shall, as applicable, either deliver such certificates to the Participant or the Participant's legal representative or the transfer agent shall remove the restrictions relating to the transfer of such Shares.

9. Restricted Stock Units.

a. <u>Grant of RSUs</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole authority to determine the Participants to whom Restricted Stock Units shall be granted, the number of Restricted Stock Units to be granted to each Participant, the duration of the period during which, and the conditions, if any, under which, the Restricted Stock Units may be

forfeited to or acquired for no further consideration or cancelled (as applicable) by the Company, and the other terms and conditions of such Awards.

b. <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Restricted Stock Units may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered.

c. <u>Settlement of RSUs</u>. Each Restricted Stock Unit shall have a value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share. Restricted Stock Units shall be paid in cash, Shares, other securities or other property, as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, upon or after the lapse of the restrictions applicable thereto, or otherwise in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement.

10. Performance Awards.

a. <u>Grant of Performance Awards</u>. The Committee shall have sole authority to determine the Participants who shall receive a "Performance Award", which shall consist of a right which is (i) denominated in cash or Shares, (ii) valued, as determined by the Committee, in accordance with the achievement of such Performance Goals during such Performance Periods as the Committee shall establish, and (iii) payable at such time and in such form as the Committee shall determine.

b. <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the Performance Goals to be achieved during any Performance Period, the length of any Performance Period, the amount of any Performance Award and the amount and kind of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any Performance Award.

c. <u>Payment of Performance Awards</u>. Performance Awards may be paid in a lump sum or in installments following the close of the Performance Period as set forth in the Award Agreement on the date of grant.

11. Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee shall have authority to grant to Participants an "Other Stock-Based Award", which shall consist of any right which is (i) not an Award described in Sections 6 through 10 above and (ii) an Award of Shares or an Award denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to, Shares (including, without limitation, securities convertible into Shares), as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan; provided that any such rights must comply, to the extent deemed desirable by the Committee, with Rule 16b-3 and applicable law. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Other Stock-Based Award, including the price, if any, at which securities may be purchased pursuant to any Other Stock-Based Award granted under this Plan, provided such price is not less than the aggregate par value of the Shares.

12. Minimum Vesting. Awards granted under the Plan on or following the Restatement Effective Date shall vest no earlier than the one (1) year anniversary of the Award's date of grant, except that (i) the Committee, in its sole discretion, may provide for the accelerated vesting by reason of the Participant's death or Disability, or upon a Change in Control, (ii) Awards that result in the issuance of an aggregate of up to 5% of the Shares reserved for issuance under Section 4.a may be granted to Participants, or outstanding Awards modified, without regard to such minimum vesting, exercisability and distribution provisions, and (iii) annual Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors may provide for scheduled vesting to occur on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of shareholders (but not less than 50 weeks from the date of grant).

13. Dividends and Dividend Equivalents. Rights to (i) dividends or other distributions may be extended to and made part of any Restricted Stock Award and (ii) Dividend Equivalents may be

extended to and made part of any Restricted Stock Unit Award, Performance Award settled in Shares or Other Stock-Based Award, subject in each case to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Committee may establish as set forth in the Award Agreement thereto; provided, however, that such dividends and Dividend Equivalents shall be payable at the same time, and shall be subject to the same conditions, that are applicable to the underlying Award. Accordingly, the right to receive such dividends and Dividend Equivalent payments shall be forfeited or cancelled to the extent that the underlying Restricted Stock, RSUs, Performance Award or Other Stock-Based Award does not vest, is forfeited, acquired or is otherwise cancelled pursuant to such Award. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, dividends and/or Dividend Equivalents shall not be made part of any Options or SARs.

14. Amendment and Termination.

Amendments to the Plan. The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or a. terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time; provided that if an amendment to the Plan (i) would materially increase the benefits accruing to Participants under the Plan, (ii) would materially increase the number of securities which may be issued under the Plan, (iii) would materially modify the requirements for participation in the Plan, (iv) would increase the Non-Employee Director Compensation Limit, or (v) must otherwise be approved by the shareholders of the Company in order to comply with applicable law or the rules of the applicable nationally recognized exchange, or, if the Shares are not traded on the applicable nationally recognized exchange, the principal national securities exchange upon which the Shares are traded or quoted, such amendment will be subject to shareholder approval and will not be effective unless and until such approval has been obtained; and provided, further, that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination that would impair the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award previously granted shall not be effective as to such Participant without the written consent of the affected Participant, holder or beneficiary.

b. <u>Amendments to Awards</u>. The Committee may amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel, or terminate, any Award theretofore granted; provided that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation, or termination that would impair the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award previously granted shall not be effective as to such Participant without the written consent of the affected Participant, holder or beneficiary.

c. <u>Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring</u> <u>Events</u>. The Committee is hereby authorized to make equitable adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, all outstanding Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4.b hereof) affecting the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan.

d. <u>Repricing</u>. Except in connection with a corporate transaction or event described in Section 4.b hereof, the terms of outstanding Awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of Options or the grant price of Stock Appreciation Rights, or cancel Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price or grant price, as applicable, that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or grant price of the original Stock Appreciation Rights, as applicable, without shareholder approval. This Section 13(d) is intended to prohibit the repricing of "underwater" Options and Stock Appreciation Rights and will not be construed to prohibit the adjustments provided for in Section 4.b hereof.

Change in Control. Upon a Change in Control, the Committee, acting in its sole discretion 15. without the consent or approval of any Participant, shall effect one or more of the following alternatives, which may vary among individual Participants and which may vary among Awards held by any individual Participant: (i) provide for the substitution of a new Award or other arrangement (which, if applicable, may be exercisable for such property, shares or securities as the Committee determines) for an Award or the assumption of the Award, regardless of whether in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies, (ii) provide for acceleration of the vesting and exercisability of, or lapse of restrictions, in whole or in part, with respect to, the Award and, if the transaction is a cash merger or amalgamation, provide for the termination of any portion of the Award that remains unexercised at the time of such transaction, or (iii) cancel any such Awards and to deliver to the Participants cash in an amount that the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion is equal to the fair market value of such Awards on the date of such event, which in the case of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights shall be the excess of the fair market value of Shares on such date over the Exercise Price of such Award (it being understood that, in such event, any Option or Stock Appreciation Right have a per share exercise price equal to, or in excess of, the fair market value of a Share subject thereto may be cancelled and terminated without payment or consideration therefore).

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, for Awards granted to Participants who are subject to US taxes, to the extent any provision of this Plan or an Award Agreement would cause a payment of deferred compensation that is subject to Section 409A of the Code to be made upon the occurrence of (i) a Change in Control, then such payment shall not be made unless such Change in Control also constitutes a "change in ownership", "change in effective control" or "change in ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code or (ii) a termination of employment or service, then such payment shall not be made unless such termination of employment or service also constitutes a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. Any payment that would have been made except for the application of the preceding sentence shall be made in accordance with the payment schedule that would have applied in the absence of a Change in Control or termination of employment or service but disregarding any future service or performance requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of Incentive Stock Options, any assumed or substituted Option shall comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.424-1 (and any amendment thereto).

16. General Provisions.

a. <u>Nature of Payments.</u> Any and all grants of Awards and issuances of Shares pursuant to any Awards shall be in consideration for services performed for the Company and/or its Subsidiaries by the Participant and any Shares issued pursuant to this Plan shall be issued fully paid.

b. <u>Nontransferability</u>. Each Award, and each right under any Award, shall be exercisable only by the Participant during the Participant's lifetime, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the Participant's legal guardian or representative. No Award may be sold, assigned, alienated, pledged, attached or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and any such purported sale, assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; provided that the designation of a beneficiary shall not constitute a sale, assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, transfer or encumbrance.

c. <u>No Rights to Awards</u>. The Plan is a discretionary benefit operated by the Company, and no Employee or other Participant participates as of right in the Plan. The grant of Awards does not imply a right to participate or to be considered for participation in a later grant. No Participant or other Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no

obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants, or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant (whether or not such Participants are similarly situated).

d. <u>Share Certificates</u>. Shares or other securities of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any successor thereto) and the staff thereof, any stock exchange upon which such Shares or other securities are then listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

e. Withholding. The Company shall have the right to require payment of applicable taxes, social security obligations and pension plan obligations (or similar charges) as a condition to settlement of any Award, and the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award or under the Plan, or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property) of any applicable withholding taxes including any social security obligations in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan, and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. The amount determined by the Committee to be due upon the grant or vesting of any Award, or at any other applicable time, shall be paid in full at the time of exercise in cash or, if permitted by the Committee in its discretion, by reducing the number of Shares otherwise deliverable with respect to the Award, or tendering or reacquiring Shares, valued at Fair Market Value on the date of exercise, or any combination of the foregoing methods, or otherwise entering into arrangements to pay the withholding amount in a form acceptable to the Company. The Committee may take or require such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for withholding of such taxes and other charges; provided, however, that to the extent a Participant forfeits or surrenders the right to require the Company to allot and issue, transfer, or deliver Shares, the number of such Shares must equal in Fair Market Value no more than the sum of (i) the amount of withholding due based on the withholding rate(s) applied by the Company, in its discretion, in accordance with the applicable withholding laws and regulations in effect at the time such withholding is required, if at all, and (ii) such other charges. If Shares subject to the Award are used as set forth above to satisfy tax or other charges, such shares shall be valued based on the Fair Market Value on the date as of which the amount of the tax or charges is determined. Other Shares tendered or reacquired to pay taxes or charges will be valued based on the Fair Market Value on the date received by the Company.

f. <u>Detrimental Activity and Recapture</u>. Awards hereunder shall be subject to cancellation or forfeiture of an Award or the forfeiture and repayment to the Company of any gain related to an Award, or other provisions intended to have a similar effect, upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee from time to time, if a Participant during employment or other service with the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company, shall engage in activity detrimental to the Company, whether discovered before or after the employment or service period. In addition, notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, any Award Agreement may also provide for the cancellation or forfeiture of an Award or the forfeiture and repayment to the Company of any gain related to an Award, or other provision intended to have a similar effect, upon such terms and conditions as may be required by the Committee under Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any applicable rules or regulations promulgated by the SEC or any national securities exchange or national securities association on which the Shares may be traded, or pursuant to any policy implemented or adopted by the Company.

g. <u>Award Agreements</u>. Each Award hereunder that is not immediately vested and delivered as of its date of grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement which shall be delivered to the Participant and shall specify the terms and conditions of the Award and any rules applicable thereto, including but not limited to, the effect on such Award of the death, disability or termination of employment or service of a Participant and the effect, if any, of such other events as may be determined by the Committee.

h. <u>No Limit on Other Compensation Arrangements</u>. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company from adopting or continuing in effect other compensation arrangements, which may, but need not, provide for the grant of Options, Restricted Stock, Shares and other types of Awards provided for hereunder (subject to shareholder approval if such approval is required), and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

i. <u>No Right to Employment</u>. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ of, or in any consulting relationship to, or as a director on the Board or board of directors, as applicable, of, the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company. Further, the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or discontinue any consulting relationship, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, any Award Agreement or any applicable employment contract or agreement. A Participant waives all and any rights to compensation or damages for the termination of the Participant's office or employment with the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company for any reason whatsoever (including unlawful termination of employment) insofar as those rights arise or may arise from the Participant ceasing to have rights under the Plan as a result of that termination or from the loss or diminution in value of such rights or entitlements.

j. <u>No Rights as Shareholder</u>. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Award Agreement and Section 13 hereof, no Participant or holder or beneficiary of any Award shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares to be distributed under the Plan until he or she has become the holder of such Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with each grant of Restricted Stock hereunder, the applicable Award shall specify if and to what extent the Participant shall be entitled to the rights of a shareholder in respect of such Restricted Stock.

k. <u>Rights of Third Parties</u>. It is not intended that any of the terms of the Plan should be enforceable by any third party pursuant to the UK Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

1. <u>Governing Law</u>. Unless otherwise provided for in an applicable Award Agreement, the validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan and any Award Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, applied without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

m. <u>Consent to Holding and Processing of Personal Data</u>. By participating in the Plan, participants acknowledge the Company (or any Subsidiary of the Company) may hold, process and transfer (including outside the European Economic Area and the United Kingdom) or disclose any of their personal data (as that term is defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Retained Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (UK GDPR)) for the administration of the Plan and its other business purposes. All use shall be in accordance with the terms of the Company's privacy notice, data protection policy and/or employee handbook in force from time to time which are available from the Chief Compliance Officer at

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n. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

o. <u>Other Laws</u>. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares or other consideration under an Award if, acting in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance or transfer of such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation or result in any liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with the exercise of such Award shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder or beneficiary. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Award granted hereunder shall be construed as an offer to sell securities of the Company, and no such offer shall be outstanding, unless and until the Committee in its sole discretion has determined that any such offer, if made, would be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the U.S. federal securities laws.

p. <u>No Trust or Fund Created</u>. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

q. <u>Non-Uniform Determinations</u>. The Committee's determinations under the Plan and with respect to Awards granted under the Plan need not be uniform and may be made by it selectively among persons who receive, or who are eligible to receive, Awards under the Plan (whether or not such persons are similarly situated). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall be entitled, among other things, to make non-uniform and selective determinations, and to enter into non-uniform and selective Award Agreements, as to (i) the persons to receive Awards under the Plan, (ii) the terms and provisions of Awards under the Plan, and (iii) the treatment of leaves of absence.

r. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The Plan and any Award Agreements shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company, its Subsidiaries and their successors and assigns.

s. <u>Survival of Terms; Conflicts</u>. The provisions of the Plan shall survive the termination of the Plan to the extent consistent with, or necessary to carry out, the purposes thereof. To the extent of any conflict between the Plan and any Award Agreement, the Plan shall control; provided, however, that any Award Agreement may impose greater restrictions or grant lesser rights than the Plan.

t. <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other

property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be cancelled, acquired, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.

u. <u>Deferrals</u>. In the event the Committee permits a Participant to defer any Award payable in the form of cash, all such elective deferrals shall be accomplished by the delivery of a written, irrevocable election by the Participant on a form provided by the Company. All deferrals shall be made in accordance with administrative guidelines established by the Committee to ensure that such deferrals comply with all applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

v. <u>Usage and Headings</u>. Words used in the Plan in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural the singular, and the gender of words used shall be construed to include whichever may be appropriate under any particular circumstances of the masculine, feminine, or neuter genders. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.

17. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

a. To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Plan and any grants made hereunder comply with, or be exempt from, the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, so that the income inclusion provisions of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code do not apply to the Participants. This Plan and any grants made hereunder shall be administered in a manner consistent with this intent. Any reference in this Plan to Section 409A of the Code will also include any regulations or any other formal guidance promulgated with respect to such Section by the U.S. Department of Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service. In any case, a Participant shall be solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on a Participant or for a Participant's account in connection with this Plan and grants hereunder (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code), and neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold a Participant harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

b. Neither a Participant nor any of a Participant's creditors or beneficiaries shall have the right to subject any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of Code) payable under this Plan and grants hereunder to any anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment or garnishment. Except as permitted under Section 409A of the Code, any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) payable to a Participant or for a Participant's benefit under this Plan and grants hereunder may not be reduced by, or offset against, any amount owing by a Participant to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

c. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or any award agreement, to the extent that the Plan and/or Awards granted hereunder are subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Committee may, in its sole discretion and without a Participant's prior consent, amend the Plan and/or Award, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including, without limitation, amendments, policies, procedures and actions with retroactive effect) as the Committee determines are necessary or appropriate to (i) exempt the Plan and/or any Award from the application of Section 409A of the Code, (ii) preserve the intended tax treatment of any such Award, or (iii) comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, including, without limitation, any regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the date of the grant.

d. If, at the time of a Participant's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), (i) the Participant shall be a specified employee (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and using the identification methodology selected by the Company from time to time) and (ii) the Company shall make a determination that an amount payable

hereunder constitutes deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) the payment of which is required to be delayed pursuant to the six-month delay rule set forth in Section 409A of the Code in order to avoid taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code, then the Company shall not pay such amount on the otherwise scheduled payment date but shall instead pay it, without interest, on the earlier of the first business day of the seventh month following separation from service or death.

18. Effective Date; Term of the Plan. The Plan, as amended and restated, is effective as of the Restatement Effective Date; provided, however, that, unless otherwise provided herein, any Awards granted hereunder prior to the Restatement Effective Date shall remain subject to the terms of the Plan as were in effect prior to the Restatement Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, this Plan shall not be considered an employee share scheme with respect to Awards granted hereunder that are settleable in cash. Even if shareholder approval of the Plan is not obtained, and unless the terms of the Awards provide otherwise, any Awards granted hereunder that are settleable in cash shall remain outstanding with the Plan remaining effective to the extent necessary to govern the administration of such Awards and to allow for future cash-settled Awards to be granted. For the avoidance of doubt, if shareholder approval is not obtained within 12 months from the date the Plan, as amended and restated, was approved by the Board, no Incentive Stock Options may be granted under the Plan. No grant will be made under this Plan more than ten years after the Restatement Effective Date, but all grants made on or prior to such date will continue in effect thereafter subject to the terms thereof and of this Plan.

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UK SCHEDULE

The following provisions will apply to Awards granted under the Plan to any UK Participant:

- **19. Defined terms.** Unless otherwise defined below, all other capitalized terms used in this Schedule shall be as defined under the Plan rules.
 - a. "<u>Employer NICs</u>" means secondary Class 1 National Insurance contributions.

b. "<u>UK Participant</u>" means any Participant who is a resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom.

20. Participation limited to employees. Awards under this Schedule may be granted only to the bona fide employees or former employees of the Company and its group as defined for the purposes of the "employee share schemes" exemption under Article 60(2) of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005/1529, and "Employee" shall be interpreted accordingly for the purposes of this Schedule.

21. Employer NICs. The Committee may require a Participant, as a condition of the grant, vesting or exercise of an Award, to enter into an agreement to bear the cost of or an election for the transfer of the liability for any Employer NICs which arise on the grant, vesting, exercise or otherwise in connection with an Award. For the avoidance of doubt, the reference in Paragraph 15(d) of the Plan to "social security obligations" shall include the amount of any such Employer NICs which the Participant has lawfully agreed to bear.