# **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This Amended and Restated Employment Agreement (the "*Agreement*"), entered into September 8, 2010 by and among General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), General Growth Properties, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "*Partnership*" and together with the Company, the "*Companies*"), and Adam S. Metz (the "*Executive*"), shall be deemed to have been made and entered into as of the date of the order of confirmation entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to the Companies' Joint plan of reorganization in the matter of In re General Growth Properties, Inc., et al, Case No. 09-11977 (ALG) (such plan, the "*Plan of Reorganization*" and such date, the "*Confirmation Date*") and shall become effective as of the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization, or if earlier, January 1, 2011 (the "*Effective Date*").

#### RECITALS

The Executive is currently employed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Company desires to extend the employment of the Executive on and after the Effective Date upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and the Executive wishes to extend his employment upon and subject to such terms and conditions;

The parties are parties to that certain employment agreement dated November 2, 2008, effective as of October 26, 2008, and as amended effective as of March 6, 2009 (such employment agreement, together with amendments, the "*Predecessor Agreement*") which remains in effect;

The parties desire to enter into the Agreement and, in so doing, to amend and restate the Predecessor Agreement in its entirety effective as of the Effective Date;

The Company has adopted and implemented or will adopt and implement an equity incentive plan (*"Equity Incentive Plan"*) as of the Confirmation Date, pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Employment Period.** The Company hereby agrees to continue to employ the Executive, and the Executive hereby agrees to continue to work in the employ of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the first anniversary of the Effective Date (the "*Employment Period*").

# 2. Terms of Employment.

#### (a) *Position and Duties.*

(i) During the Employment Period, the Executive shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and of the Partnership, with the appropriate authority, duties and responsibilities attendant to such position and any other duties commensurate with the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Company and of the Partnership that may be reasonably assigned by the Company's Board of Directors (the "*Board*"). The

Executive shall report solely to the Board. The Company shall cause the Executive to be nominated for election to the Board during the Employment Period.

(ii) During the Employment Period, and excluding any periods of vacation and sick leave to which the Executive is entitled, the Executive agrees to devote all of his business attention and time to the business and affairs of the Company, and to use the Executive's reasonable best efforts to perform such responsibilities. During the Employment Period it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for the Executive to (A) serve on corporate boards or committees on which he serves as of the Effective Date and, with prior approval of the Board, on other corporate boards or committees, (B) serve on civic or charitable boards or committees, and (C) manage personal investments, so long as such activities do not significantly interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities as an employee of the Company in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, that during the Employment Period, the Executive shall not hold any other management positions at other companies.

#### (b) *Compensation*.

(i) Annual Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall receive an annual base salary ("*Annual Base Salary*") of \$1,500,000 payable in equal installments in accordance with the Partnership's normal payroll practice for its senior executives, subject to the Executive's continued active employment with the Company and the Partnership.

(ii) Bonus. Commencing with the Company's fiscal year commencing on or immediately on or after the Effective Date and during the Employment Period, the Executive shall be eligible under the Company's annual bonus plan in effect from time to time for a target annual bonus opportunity of \$3,000,000, which is the sum of the quarterly Fixed Bonus (\$2 million per year) and the Discretionary Bonus (\$1 million per year) amounts under the Predecessor Agreement (the "Target Annual Bonus"), subject to such performance measures and objectives as may be established by the Board from time to time in consultation with the Executive under the Company's annual bonus plan, including variations in amount based on the level of performance achieved, consistent with the formula for other senior executives of the Company. The Executive shall continue to participate in the Cash Value Added Incentive Compensation Plan for the 2010 fiscal year.

(iii) Equity Incentives. Executive shall be granted 125,000 shares of restricted common stock, par value \$.01 of the Company (the "Restricted Stock Grant") under the Equity Incentive Plan as of the Effective Date. Executive may make a so-called "Section 83(b)" election with respect to the Restricted Stock Grant within 30 days after the date of grant thereof. The Restricted Stock Grant shall cliff vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an award agreement under the Equity Incentive Plan, which shall not be inconsistent herewith.

(iv) Indemnification and Liability Insurance. The Company shall continue to indemnify the Executive pursuant to the Indemnification Agreement between

the Company and the Executive, dated as of February 25, 2009 (the "*Indemnification Agreement*"), and the indemnification provided therein shall continue for a period of 6 years following the time the Executive's employment is terminated, or for such longer period as may be provided in the Company's bylaws or permitted under applicable law.

*Benefits.* During the Employment Period, except as otherwise expressly (c) provided herein, the Executive shall be entitled to participate in all employee benefit and other plans, practices, policies and programs and fringe benefits on a basis no less favorable than that provided to other senior officers of the Company. The Executive acknowledges that he, his spouse and his eligible dependants do not participate in the Company's medical and dental plans as of the Effective Date, and that the Executive may enroll during his employment with the Company in such plans only during open enrollment periods applicable to employees of the Company generally. During the Employment Period, so long as he and his dependents are not covered under a group health plan maintained by the Company, the Company shall pay Executive monthly in advance (a) an amount equal to the employer portion of the "premium" for the Company's active employees under the Company's PPO2 Medical/Rx Family Plan or any successor thereto under the maximum coverage level available thereunder ("Medical Premiums") and (b) an additional amount such that after paying federal, state, local and any other taxes on the Medical Premiums and such amount, Executive retains an amount equal to the Medical Premiums (the sum of (a) and (b), the "Medical Premium *Reimbursement*"). The Executive shall be entitled to paid annual vacation totaling four weeks per year in accordance with the Company's vacation policy in effect from time to time.

(d) *Expenses.* The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by Executive in connection with the business affairs of the Company and the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with Company policy, as in effect from time to time.

# 3. **Termination of Employment.**

(a) Death or Disability. The Executive's employment shall terminate automatically upon the Executive's death during the Employment Period. If the Company determines in good faith that the Disability of the Executive has occurred during the Employment Period (pursuant to the definition of Disability set forth below), it may give to the Executive written notice, in accordance with Section 12(b), of its intention to terminate the Executive's employment. In such event, the Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after the Company's receipt of such notice by the Executive (the "Disability Effective Date"), provided, that within the 30 days after such receipt, the Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of the Executive's duties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall have the meaning ascribed under the Company's long term disability plan applicable to the Executive.

(b) *Cause*. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period with or without Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean the Executive's:

(i) conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony under Federal law or the law of the state in which such action occurred;

(ii) willful dishonesty in the course of fulfilling the Executive's material employment duties;

(iii) commission of a material act of fraud or embezzlement;

(iv) willful failure to substantially perform the Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement;

(v) willfully (x) impeding, (y) endeavoring to influence, obstruct or impede or (z) failure to materially cooperate with an investigation authorized by the Board, a self-regulatory organization empowered with selfregulatory responsibilities under federal securities or state laws or a governmental department or agency;

unless, in the case of clauses (ii) through (v), the event constituting Cause is curable and has been cured to the extent possible by the Executive within 30 business days of his receipt of notice from the Company that an event constituting Cause has occurred and specifying the details of such event.

For purposes of this provision, no act or omission on the part of the Executive shall be considered "willful" unless it is done or omitted in bad faith or without reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act or omission based upon a resolution duly adopted by the Board or advice of counsel for the Company shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. "Cause" shall not include bad judgment or failure of the Company or Partnership to meet financial performance objectives. The cessation of the Executive's employment shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Executive a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board (excluding the Executive) at a meeting of the Board called and held for such purpose (after reasonable notice is provided to the Executive and the Executive is given an opportunity, together with counsel, to be heard before the Board) finding that, in the opinion of the Board, the Executive is guilty of the conduct described above, and specifying the particulars thereof in detail. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Board reasonably believes in good faith that facts exist that may justify a termination for Cause, the Board retains the right to (i) immediately terminate the Executive's employment (without any obligation to pay or provide any benefits described in Section 4), and (ii) call the Board meeting and comply with the other requirements described in the preceding sentence within 90 days thereafter (the "Determination Period"); provided that promptly following the Determination Period, the Executive shall be paid or provided the applicable benefits described in Section 4. If the Company does not deliver to the Executive a Notice of Termination within 90 days after any member of the Board who is not a party to such act or omission has had knowledge, or should have had knowledge, that an event constituting Cause has occurred, the event will no longer constitute Cause.

(c) *Resignation.* The Executive may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period for any reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "*Good Reason*" shall mean (i) a material adverse change in the Executive's duties or responsibilities, (ii) a material reduction of the Executive's salary, (iii) a requirement that the Executive report to any employee of the Company or an executive Chairman of the Board; (iv) the relocation of the Executive's principal place of employment, as of the Effective Date, to a location that increases the Executive's commuting distance by more than 50 miles, (v) a material breach of this Agreement by the Companies, or (vi) the failure by the Companies to obtain written assumption of this Agreement by a purchaser or successor of the Company; provided, that, the Executive must provide a Notice of Termination to the Company within 60 days of the occurrence of the event constituting Good Reason, and in the event the Executive provides notice of Good Reason pursuant to clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (v) above, the Company shall have the opportunity to cure such event constituting Good Reason within 30 days of receiving such notice.

(d) Notice of Termination. Any termination by the Company or by the Executive shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with Section 12(b). For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice which (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) if the Date of Termination (as defined below) is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Date of Termination. The failure by the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Cause shall not waive any right of the Company, hereunder, or preclude the Company, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Company's rights hereunder.

(e) Date of Termination. "Date of Termination" means (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Disability, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination or any later date specified therein within 90 days of such notice, (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive, 30 days after receipt of the Notice of Termination (provided, that the Company may accelerate the Date of Termination to an earlier date by providing the Executive with notice of such action) (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death or Disability, the Date of Termination shall be the date of the Executive's death or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be, and (iv) if Executive's employment is terminated by expiration of this Agreement, the date of expiration of this Agreement.

#### 4. **Obligations of the Company upon Termination.**

(a) *Other Than For Cause.* If, during the Employment Period, the Company shall terminate the Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability, or if Executive shall terminate his employment for Good Reason, or if the Executive's employment shall terminate because of the expiration of the Agreement, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive except as follows:

(i) the Company shall pay or provide the Executive, to the extent not theretofore paid, (A) a lump sum in cash within 5 days after the Date of Termination an amount equal to the sum of (1) the Annual Base Salary (which shall be the Annual Base Salary prior to reduction if the termination is for Good Reason because of a reduction in Annual Base Salary) through the Date of Termination, (2) the Annual Bonus earned under the Cash Value Added Incentive Plan for years ending prior to the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, (3) the Medical Premium Reimbursement through the Date of Termination, and (B) any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or to which the Executive is eligible to receive under any plan, program, policy or practice or other contract or agreement of the Company and its affiliated companies through the Date of Termination, (the total of (A) and (B), the "Accrued Benefits");

(ii) the Company shall pay the Executive a pro rata portion of the annual bonus for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, in an amount determined by multiplying the annual bonus that would have been payable if Executive had remained employed until the payment date for such annual bonus by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the applicable performance year prior to and including the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 365; provided that if the Date of Termination is the last day of the Employment Period, such additional amount shall be the full amount of bonus payable for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, without pro ration. The amount described in this Section 4(a)(ii) shall be paid at the same time as the annual bonus for such year is paid to other executives of the Company; provided it shall be paid no later than March 15 of the year following the year in which the Date of Termination occurs.

(iii) the Company shall pay the Executive a lump sum in cash within 5 days after the Date of Termination (subject to Section 4(d)) in an amount equal to 75% of the sum of the Annual Base Salary plus the Target Annual Bonus;

(iv) the Restricted Stock Grant shall become 100% vested and, if Executive has been granted awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, then, such awards shall become 100% vested, and such options and equity awards shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (1) the expiration of their term and (2) the one-year anniversary of the Date of Termination, unless the award agreement provides for more rapid vesting or a longer exercise period (in which case the terms of the award agreement shall apply);

(v) the Company shall provide coverage or pay an amount equal to the applicable COBRA premium rate, if any, for the Executive, his spouse and his eligible dependents (the "COBRA Benefits") through the eighteenmonth anniversary of the Date of Termination with respect to any welfare benefits for which the Executive elects COBRA coverage, or, to the extent that Executive, his spouse and dependents are not eligible to elect COBRA coverage, to pay an amount equal to eighteen times the monthly Medical Premium Reimbursement in cash in a lump sum 5 days after the Date of Termination; and (vi) the shall transfer title to Executive, and Executive shall be entitled to keep all Company-owned electronic equipment (BlackBerry, i-pad, laptop computer, cell phone) used by the Executive during the Employment Period.

(b) *Death; Disability.* If, during the Employment Period, the Executive's employment shall terminate on account of death (other than via death after delivery of a valid Notice of Termination without Cause) or Disability, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive other than to provide the Executive (or his estate) (i) the Accrued Benefits; (ii) a pro rata amount of the Target Annual Bonus for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs (in the same ratio that the number of days of actual employment through the Date of Termination bears to 365 days), paid in a lump sum in cash no later than five days after the Date of Termination; (iii) the Restricted Stock Grant shall become 100% vested, and (iv) unless the applicable award agreement provides for more rapid vesting or a longer period to exercise (in which case the terms of the award agreement shall apply), all of Executive's outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards shall vest, and such options and equity awards shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (1) the expiration of their term and (2) the one-year anniversary of the Date of Termination.

(c) *For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason.* If, during the Employment Period, the Company shall terminate the Executive's employment for Cause or the Executive terminates his employment other than for Good Reason, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive other than the obligation to pay to the Executive the Accrued Benefits.

Condition. The Company shall not be required to make the payments and (d) provide the benefits specified in Section 4(a)(ii) through (vi) unless, prior to payment, the parties hereto have entered into a release substantially in the form attached hereto as Attachment A (for which the applicable 7-day revocation period has expired) within 55 days following the Date of Termination, under which the Executive releases the Company, its affiliates and its officers, directors and employees from all liability (other than the payments and benefits under this Agreement, the KEIP or any option or equity award). The Company and the Partnership shall tender the release to the Executive within 2 business days of the Executive's Date of Termination, and if the period within which Executive must execute the release would begin in one calendar year and expire in the following calendar year, then any payments contingent on execution (and nonrevocation) of such release shall be made in such following calendar year (regardless of the year of execution of such release) if payment in such following calendar year is required in order to avoid taxes, interest and penalties under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 409A").

(e) *Resignation from Certain Directorships*. Following the Employment Period or the termination of the Executive's employment for any reason, if and to the extent requested by the Board, the Executive agrees to resign from the Board, all fiduciary positions (including as trustee) and from all other offices and positions he holds with the Company and any of its affiliates; provided, however, that if the Executive refuses to tender his resignation after the Board has made such request, then the Board shall be empowered to tender the Executive's resignation from such offices and positions.

5. **KEIP Unaffected.** Executive is entitled to payments under that certain General Growth Properties, Inc. Key Employee Incentive Plan (the "*KEIP*"). Nothing in this Agreement shall affect Executive's rights under the KEIP, regardless of whether Executive terminates employment for any reason prior to or at the expiration of this Agreement.

6. **Full Settlement.** The Company's obligation to make the payments provided for in this Agreement and otherwise to perform its obligations hereunder shall not be affected by any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action which the Company may have against the Executive or others. In no event shall the Executive be obligated to seek other employment, or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to the Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement, and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not the Executive obtains other employment.

# 7. Section 4999 of the Code.

General Rules. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary (a) notwithstanding, in the event it shall be determined that any payment, award, benefit or distribution (or any acceleration of any payment, award, benefit or distribution) by the Company (or any of its affiliated entities) or any entity which effectuates a Change in Control (or any of its affiliated entities) to or for the benefit of Executive (whether pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, but determined without regard to any additional payments required under this Section 7) (the "Payments") would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or any interest or penalties are incurred by Executive with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, together with any such interest and penalties, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Excise Tax"), then the Company shall pay to Executive an additional payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by Executive of all taxes (including any Excise Tax) imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, Executive retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the sum of (x) the Excise Tax imposed upon the Payments and (y) the product of any deductions disallowed because of the inclusion of the Gross-Up Payment in Executive's adjusted gross income and the highest applicable marginal rate of federal income taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made. For purposes of determining the amount of the Gross-Up Payment, the Executive shall be deemed to (i) pay federal income taxes at the Executive's actual marginal rates of federal income taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made, (ii) pay applicable state and local income taxes at the Executive's actual marginal rate of taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made, net of the actual reduction in federal income taxes which could be obtained from deduction of such state and local taxes and (iii) have otherwise allowable deductions for federal income tax purposes at least equal to those which could be disallowed because of the inclusion of the Gross-Up Payment in the Executive's adjusted gross income. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7(a), if it shall be determined that Executive is entitled to a Gross-Up Payment, but that the Payments would not be subject to the Excise Tax if the Payments were reduced by an amount that is less than 10% of the portion of

the Payments that would be treated as "parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Code, then the amounts payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the maximum amount that could be paid to Executive without giving rise to the Excise Tax (the "*Safe Harbor Cap*"), and no Gross-Up Payment shall be made to Executive. In the event that the Payments would be reduced as provided in this Section 7(a), then such reduction shall be determined in a manner which has the least economic cost to Executive and, to the extent the economic cost is equivalent, the Payments will be reduced in the inverse order of when the Payments would have been made to Executive until the reduction specified is achieved. For purposes of reducing the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap, only amounts payable under this Agreement (and no other Payments) shall be reduced. If the reduction of the amounts payable hereunder would not result in a reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap, no amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced pursuant to this provision.

Determinations. Subject to the provisions of Section 7(a), all (b) determinations required to be made under this Section 7, including whether and when a Gross-Up Payment is required, the amount of such Gross-Up Payment, the amount of any Option Redetermination (as defined below), the reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determinations, shall be made by the public accounting firm that is retained by the Company as of the date immediately prior to the Change in Control (the "Accounting Firm") which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and Executive within 15 business days of the receipt of notice from the Company or the Executive that there has been a Payment, or such earlier time as is requested by the Company (collectively, the "Determination"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Accounting Firm may use the Option Redetermination amount in determining the reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event (i) the Board shall determine prior to the Change in Control that the Accounting Firm is precluded from performing such services under applicable auditor independence rules or (ii) the Audit Committee of the Board determines that it does not want the Accounting Firm to perform such services because of auditor independence concerns or (iii) the Accounting Firm is serving as accountant or auditor for the individual, entity or group effecting the Change in Control, the Board shall appoint another nationally recognized public accounting firm to make the determinations required hereunder (which accounting firm shall then be referred to as the Accounting Firm hereunder). All fees and expenses of the Accounting Firm shall be borne solely by the Company and the Company shall enter into any agreement requested by the Accounting Firm in connection with the performance of the services hereunder. The Gross-Up Payment under this Section 7 with respect to any Payments shall be made no later than 30 days following such Payment. If the Accounting Firm determines that no Excise Tax is payable by Executive, it shall furnish Executive with a written opinion to such effect, and to the effect that failure to report the Excise Tax, if any, on Executive's applicable federal income tax return will not result in the imposition of a negligence or similar penalty. In the event the Accounting Firm determines that the Payments shall be reduced to the Safe Harbor Cap, it shall furnish Executive with a written opinion to such effect. The Determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and Executive. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of Section 4999 of the Code at the time of the Determination, it is possible that Gross-Up Payments which will

not have been made by the Company should have been made ("Underpayment") or Gross-Up Payments are made by the Company which should not have been made ("Overpayment"), consistent with the calculations required to be made hereunder. In the event that the Executive thereafter is required to make payment of any Excise Tax or additional Excise Tax, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Underpayment that has occurred and any such Underpayment (together with interest at the rate provided in Section 1274(b)(2)(B) of the Code) shall be promptly paid by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive. In the event the amount of the Gross-Up Payment exceeds the amount necessary to reimburse the Executive for his or her Excise Tax, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Overpayment that has been made and any such Overpayment (together with interest at the rate provided in Section 1274(b)(2) of the Code) shall be promptly paid by Executive (to the extent he or she has received a refund if the applicable Excise Tax has been paid to the Internal Revenue Service) to or for the benefit of the Company. Executive shall cooperate, to the extent his or her expenses are reimbursed by the Company, with any reasonable requests by the Company in connection with any contests or disputes with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the Excise Tax. In the event that the Company makes a Gross-Up Payment to the Executive and subsequently the Company determines that the value of any accelerated vesting of stock options held by Executive shall be redetermined within the context of Treasury Regulation §1.280G-1 Q/A 33 (the "Option Redetermination"), Executive shall (i) file with the Internal Revenue Service an amended federal income tax return that claims a refund of the overpayment of the Excise Tax attributable to such Option Redetermination and (ii) promptly pay the refunded Excise Tax to the Company; provided that the Company shall pay all reasonable professional fees incurred in the preparation of Executive's amended federal income tax return. In the event that amounts payable to Executive under this Agreement were reduced pursuant to the third sentence of Section 7(a) and subsequently Executive determines there has been an Option Redetermination that reduces the value of the Payments attributable to such options, the Company shall promptly pay to Executive any amounts payable under this Agreement that were not previously paid solely as a result of the third sentence of Section 7(a) up to the Safe Harbor Cap.

#### 8. Covenants Not to Solicit Company Employees; Confidential Information.

(a) *Non-Solicit.* During the Employment Period, and for a one-year period after the Executive's employment is terminated for any reason, the Executive shall not (except in connection with the performance of his duties for the Companies) in any manner, directly or indirectly (without the prior written consent of the Company) Solicit anyone who is then an employee of the Company or its affiliates (or who was an employee of the Company or its affiliates within the prior 12 months) to resign from the Company or its affiliates or to apply for or accept employment with any other business or enterprise. For purposes of this Agreement, "*Solicit*" means any direct or indirect communication of any kind, regardless of who initiates it, that in any way invites, advises, encourages or requests any person to take or refrain from taking any action.

(b) *Confidential Information.* The Executive hereby acknowledges that, as an employee of the Company, he will be making use of, acquiring and adding to confidential

information of a special and unique nature and value relating to the Company and its affiliates and their strategic plan and financial operations. The Executive further recognizes and acknowledges that all confidential information is the exclusive property of the Company and its affiliates, is material and confidential, and is critical to the successful conduct of the business of the Company and its affiliates. Accordingly, the Executive hereby covenants and agrees that he will use confidential information for the benefit of the Company and its affiliates only and shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter divulge, reveal or communicate any confidential information to any person, firm, corporation or entity whatsoever, or use any confidential information for his own benefit or for the benefit of others. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive shall be authorized to disclose confidential information (i) as may be required by law or legal process after providing the Company with prior written notice and an opportunity to respond to such disclosure (unless such notice is prohibited by law), (ii) in any criminal proceeding against him after providing the Company with prior written notice and (iii) with the prior written consent of the Company.

(c) *Survival.* Any termination of the Executive's employment or of this Agreement (or breach of this Agreement by the Executive or the Company) shall have no effect on the continuing operation of this Section 7.

(d) *Cease Payments.* In the event that the Executive materially breaches Section 7(a), 7(b) or 7(i), the Company's obligation to make or provide payments or benefits under Section 4 or 6 shall cease.

(e) *Non-disparagement*. During the Employment Period and thereafter, the Executive shall not, in any manner, directly or indirectly make any intentionally false or any disparaging or derogatory statements about the Company, any of its affiliates or any of their employees, officers or directors. The Company, in turn, agrees that it will not make, in any authorized corporate communications to third parties, and it will direct the members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, and his direct reports, not to in any manner, directly or indirectly make any intentionally false or any disparaging or derogatory statements about the Executive; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent either party from giving truthful testimony, from otherwise making good faith statements in connection with legal investigations or other proceedings, or from responding to disparaging or derogatory remarks made by the other party whether or not in breach of this Section 7.

#### 9. Successors.

(a) This Agreement is personal to the Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by the Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal representatives.

(b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Companies and their respective successors and assigns.

(c) The Companies will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Companies would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in this Agreement, "*Company*" shall mean the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid.

#### 10. **Disputes.**

(a) Jurisdiction and Choice of Forum. All disputes arising under or related to the employment of the Executive or the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled by arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect, such arbitration to be held in Chicago, Illinois, as the sole and exclusive remedy of either party. The arbitration shall be heard by one arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties, who must be a former judge. In the event that the parties cannot agree upon the selection of the arbitrator within 10 days, each party shall select one arbitrator and those arbitrator shall have the authority to order expedited discovery, hearing and decision, including the ability to set outside time limits for such discovery, hearing and decision. The parties shall direct the arbitrator to render a decision not later than 90 days following the arbitration hearing. Judgment on any arbitration award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) *Governing Law.* This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within that State.

(c) *Costs.* The Company shall reimburse all reasonable legal fees and expenses in connection with (i) the negotiation of this Agreement and (ii) any dispute, arbitration or legal proceeding relating to the employment of the Executive or the provisions of this Agreement if the Executive substantially prevails on any claim in any such dispute, arbitration or legal proceeding.

#### 11. Section 409A of the Code.

(a) This Agreement shall be construed to avoid the imposition of additional taxes, interest and penalties pursuant to Section 409A. To the extent that the Executive would otherwise be entitled to any payment under this Agreement or any plan or arrangement of the Company or its affiliates that constitutes "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A, and that if paid during the six months beginning on the Date of termination would be subject to the Section 409A additional tax because the Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A and as determined by the Company), the payment will be paid to the Executive on the earlier of the six-month anniversary of the Date of Termination, a change in ownership or effective control of the Company (within the meaning of Section 409A) or the Executive's death. In addition, any payment or benefit due upon a termination of employment that represents a "deferral of compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A shall be paid or provided to the

Executive only upon a "separation from service" as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(h). To the extent applicable, each severance payment made under this Agreement shall be deemed to be separate payments, amounts payable under Section 4 of this Agreement shall be deemed not to be a "deferral of compensation" subject to Section 409A to the extent provided in the exceptions in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(4) ("short-term deferrals") and (b)(9) ("separation pay plans," including the exception under subparagraph (iii)) and other applicable provisions of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1 through 1.409A-6.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or elsewhere, any payment or benefit under this Agreement or otherwise that is exempt from Section 409A pursuant to Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(9)(v)(A) or (C) shall be paid or provided to the Executive only to the extent that the expenses are not incurred, or the benefits are not provided, beyond the last day of the Executive's second taxable year following the Executive's taxable year in which the "separation from service" occurs; and provided further that such expenses shall be reimbursed no later than the last day of the Executive's third taxable year following the taxable year in which the Executive's "separation from service" occurs. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to the extent any expense reimbursement or the provision of any in-kind benefit under this Agreement is determined to be subject to Section 409A, the amount of any such expenses eligible for reimbursement, or the provision of any in-kind benefit, in one calendar year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other calendar year (except for any life-time or other aggregate limitation applicable to medical expenses), in no event shall any expenses be reimbursed after the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Executive incurred such expenses, and in no event shall any right to reimbursement or the provision of any in-kind benefit be subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

#### 12. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Amendment.* This Agreement may not be amended or modified otherwise than by a written agreement executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and legal representatives.

(b) *Notices.* All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given by hand delivery to the other party or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Executive:

at the Executive's primary residential address as shown on the records of the Company

If to the Company:

General Growth Properties, Inc. 110 North Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606 Telecopy Number: 312-960-5485 Attention: Office of the General Counsel

or to such other address as either party shall have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith. Notice and communications shall be effective when actually received by the addressee.

(c) *Severability*. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

(d) *Tax Withholding*. The Company may withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement such federal, state, local or foreign taxes as shall be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

(e) *No Waiver*. The Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right the Executive or the Company may have hereunder, including, without limitation, the Company's right to terminate the Executive for Cause pursuant to Section 3(b) (subject to the limitation in the last sentence of Section 3(b)), shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement.

(f) *No Strict Construction.* It is the parties' intention that this Agreement not be construed more strictly with regard to the Executive or the Company.

(g) *Entire Agreement.* From and after the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede any other employment or severance agreement or similar arrangements between the parties, and shall supersede any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, whether in term sheets, presentations or otherwise, relating to the subject matter hereof.

(h) *Section References; Captions.* Any reference to a Section herein is a reference to a section of this Agreement unless otherwise stated. The captions of this Agreement are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive has hereunto set the Executive's hand and, pursuant to the authorization from their respective Boards of Directors or other duly authorized governing body, the Companies have caused these presents to be executed in its name on their behalf, all as of the Effective Date.

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Adam S. Metz Adam S. Metz

# GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald Gern Name: Ronald Gern Title: General Counsel

# GGP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: General Growth Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Ronald Gern Name: Ronald Gern Title: General Counsel

# ATTACHMENT A

# WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Waiver and Release Agreement (hereinafter "Release") is entered into among Adam S. Metz (hereinafter "Executive"), General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and General Growth Properties, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership" and collectively, the "Companies").

The parties previously entered into an employment agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010 pursuant to which Executive is entitled to certain payments and benefits upon termination of employment subject to the execution and non-revocation of this Release. Executive has had a termination of employment pursuant to such employment agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of certain payments and benefits under his employment agreement, Executive and the Companies agree as follows:

1. Executive expressly waives and releases the Companies, their respective affiliates and related entities, parent corporations and subsidiaries, and all current and former directors, administrators, supervisors, managers, agents, officers, partners, stockholders, attorneys, insurers and employees of the Companies and their affiliates, related entities, parent corporations and subsidiaries, and their successors and assigns, from any and all claims, actions and causes of action, at law or in equity, known or unknown, including those directly or indirectly relating to or connected with Executive's employment with the Companies or termination of such employment, including but not limited to any and all claims under the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA"), the Americans with Disabilities Act, as such Acts have been amended, and all other forms of employment discrimination whether under federal, state or local statute or ordinance, wrongful termination, retaliatory discharge, breach of express, implied, or oral contract, interference with contractual relations, defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress and any other tort or contract claim under common law of any state or for attorneys' fees, based on any act, transaction, circumstance or event arising up to and including the date of Executive's execution of this Release; provided, however, nothing herein shall limit or impede Executive's right to file or pursue an administrative charge with, or participate in, any investigation before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), or any similar local, state or federal agency, or, to file a claim for unemployment compensation benefits, and/or any causes of action which by law Executive may not legally waive. Executive agrees, however, that if Executive or anyone acting on Executive's behalf, brings any action concerning or related to any cause of action or liability released in this Agreement, Executive waives any right to, and will not accept, any payments, monies, damages, or other relief, awarded in connection therewith.

4. Executive acknowledges: (a) that Executive has been advised in writing hereby to consult with an attorney before signing this Release, and (b) that Executive has had at least twenty-one (21) days after receipt of this information and Release to consider whether to accept or reject this Release. Executive understands that Executive may sign this Release prior to the end of such twenty-one (21) day period, but is not required to do so. In addition, Executive has seven (7) days after Executive signs this Release to revoke it. Such revocation must be in writing and delivered either by hand or mailed and postmarked within the seven (7) day revocation period. If sent by mail, it is requested that it be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Company, in care of the office of the General Counsel. If Executive revokes this Release as provided herein, it shall be null and void. If Executive does not revoke this Release within seven (7) days after signing it, this Release shall become enforceable and effective on the eighth (8th) day after the Executive signs this Release ("Effective Date").

5. Executive and the Companies agree that neither this Release nor the performance hereunder constitutes an admission by either the Company or the Partnership of any violation of any federal, state or local law, regulation, or common law, or any breach of any contract or any other wrongdoing of any type.

6. This Release shall be construed and enforced pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois as to substance and procedure, including all questions of conflicts of laws.

7. This Release constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, if any, between the parties relating to the subject matter thereof; provided that this Release does not apply to: (a) any claims under employee benefit plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") in accordance with the terms of the applicable employee benefit plan, the General Growth Properties, Inc. Key Employee Incentive Plan, or any option agreement or other agreement pursuant to which Executive may exercise rights after termination of employment to acquire stock or other equity of the Company or the Partnership, (b) any claim under or based on a breach of this Release or Sections 4, 5, 8(e), 9, or 10 of the Employment Agreement after the date that Executive signs this release; (c) rights or claims that may arise under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act or otherwise after the date that Executive signs this Release; or (d) any right to indemnification or directors and officers liability insurance coverage to with the Executive is otherwise entitled in accordance with Executive's Employment Agreement.

9. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EXECUTIVE HAS FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE; AND THAT EXECUTIVE ENTERED INTO IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT COERCION OR PROMISES NOT CONTAINED IN THIS RELEASE.

EXECUTIVE
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GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.

By:	

Adam S. Metz

	Title:
Date:	Date:
	GGP Limited Partnership By: General Growth Properties, Inc., general partner
	Ву:
	Title:
	Date:

# EXHIBIT 22

#### **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This Amended and Restated Employment Agreement (the "Agreement"), entered into September 8, 2010 by and among General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), General Growth Properties, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership" and together with the Company, the "Companies"), and Thomas H. Nolan (the "Executive"), shall be deemed to have been made and entered into as of the date of the order of confirmation entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to the Companies' Joint plan of reorganization in the matter of In re General Growth Properties, Inc., et al, Case No. 09-11977 (ALG) (such plan, the "Plan of Reorganization" and such date, the "Confirmation Date") and shall become effective as of the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization, or if earlier, January 1, 2011 (the "Effective Date").

#### RECITALS

The Executive is currently employed as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer and the Company desires to extend the employment of the Executive on and after the Effective Date upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and the Executive wishes to extend his employment upon and subject to such terms and conditions;

The parties are parties to that certain employment agreement dated November 2, 2008, effective as of October 26, 2008, and as amended effective as of March 6, 2009 (such employment agreement, together with amendments, the "*Predecessor Agreement*") which remains in effect;

The parties desire to enter into the Agreement and, in so doing, to amend and restate the Predecessor Agreement in its entirety effective as of the Effective Date;

The Company has adopted and implemented or will adopt and implement an equity incentive plan (*"Equity Incentive Plan"*) as of the Confirmation Date, pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Employment Period.** The Company hereby agrees to continue to employ the Executive, and the Executive hereby agrees to continue to work in the employ of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the first anniversary of the Effective Date (the "*Employment Period*").

#### 2. Terms of Employment.

#### (a) *Position and Duties.*

(i) During the Employment Period, the Executive shall serve as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and of the Partnership, with the appropriate authority, duties and responsibilities attendant to such position and any other duties commensurate with the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and of the Partnership that may be reasonably assigned by the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Executive shall report to the Company's Chief Executive Officer.

(ii) During the Employment Period, and excluding any periods of vacation and sick leave to which the Executive is entitled, the Executive agrees to devote all of his business attention and time to the business and affairs of the Company, and to use the Executive's reasonable best efforts to perform such responsibilities. During the Employment Period it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for the Executive to (A) serve on corporate boards or committees on which he serves as of the Effective Date and, with prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "*Board*"), on other corporate boards or committees, (B) serve on civic or charitable boards or committees, and (C) manage personal investments, so long as such activities do not significantly interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities as an employee of the Company in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, that during the Employment Period, the Executive shall not hold any other management positions at other companies.

#### (b) *Compensation*.

(i) Annual Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall receive an annual base salary ("Annual Base Salary") of \$1,250,000 payable in equal installments in accordance with the Partnership's normal payroll practice for its senior executives, subject to the Executive's continued active employment with the Company and the Partnership.

(ii) *Bonus.* Commencing with the Company's fiscal year commencing on or immediately on or after the Effective Date and during the Employment Period, the Executive shall be eligible under the Company's annual bonus plan in effect from time to time for a target annual bonus opportunity of \$2,400,000, which is the sum of the quarterly Fixed Bonus (\$1.6 million per year) and the Discretionary Bonus (\$800,000 per year) amounts under the Predecessor Agreement (the *"Target Annual Bonus"*), subject to such performance measures and objectives as may be established by the Board from time to time under the Company's annual bonus plan, including variations in amount based on the level of performance achieved, consistent with the formula for other senior executives of the Company. The Executive shall continue to participate in the Cash Value Added Incentive Compensation Plan for the 2010 fiscal year.

(iii) Equity Incentives. Executive shall be granted 100,000 shares of restricted common stock, par value \$.01 of the Company (the "Restricted Stock Grant") under the Equity Incentive Plan as of the Effective Date. Executive may make a so-called "Section 83(b)" election with respect to the Restricted Stock Grant within 30 days after the date of grant thereof. The Restricted Stock Grant shall cliff vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an award agreement under the Equity Incentive Plan, which shall not be inconsistent herewith.

(iv) Indemnification and Liability Insurance. The Company shall continue to indemnify the Executive pursuant to the Indemnification Agreement between

the Company and the Executive, dated as of February 25, 2009 (the "*Indemnification Agreement*"), and the indemnification provided therein shall continue for a period of 6 years following the time the Executive's employment is terminated, or for such longer period as may be provided in the Company's bylaws or permitted under applicable law.

(c) *Benefits.* During the Employment Period, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Executive shall be entitled to participate in all employee benefit and other plans, practices, policies and programs and fringe benefits on a basis no less favorable than that provided to other senior officers of the Company. The Executive shall be entitled to paid annual vacation totaling four weeks per year in accordance with the Company's vacation policy in effect from time to time.

(d) *Expenses.* The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by Executive in connection with the business affairs of the Company and the performance of Executive's duties hereunder, in accordance with Company policy, as in effect from time to time.

# 3. **Termination of Employment.**

(a) Death or Disability. The Executive's employment shall terminate automatically upon the Executive's death during the Employment Period. If the Company determines in good faith that the Disability of the Executive has occurred during the Employment Period (pursuant to the definition of Disability set forth below), it may give to the Executive written notice, in accordance with Section 12(b), of its intention to terminate the Executive's employment. In such event, the Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after the Company's receipt of such notice by the Executive (the "Disability Effective Date"), provided, that within the 30 days after such receipt, the Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of the Executive's duties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall have the meaning ascribed under the Company's long term disability plan applicable to the Executive.

(b) *Cause*. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period with or without Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean the Executive's:

(i) conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony under Federal law or the law of the state in which such action occurred;

(ii) willful dishonesty in the course of fulfilling the Executive's material employment duties;

(iii) commission of a material act of fraud or embezzlement;

(iv) willful failure to substantially perform the Executive's responsibilities under this Agreement;

(v) willfully (x) impeding, (y) endeavoring to influence, obstruct or impede or (z) failure to materially cooperate with an investigation authorized by the Board, a self-regulatory organization empowered with selfregulatory responsibilities under federal securities or state laws or a governmental department or agency;

unless, in the case of clauses (ii) through (v), the event constituting Cause is curable and has been cured to the extent possible by the Executive within 30 business days of his receipt of notice from the Company that an event constituting Cause has occurred and specifying the details of such event.

For purposes of this provision, no act or omission on the part of the Executive shall be considered "willful" unless it is done or omitted in bad faith or without reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act or omission based upon a resolution duly adopted by the Board or advice of counsel for the Company shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. "Cause" shall not include bad judgment or failure of the Company or Partnership to meet financial performance objectives. The cessation of the Executive's employment shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Executive a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board (excluding the Executive) at a meeting of the Board called and held for such purpose (after reasonable notice is provided to the Executive and the Executive is given an opportunity, together with counsel, to be heard before the Board) finding that, in the opinion of the Board, the Executive is guilty of the conduct described above, and specifying the particulars thereof in detail. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Board reasonably believes in good faith that facts exist that may justify a termination for Cause, the Board retains the right to (i) immediately terminate the Executive's employment (without any obligation to pay or provide any benefits described in Section 4), and (ii) call the Board meeting and comply with the other requirements described in the preceding sentence within 90 days thereafter (the "Determination Period"); provided that promptly following the Determination Period, the Executive shall be paid or provided the applicable benefits described in Section 4. If the Company does not deliver to the Executive a Notice of Termination within 90 days after any member of the Board who is not a party to such act or omission has had knowledge, or should have had knowledge, that an event constituting Cause has occurred, the event will no longer constitute Cause.

(c) *Resignation.* The Executive may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period for any reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "*Good Reason*" shall mean (i) a material adverse change in the Executive's duties or responsibilities, (ii) a material reduction of the Executive's salary, (iii) a requirement that the Executive report to any one other than the Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (iv) other material negative change in Executive's service relationship with the Company, it being understood that under the circumstances a requirement to report to any one other than Adam Metz, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company would be such a material negative change; (v) the relocation of the Executive's principal place of employment, as of the Effective Date, to a location that increases the Executive's commuting distance by more than 50 miles, (vi) a material breach of this Agreement by the Companies, or (vii) the failure by the Companies to obtain written assumption of this Agreement by a purchaser or successor of the Company; provided, that, the Executive must provide a Notice of Termination to the Company within 60 days of the occurrence of the event constituting Good Reason, and in the event the Executive provides notice of Good Reason pursuant to clause (i), (ii), (iii) (vi) or (vii) above, the Company shall have the opportunity to cure such event constituting Good Reason within 30 days of receiving such notice.

(d) Notice of Termination. Any termination by the Company or by the Executive shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with Section 12(b). For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice which (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) if the Date of Termination (as defined below) is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Date of Termination. The failure by the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Cause shall not waive any right of the Company, hereunder, or preclude the Company, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Company's rights hereunder.

(e) Date of Termination. "Date of Termination" means (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Disability, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination or any later date specified therein within 90 days of such notice, (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive, 30 days after receipt of the Notice of Termination (provided, that the Company may accelerate the Date of Termination to an earlier date by providing the Executive with notice of such action) (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death or Disability, the Date of Termination shall be the date of the Executive's death or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be, and (iv) if Executive's employment is terminated by expiration of this Agreement, the date of expiration of this Agreement.

#### 4. **Obligations of the Company upon Termination.**

(a) *Other Than For Cause.* If, during the Employment Period, the Company shall terminate the Executive's employment other than for Cause or Disability, or if Executive shall terminate his employment for Good Reason, or if the Executive's employment shall terminate because of the expiration of the Agreement, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive except as follows:

(i) the Company shall pay or provide the Executive, to the extent not theretofore paid, (A) a lump sum in cash within 5 days after the Date of Termination an amount equal to the sum of (1) the Annual Base Salary (which shall be the Annual Base Salary prior to reduction if the termination is for Good Reason because of a reduction in Annual Base Salary) through the Date of Termination, and (2) the Annual Bonus earned under the Cash Value Added Incentive Plan for years ending prior to the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, and (B) any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or to which the Executive is eligible to receive under any plan, program, policy or practice or other contract or agreement of the Company and its affiliated companies through the Date of Termination, (the total of (A) and (B), the *"Accrued Benefits"*);

(ii) the Company shall pay the Executive a pro rata portion of the annual bonus for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, in an amount determined by multiplying the annual bonus that would have been payable if Executive had remained employed until the payment date for such annual bonus by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the applicable performance year prior to and including the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 365; provided that if the Date of Termination is the last day of the Employment Period, such additional amount shall be the full amount of bonus payable for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs, without pro ration. The amount described in this Section 4(a)(ii) shall be paid at the same time as the annual bonus for such year is paid to other executives of the Company; provided it shall be paid no later than March 15 of the year following the year in which the Date of Termination occurs.

(iii) the Company shall pay the Executive a lump sum in cash within 5 days after the Date of Termination (subject to Section 4(d)) in an amount equal to 75% of the sum of the Annual Base Salary plus the Target Annual Bonus;

(iv) the Restricted Stock Grant shall become 100% vested and, if Executive has been granted awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, then, such awards shall become 100% vested, and such options and equity awards shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (1) the expiration of their term and (2) the one-year anniversary of the Date of Termination, unless the award agreement provides for more rapid vesting or a longer exercise period (in which case the terms of the award agreement shall apply);

(v) the Company shall provide coverage or pay an amount equal to the applicable COBRA premium rate, if any, for the Executive, his spouse and his eligible dependents (the "*COBRA Benefits*") through the eighteenmonth anniversary of the Date of Termination with respect to any welfare benefits for which the Executive elects COBRA coverage; and

(vi) the shall transfer title to Executive, and Executive shall be entitled to keep all Company-owned electronic equipment (BlackBerry, i-pad, laptop computer, cell phone) used by the Executive during the Employment Period.

(b) *Death; Disability.* If, during the Employment Period, the Executive's employment shall terminate on account of death (other than via death after delivery of a valid Notice of Termination without Cause) or Disability, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive other than to provide the Executive (or his estate) (i)

the Accrued Benefits; (ii) a pro rata amount of the Target Annual Bonus for the year in which the Date of Termination occurs (in the same ratio that the number of days of actual employment through the Date of Termination bears to 365 days), paid in a lump sum in cash no later than five days after the Date of Termination; (iii) the Restricted Stock Grant shall become 100% vested, and (iv) unless the applicable award agreement provides for more rapid vesting or a longer period to exercise (in which case the terms of the award agreement shall apply), all of Executive's outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards shall vest, and such options and equity awards shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (1) the expiration of their term and (2) the one-year anniversary of the Date of Termination.

(c) *For Cause; Resignation Without Good Reason.* If, during the Employment Period, the Company shall terminate the Executive's employment for Cause or the Executive terminates his employment other than for Good Reason, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive other than the obligation to pay to the Executive the Accrued Benefits.

(d) *Condition.* The Company shall not be required to make the payments and provide the benefits specified in Section 4(a)(ii) through (vi) unless, prior to payment, the parties hereto have entered into a release substantially in the form attached hereto as Attachment A (for which the applicable 7-day revocation period has expired) within 55 days following the Date of Termination, under which the Executive releases the Company, its affiliates and its officers, directors and employees from all liability (other than the payments and benefits under this Agreement, the KEIP or any option or equity award). The Company and the Partnership shall tender the release to the Executive within 2 business days of the Executive's Date of Termination, and if the period within which Executive must execute the release would begin in one calendar year and expire in the following calendar year, then any payments contingent on execution (and nonrevocation) of such release shall be made in such following calendar year (regardless of the year of execution of such release) if payment in such following calendar year is required in order to avoid taxes, interest and penalties under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 409A").

(e) *Resignation from Certain Positions*. Following the Employment Period or the termination of the Executive's employment for any reason, if and to the extent requested by the Board, the Executive agrees to resign from all fiduciary positions (including as trustee) and from all other offices and positions he holds with the Company and any of its affiliates; provided, however, that if the Executive refuses to tender his resignation after the Board has made such request, then the Board shall be empowered to tender the Executive's resignation from such offices and positions.

5. **KEIP Unaffected.** Executive is entitled to payments under that certain General Growth Properties, Inc. Key Employee Incentive Plan (the "*KEIP*"). Nothing in this Agreement shall affect Executive's rights under the KEIP, regardless of whether Executive terminates employment for any reason prior to or at the expiration of this Agreement.

6. **Full Settlement.** The Company's obligation to make the payments provided for in this Agreement and otherwise to perform its obligations hereunder shall not be affected by any

set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action which the Company may have against the Executive or others. In no event shall the Executive be obligated to seek other employment, or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to the Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement, and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not the Executive obtains other employment.

## 7. Section 4999 of the Code.

General Rules. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary (a) notwithstanding, in the event it shall be determined that any payment, award, benefit or distribution (or any acceleration of any payment, award, benefit or distribution) by the Company (or any of its affiliated entities) or any entity which effectuates a Change in Control (or any of its affiliated entities) to or for the benefit of Executive (whether pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, but determined without regard to any additional payments required under this Section 7) (the "Payments") would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or any interest or penalties are incurred by Executive with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, together with any such interest and penalties, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Excise Tax"), then the Company shall pay to Executive an additional payment (a "Gross-Up Payment") in an amount such that after payment by Executive of all taxes (including any Excise Tax) imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, Executive retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the sum of (x) the Excise Tax imposed upon the Payments and (y) the product of any deductions disallowed because of the inclusion of the Gross-Up Payment in Executive's adjusted gross income and the highest applicable marginal rate of federal income taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made. For purposes of determining the amount of the Gross-Up Payment, the Executive shall be deemed to (i) pay federal income taxes at the Executive's actual marginal rates of federal income taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made, (ii) pay applicable state and local income taxes at the Executive's actual marginal rate of taxation for the calendar year in which the Gross-Up Payment is to be made, net of the actual reduction in federal income taxes which could be obtained from deduction of such state and local taxes and (iii) have otherwise allowable deductions for federal income tax purposes at least equal to those which could be disallowed because of the inclusion of the Gross-Up Payment in the Executive's adjusted gross income. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 7(a), if it shall be determined that Executive is entitled to a Gross-Up Payment, but that the Payments would not be subject to the Excise Tax if the Payments were reduced by an amount that is less than 10% of the portion of the Payments that would be treated as "parachute payments" under Section 280G of the Code, then the amounts payable to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the maximum amount that could be paid to Executive without giving rise to the Excise Tax (the "Safe Harbor Cap"), and no Gross-Up Payment shall be made to Executive. In the event that the Payments would be reduced as provided in this Section 7(a), then such reduction shall be determined in a manner which has the least economic cost to Executive and, to the extent the economic cost is equivalent, the Payments will be reduced in the inverse order of when the Payments would have been made to Executive until the reduction specified is achieved. For purposes of reducing the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap, only amounts payable under this Agreement (and no other Payments) shall be reduced. If the reduction of the amounts payable hereunder would not result in a reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap, no amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced pursuant to this provision.

Determinations. Subject to the provisions of Section 7(a), all (b) determinations required to be made under this Section 7, including whether and when a Gross-Up Payment is required, the amount of such Gross-Up Payment, the amount of any Option Redetermination (as defined below), the reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determinations, shall be made by the public accounting firm that is retained by the Company as of the date immediately prior to the Change in Control (the "Accounting Firm") which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and Executive within 15 business days of the receipt of notice from the Company or the Executive that there has been a Payment, or such earlier time as is requested by the Company (collectively, the "Determination"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Accounting Firm may use the Option Redetermination amount in determining the reduction of the Payments to the Safe Harbor Cap. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event (i) the Board shall determine prior to the Change in Control that the Accounting Firm is precluded from performing such services under applicable auditor independence rules or (ii) the Audit Committee of the Board determines that it does not want the Accounting Firm to perform such services because of auditor independence concerns or (iii) the Accounting Firm is serving as accountant or auditor for the individual, entity or group effecting the Change in Control, the Board shall appoint another nationally recognized public accounting firm to make the determinations required hereunder (which accounting firm shall then be referred to as the Accounting Firm hereunder). All fees and expenses of the Accounting Firm shall be borne solely by the Company and the Company shall enter into any agreement requested by the Accounting Firm in connection with the performance of the services hereunder. The Gross-Up Payment under this Section 7 with respect to any Payments shall be made no later than 30 days following such Payment. If the Accounting Firm determines that no Excise Tax is payable by Executive, it shall furnish Executive with a written opinion to such effect, and to the effect that failure to report the Excise Tax, if any, on Executive's applicable federal income tax return will not result in the imposition of a negligence or similar penalty. In the event the Accounting Firm determines that the Payments shall be reduced to the Safe Harbor Cap, it shall furnish Executive with a written opinion to such effect. The Determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and Executive. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of Section 4999 of the Code at the time of the Determination, it is possible that Gross-Up Payments which will not have been made by the Company should have been made ("Underpayment") or Gross-Up Payments are made by the Company which should not have been made ("Overpayment"), consistent with the calculations required to be made hereunder. In the event that the Executive thereafter is required to make payment of any Excise Tax or additional Excise Tax, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Underpayment that has occurred and any such Underpayment (together with interest at the rate provided in Section 1274(b)(2)(B) of the Code) shall be promptly paid by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive. In the event the amount of the Gross-Up Payment exceeds the amount necessary to reimburse the Executive for his or her Excise

Tax, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Overpayment that has been made and any such Overpayment (together with interest at the rate provided in Section 1274(b)(2) of the Code) shall be promptly paid by Executive (to the extent he or she has received a refund if the applicable Excise Tax has been paid to the Internal Revenue Service) to or for the benefit of the Company. Executive shall cooperate, to the extent his or her expenses are reimbursed by the Company, with any reasonable requests by the Company in connection with any contests or disputes with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the Excise Tax. In the event that the Company makes a Gross-Up Payment to the Executive and subsequently the Company determines that the value of any accelerated vesting of stock options held by Executive shall be redetermined within the context of Treasury Regulation §1.280G-1 Q/A 33 (the "Option Redetermination"), Executive shall (i) file with the Internal Revenue Service an amended federal income tax return that claims a refund of the overpayment of the Excise Tax attributable to such Option Redetermination and (ii) promptly pay the refunded Excise Tax to the Company; provided that the Company shall pay all reasonable professional fees incurred in the preparation of Executive's amended federal income tax return. In the event that amounts payable to Executive under this Agreement were reduced pursuant to the third sentence of Section 7(a) and subsequently Executive determines there has been an Option Redetermination that reduces the value of the Payments attributable to such options, the Company shall promptly pay to Executive any amounts payable under this Agreement that were not previously paid solely as a result of the third sentence of Section 7(a) up to the Safe Harbor Cap.

#### 8. Covenants Not to Solicit Company Employees; Confidential Information.

(a) *Non-Solicit.* During the Employment Period, and for a one-year period after the Executive's employment is terminated for any reason, the Executive shall not (except in connection with the performance of his duties for the Companies) in any manner, directly or indirectly (without the prior written consent of the Company) Solicit anyone who is then an employee of the Company or its affiliates (or who was an employee of the Company or its affiliates within the prior 12 months) to resign from the Company or its affiliates or to apply for or accept employment with any other business or enterprise. For purposes of this Agreement, *"Solicit"* means any direct or indirect communication of any kind, regardless of who initiates it, that in any way invites, advises, encourages or requests any person to take or refrain from taking any action.

(b) *Confidential Information.* The Executive hereby acknowledges that, as an employee of the Company, he will be making use of, acquiring and adding to confidential information of a special and unique nature and value relating to the Company and its affiliates and their strategic plan and financial operations. The Executive further recognizes and acknowledges that all confidential information is the exclusive property of the Company and its affiliates, is material and confidential, and is critical to the successful conduct of the business of the Company and its affiliates. Accordingly, the Executive hereby covenants and agrees that he will use confidential information for the benefit of the Company and its affiliates only and shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter divulge, reveal or communicate any confidential information to any person, firm, corporation or entity

whatsoever, or use any confidential information for his own benefit or for the benefit of others. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive shall be authorized to disclose confidential information (i) as may be required by law or legal process after providing the Company with prior written notice and an opportunity to respond to such disclosure (unless such notice is prohibited by law), (ii) in any criminal proceeding against him after providing the Company with prior written notice and (iii) with the prior written consent of the Company.

(c) *Survival.* Any termination of the Executive's employment or of this Agreement (or breach of this Agreement by the Executive or the Company) shall have no effect on the continuing operation of this Section 7.

(d) *Cease Payments.* In the event that the Executive materially breaches Section 7(a), 7(b) or 7(i), the Company's obligation to make or provide payments or benefits under Section 4 or 6 shall cease.

(e) *Non-disparagement*. During the Employment Period and thereafter, the Executive shall not, in any manner, directly or indirectly make any intentionally false or any disparaging or derogatory statements about the Company, any of its affiliates or any of their employees, officers or directors. The Company, in turn, agrees that it will not make, in any authorized corporate communications to third parties, and it will direct the members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, and his direct reports, not to in any manner, directly or indirectly make any intentionally false or any disparaging or derogatory statements about the Executive; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent either party from giving truthful testimony, from otherwise making good faith statements in connection with legal investigations or other proceedings, or from responding to disparaging or derogatory remarks made by the other party whether or not in breach of this Section 7.

#### 9. Successors.

(a) This Agreement is personal to the Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by the Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal representatives.

(b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Companies and their respective successors and assigns.

(c) The Companies will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Companies would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in this Agreement, "*Company*" shall mean the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid.

### 10. **Disputes.**

(a) Jurisdiction and Choice of Forum. All disputes arising under or related to the employment of the Executive or the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled by arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect, such arbitration to be held in Chicago, Illinois, as the sole and exclusive remedy of either party. The arbitration shall be heard by one arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties, who must be a former judge. In the event that the parties cannot agree upon the selection of the arbitrator within 10 days, each party shall select one arbitrator and those arbitrator shall have the authority to order expedited discovery, hearing and decision, including the ability to set outside time limits for such discovery, hearing and decision. The parties shall direct the arbitrator to render a decision not later than 90 days following the arbitration hearing. Judgment on any arbitration award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) *Governing Law.* This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within that State.

(c) *Costs.* The Company shall reimburse all reasonable legal fees and expenses in connection with (i) the negotiation of this Agreement and (ii) any dispute, arbitration or legal proceeding relating to the employment of the Executive or the provisions of this Agreement if the Executive substantially prevails on any claim in any such dispute, arbitration or legal proceeding.

# 11. Section 409A of the Code.

This Agreement shall be construed to avoid the imposition of additional (a) taxes, interest and penalties pursuant to Section 409A. To the extent that the Executive would otherwise be entitled to any payment under this Agreement or any plan or arrangement of the Company or its affiliates that constitutes "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A, and that if paid during the six months beginning on the Date of termination would be subject to the Section 409A additional tax because the Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A and as determined by the Company), the payment will be paid to the Executive on the earlier of the six-month anniversary of the Date of Termination, a change in ownership or effective control of the Company (within the meaning of Section 409A) or the Executive's death. In addition, any payment or benefit due upon a termination of employment that represents a "deferral of compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A shall be paid or provided to the Executive only upon a "separation from service" as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(h). To the extent applicable, each severance payment made under this Agreement shall be deemed to be separate payments, amounts payable under Section 4 of this Agreement shall be deemed not to be a "deferral of compensation" subject to Section 409A to the extent provided in the exceptions in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(4) ("short-term deferrals") and (b)(9) ("separation pay plans," including the exception under subparagraph (iii)) and other applicable provisions of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1 through 1.409A-6.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or elsewhere, (b) any payment or benefit under this Agreement or otherwise that is exempt from Section 409A pursuant to Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(9)(v)(A) or (C) shall be paid or provided to the Executive only to the extent that the expenses are not incurred, or the benefits are not provided, beyond the last day of the Executive's second taxable year following the Executive's taxable year in which the "separation from service" occurs; and provided further that such expenses shall be reimbursed no later than the last day of the Executive's third taxable year following the taxable year in which the Executive's "separation from service" occurs. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to the extent any expense reimbursement or the provision of any in-kind benefit under this Agreement is determined to be subject to Section 409A, the amount of any such expenses eligible for reimbursement, or the provision of any in-kind benefit, in one calendar year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other calendar year (except for any life-time or other aggregate limitation applicable to medical expenses), in no event shall any expenses be reimbursed after the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Executive incurred such expenses, and in no event shall any right to reimbursement or the provision of any in-kind benefit be subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

#### 12. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Amendment.* This Agreement may not be amended or modified otherwise than by a written agreement executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and legal representatives.

(b) *Notices.* All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given by hand delivery to the other party or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Executive:

at the Executive's primary residential address as shown on the records of the Company

If to the Company:

General Growth Properties, Inc. 110 North Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606 Telecopy Number: 312-960-5485 Attention: Office of the General Counsel

or to such other address as either party shall have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith. Notice and communications shall be effective when actually received by the addressee.

(c) *Severability*. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

(d) *Tax Withholding*. The Company may withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement such federal, state, local or foreign taxes as shall be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

(e) *No Waiver*. The Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right the Executive or the Company may have hereunder, including, without limitation, the Company's right to terminate the Executive for Cause pursuant to Section 3(b) (subject to the limitation in the last sentence of Section 3(b)), shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement.

(f) *No Strict Construction.* It is the parties' intention that this Agreement not be construed more strictly with regard to the Executive or the Company.

(g) *Entire Agreement*. From and after the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede any other employment or severance agreement or similar arrangements between the parties, and shall supersede any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, whether in term sheets, presentations or otherwise, relating to the subject matter hereof.

(h) *Section References; Captions.* Any reference to a Section herein is a reference to a section of this Agreement unless otherwise stated. The captions of this Agreement are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive has hereunto set the Executive's hand and, pursuant to the authorization from their respective Boards of Directors or other duly authorized governing body, the Companies have caused these presents to be executed in its name on their behalf, all as of the Effective Date.

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Thomas N. Nolan Thomas H. Nolan

#### GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald Gern Name: Ronald Gern Title: General Counsel

#### GGP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: General Growth Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Ronald Gern Name: Ronald Gern Title: General Counsel

# ATTACHMENT A

# WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Waiver and Release Agreement (hereinafter "Release") is entered into among Thomas H. Nolan (hereinafter "Executive"), General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and General Growth Properties, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership" and collectively, the "Companies").

The parties previously entered into an employment agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010 pursuant to which Executive is entitled to certain payments and benefits upon termination of employment subject to the execution and non-revocation of this Release. Executive has had a termination of employment pursuant to such employment agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of certain payments and benefits under his employment agreement, Executive and the Companies agree as follows:

1. Executive expressly waives and releases the Companies, their respective affiliates and related entities, parent corporations and subsidiaries, and all current and former directors, administrators, supervisors, managers, agents, officers, partners, stockholders, attorneys, insurers and employees of the Companies and their affiliates, related entities, parent corporations and subsidiaries, and their successors and assigns, from any and all claims, actions and causes of action, at law or in equity, known or unknown, including those directly or indirectly relating to or connected with Executive's employment with the Companies or termination of such employment, including but not limited to any and all claims under the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA"), the Americans with Disabilities Act, as such Acts have been amended, and all other forms of employment discrimination whether under federal, state or local statute or ordinance, wrongful termination, retaliatory discharge, breach of express, implied, or oral contract, interference with contractual relations, defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress and any other tort or contract claim under common law of any state or for attorneys' fees, based on any act, transaction, circumstance or event arising up to and including the date of Executive's execution of this Release; provided, however, nothing herein shall limit or impede Executive's right to file or pursue an administrative charge with, or participate in, any investigation before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), or any similar local, state or federal agency, or, to file a claim for unemployment compensation benefits, and/or any causes of action which by law Executive may not legally waive. Executive agrees, however, that if Executive or anyone acting on Executive's behalf, brings any action concerning or related to any cause of action or liability released in this Agreement, Executive waives any right to, and will not accept, any payments, monies, damages, or other relief, awarded in connection therewith.

4. Executive acknowledges: (a) that Executive has been advised in writing hereby to consult with an attorney before signing this Release, and (b) that Executive has had at least twenty-one (21) days after receipt of this information and Release to consider whether to accept or reject this Release. Executive understands that Executive may sign this Release prior to the end of such twenty-one (21) day period, but is not required to do so. In addition, Executive has seven (7) days after Executive signs this Release to revoke it. Such revocation must be in writing and delivered either by hand or mailed and postmarked within the seven (7) day revocation period. If sent by mail, it is requested that it be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Company, in care of the office of the General Counsel. If Executive revokes this Release as provided herein, it shall be null and void. If Executive does not revoke this Release within seven (7) days after signing it, this Release shall become enforceable and effective on the eighth (8th) day after the Executive signs this Release ("Effective Date").

5. Executive and the Companies agree that neither this Release nor the performance hereunder constitutes an admission by either the Company or the Partnership of any violation of any federal, state or local law, regulation, or common law, or any breach of any contract or any other wrongdoing of any type.

6. This Release shall be construed and enforced pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois as to substance and procedure, including all questions of conflicts of laws.

7. This Release constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, if any, between the parties relating to the subject matter thereof; provided that this Release does not apply to: (a) any claims under employee benefit plans subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") in accordance with the terms of the applicable employee benefit plan, the General Growth Properties, Inc. Key Employee Incentive Plan, or any option agreement or other agreement pursuant to which Executive may exercise rights after termination of employment to acquire stock or other equity of the Company or the Partnership, (b) any claim under or based on a breach of this Release or Sections 4, 5, 8(e), 9, or 10 of the Employment Agreement after the date that Executive signs this release; (c) rights or claims that may arise under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act or otherwise after the date that Executive signs this Release; or (d) any right to indemnification or directors and officers liability insurance coverage to with the Executive is otherwise entitled in accordance with Executive's Employment Agreement.

9. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EXECUTIVE HAS FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE; AND THAT EXECUTIVE ENTERED INTO IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT COERCION OR PROMISES NOT CONTAINED IN THIS RELEASE.

EXECUTIVE

GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

	Title:
Date:	Date:
	GGP Limited Partnership By: General Growth Properties, Inc., its general partner
	By:
	Title:
	Date:

# EXHIBIT 23

# **General Growth Properties, Inc.** 2010 Equity Incentive Plan

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# General Growth Properties, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan

# Article 1. Establishment & Purpose

**1.1 Establishment**. General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation hereby establishes the 2010 General Growth Properties, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Plan</u>") as set forth in this document.

**1.2 Purpose of the Plan**. The purpose of this Plan is to attract, retain and motivate officers, employees, and non-employee directors providing services to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or Affiliates and to promote the success of the Company's business by providing the participants of the Plan with appropriate incentives.

# Article 2. Definitions

Whenever capitalized in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

2.1 "<u>Affiliate</u>" means any entity that the Company, either directly or indirectly, is in common control with, is controlled by or controls, or any entity in which the Company has a substantial equity interest, direct or indirect; provided, however, to the extent that Awards must cover "service recipient stock" in order to comply with Section 409A of the Code, "Affiliate" shall be limited to those entities which could qualify as an "eligible issuer" under Section 409A of the Code.

2.2 "<u>Annual Award Limit</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

**2.3** "<u>Award</u>" means any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Other Stock-Based Award, or Performance-Based Compensation Award that is granted under the Plan.

**2.4** "<u>Award Agreement</u>" means a written agreement entered into by the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to an Award granted under this Plan.

**2.5** "<u>Beneficial Owner</u>" or "<u>Beneficial Ownership</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 13d-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act.

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

**2.7** "<u>Change of Control</u>" unless otherwise specified in the Award Agreement, means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) any consolidation, amalgamation, or merger of the Company with or into any other Person, or any other corporate reorganization, business combination, transaction or transfer of securities of the Company by its stockholders, or a series of transactions (including the acquisition of capital stock of the Company), whether or not the Company is a party thereto, in which the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to such consolidation, merger, reorganization, business combination or transaction, collectively have Beneficial Ownership, directly or indirectly, of capital stock representing directly, or indirectly through one or more entities, less than fifty percent (50%) of the equity (measured by economic value or voting power (by contract, share ownership or otherwise) of

the Company or other surviving entity immediately after such consolidation, merger, reorganization, business combination or transaction;

- (b) the sale or disposition, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to any Person;
- (c) during any period of twelve consecutive months commencing on or after the Effective Date, individuals who as of the beginning of such period constituted the entire Board (together with any new directors whose election by such Board or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors of the Company, then still in office, who were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (d) approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

2.8 "<u>Code</u>" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

**2.9** "<u>Committee</u>" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or any other committee designated by the Board to administer this Plan. To the extent applicable, the Committee shall have at least two members, each of whom shall be (i) a Non-Employee Director, (ii) an Outside Director, and (iii) an "independent director" within the meaning of the listing requirements of any exchange on which the Company is listed.

**2.10** "<u>Company</u>" means General Growth Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.

**2.11** "<u>Covered Employee</u>" means for any Plan Year, a Participant designated by the Company as a potential "covered employee" as such term is defined in Section 162(m) of the Code.

2.12 "<u>Director</u>" means a member of the Board who is not an Employee.

2.13 "Effective Date" means the date set forth in Section 14.15.

**2.14** "<u>Employee</u>" means an officer or other employee of the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliate, including a member of the Board who is an employee of the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliate.

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

**2.16** "<u>Fair Market Value</u>" means, as of any date, the per Share value determined as follows, in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code:

(a) The closing price of a Share on a recognized national exchange or any established over-the-counter trading system on which dealings take place, or if no trades were made on any such day, the immediately preceding day on which trades were made; or

(b) In the absence of an established market for the Shares of the type described in (a) above, the per Share Fair Market Value thereof shall be determined by the Committee in good faith and in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code.

**2.17** "<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>" means an Option intended to meet the requirements of an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code and designated as an Incentive Stock Option.

**2.18** "Joint Plan of Reorganization" means that certain Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code by the Company and certain of its Subsidiaries filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York on [•].

**2.19** "<u>Non-Employee Director</u>" means a person defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, or any successor definition adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

2.20 "<u>Nonqualified Stock Option</u>" means an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

2.21 "<u>Other Stock-Based Award</u>" means any right granted under Article 9 of the Plan.

2.22 "<u>Option</u>" means any stock option granted under Article 6 of the Plan.

**2.23** "<u>Option Price</u>" means the purchase price per Share subject to an Option, as determined pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Plan.

**2.24** "<u>Outside Director</u>" means a member of the Board who is an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

**2.25** "<u>Participant</u>" means any eligible person as set forth in Section 4.1 to whom an Award is granted.

**2.26** "<u>Performance-Based Compensation</u>" means compensation under an Award that is intended to constitute "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of the regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of Code or any successor provision.

**2.27** "<u>Performance Measures</u>" means measures as described in Section 10.2 on which the performance goals are based in order to qualify Awards as Performance-Based Compensation.

**2.28** "<u>Performance Period</u>" means the period of time during which the performance goals must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

**2.29** "<u>**Person**</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, including a "<u>group</u>" as defined in Section 13(d) thereof.

2.30 "<u>Plan</u>" means the 2010 General Growth Properties, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.

2.31 "<u>Plan Year</u>" means the applicable fiscal year of the Company.

2.32 "<u>Restricted Stock</u>" means any Award granted under Article 8 of the Plan.

**2.33** "<u>Restriction Period</u>" means the period during which Restricted Stock awarded under Article 8 of the Plan is subject to forfeiture.

2.34 "<u>Service</u>" means service as an Employee or Director.

**2.35** "<u>Share</u>" means a share of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, or such other class or kind of shares or other securities resulting from the application of Article 12 hereof.

2.36 "Stock Appreciation Right" means any right granted under Article 7 of the Plan.

**2.37** "<u>Subsidiary</u>" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity of which the Company, directly or indirectly, owns stock or other equity interests possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or other equity interests (as determined in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code).

**2.38** "<u>Ten Percent Shareholder</u>" means a person who on any given date owns, either directly or indirectly (taking into account the attribution rules contained in Section 424(d) of the Code), stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate.

# Article 3. Administration

3.1 Authority of the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have full power to interpret and administer the Plan and Award Agreements and full authority to select the Employees and Directors to whom Awards will be granted, and to determine the type and amount of Awards to be granted to each such Employee or Director, and the terms and conditions of Awards and Award Agreements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion but subject to the limitations in Article 13, clarify, construe or resolve any ambiguity in any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement, extend the term or period of exercisability of any Awards, or waive any terms or conditions applicable to any Award. 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 the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or a company acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines. The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to adopt rules, forms, instruments, and guidelines for administering the Plan as the Committee deems necessary or proper. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee or by the Board (or any other committee or sub-committee thereof), as applicable, shall be final and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested individuals.

**3.2 Delegation.** The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or one or more executive officers of the Company such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable; *provided* that no delegation shall be permitted under the Plan that is prohibited by applicable law.

# Article 4. Eligibility and Participation

**4.1 Eligibility.** Participants will consist of such Employees and Directors as the Committee in its sole discretion determines and whom the Committee may designate from time to time to receive Awards. Designation of a Participant in any year shall not require the Committee to designate such person to receive an Award in any other year or, once designated, to receive the same type or amount of Award as granted to the Participant in any other year.

**4.2 Type of Awards.** Awards under the Plan may be granted in any one or a combination of: (a) Options, (b) Stock Appreciation Rights, (c) Restricted Stock, (d) Other Stock-Based Awards, and (e) Performance-Based Compensation Awards. The Plan sets forth the types of performance goals and sets forth procedural requirements to permit the Company to design Awards that qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, as described in Article 10 hereof. Awards granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by Award Agreements (which need not be identical) that provide additional terms and conditions associated with such Awards, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion; *provided, however*, that in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Plan and any such Award Agreement, the provisions of the Plan shall prevail.

# Article 5. Shares Subject to the Plan and Maximum Awards

**5.1 General.** Subject to adjustment as provided in Article 12 hereof, the maximum number of Shares available for issuance to Participants pursuant to Awards under the Plan shall be equal to [four percent (4%) of the outstanding fully diluted Shares of the Company as of the Effective Date (including shares issuable under the Joint Plan of Reorganization)]. The number of Shares available for granting Incentive Stock Options under the Plan shall not exceed [four percent (4%) of the outstanding fully diluted Shares of the Company as of the Effective Date (including shares issuable under the Joint Plan of Reorganization)], subject to Article 12 hereof and the provisions of Sections 422 or 424 of the Code and any successor provisions. The Shares available for issuance under the Plan may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares.

**5.2 Annual Award Limits.** The maximum number of Shares with respect to Awards denominated in Shares that may be granted to any Participant in any Plan Year shall be 4,000,000 Shares, subject to adjustments made in accordance with Article 12 hereof (the "<u>Annual Award Limit</u>").

**5.3** Additional Shares. In the event that any outstanding Award expires, is forfeited, cancelled or otherwise terminated without the issuance of Shares or is otherwise settled for cash, the Shares subject to such Award, to the extent of any such forfeiture, cancellation, expiration, termination or settlement for cash, shall again be available for Awards. If the Committee authorizes the assumption under this Plan, in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization, of awards granted under another plan, such assumption shall not (i) reduce the maximum number of Shares available for issuance under this Plan or (ii) be subject to or counted against a Participant's Annual Award Limit.

# Article 6. Stock Options

**6.1 Grant of Options.** The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Options to Participants. Each Option shall permit a Participant to purchase from the Company a stated number of Shares at an Option Price established by the Committee, subject to the terms and conditions described in this Article 6 and to such additional terms and conditions, as established by the Committee, in its sole discretion, that are consistent with the provisions of the Plan. Options shall be designated as either Incentive Stock Options or Nonqualified Stock Options, provided that Options granted to Directors shall be Nonqualified Stock Option, be treated as an Incentive Stock Option. Neither the Committee, the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, nor any of their employees and representatives shall be liable to any Participant or to any other Person if it is determined that an Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option. Each option shall be evidenced by Award Agreements which shall state the number of Shares covered by such Option. Such agreements shall conform to the requirements of the Plan, and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable.

**6.2** Terms of Option Grant. The Option Price shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, but shall not be less than one-hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant. In the case of any Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, the Option Price shall not be less than one-hundred-ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant.

**6.3 Option Term.** The term of each Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and shall be stated in the Award Agreement, but in no event shall such term be greater than ten (10) years (or, in the case on an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, five (5) years).

6.4 Method of Exercise. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in an Award Agreement, an Option may be exercised for all, or from time to time any part, of the Shares for which it is then exercisable. For purposes of this Article 6, the exercise date of an Option shall be the later of the date a notice of exercise is received by the Company and, if applicable, the date payment is received by the Company pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) of the following sentence (including the applicable tax withholding pursuant to Section 14.3 of the Plan). The aggregate Option Price for the Shares as to which an Option is exercised shall be paid to the Company in full at the time of exercise at the election of the Participant (i) in cash or its equivalent (e.g., by cashier's check), (ii) to the extent permitted by the Committee, in Shares previously owned by the Participant having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased and satisfying such other requirements as may be imposed by the Committee, (iii) partly in cash and, to the extent permitted by the Committee, partly in such Shares (as described in (ii) above) or (iv) if there is a public market for the Shares at such time, subject to such requirements as may be imposed by the Committee, through the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell Shares obtained upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount out of the proceeds of such sale equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased. The Committee may prescribe any other method of payment that it determines to be consistent with applicable law and the purpose of the Plan.

**6.5 Limitations on Incentive Stock Options.** Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to employees of the Company or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" (as such terms are defined in Section 424 of the Code) at the date of grant. The aggregate Fair Market Value (generally determined as of the time the Option is granted) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year under all plans of the Company and of any "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or the Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option. For purposes of the preceding sentence, Incentive Stock Options will be taken into account generally in the order in which they are granted. Each provision of the Plan and each Award Agreement relating to an Incentive Stock Option shall be construed so that each Incentive Stock Option shall be an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code, and any provisions of the Award Agreement thereof that cannot be so construed shall be disregarded.

**6.6 Performance Goals.** The Committee may condition the grant of Options or the vesting of Options upon the Participant's achievement of one or more performance goal(s) (including the Participant's provision of Services for a designated time period), as specified in the Award Agreement. If the Participant fails to achieve the specified performance goal(s), the Committee shall not grant the Option to such Participant or the Option shall not vest, as applicable.

# Article 7. Stock Appreciation Rights

**7.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights.** The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Participants, including a grant of Stock Appreciation Rights in tandem with any Option at the same time such Option is granted (a "<u>Tandem SAR</u>"). Stock Appreciation Rights shall be evidenced by Award Agreements that shall conform to the requirements of the Plan and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, a Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall confer on the holder thereof a right to receive, upon exercise thereof, the excess of (a) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares on the date of exercise over (b) the grant price of the right as specified by the Committee on the date of the grant. Such payment may be in the form of cash, Shares, other property or any combination thereof, as the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion.

**7.2** Terms of Stock Appreciation Right. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the grant price (which shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant), term, methods of exercise, methods of settlement, and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right shall be as determined by the Committee. The Committee may impose such other conditions or restrictions on the exercise of any Stock Appreciation Right as it may deem appropriate. No Stock Appreciation Right shall have a term of more than ten (10) years from the date of grant.

**7.3** Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights and Options. A Tandem SAR shall be exercisable only to the extent that the related Option is exercisable and shall expire no later than the expiration of the related Option. Upon the exercise of all or a portion of a Tandem SAR, a Participant shall be required to forfeit the right to purchase an equivalent portion of the related Option (and, when a Share is purchased under the related Option, the Participant shall be required to forfeit an equivalent portion of the Stock Appreciation Right).

# Article 8. Restricted Stock

**8.1** Grant of Restricted Stock. An Award of Restricted Stock is a grant by the Committee of a specified number of Shares to the Participant, which Shares are subject to forfeiture upon the occurrence of specified events. Restricted Stock shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which shall conform to the requirements of the Plan and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable.

**8.2** Terms of Restricted Stock Awards. Each Award Agreement evidencing a Restricted Stock grant shall specify the period(s) of restriction, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock subject to the Award, the performance, employment or other conditions (including the termination of a Participant's Service whether due to death, disability or other reason) under which the Restricted Stock may be forfeited to the Company and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine. At the end of the Restriction Period, the restrictions imposed hereunder and under the Award Agreement shall lapse with respect to the number of Shares of Restricted Stock as determined by the Committee, and the legend shall be removed and such number of Shares delivered to the Participant (or, where appropriate, the Participant's legal representative).

**8.3** Voting and Dividend Rights. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, Participants shall have none of the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to Restricted Stock until the end of the Restricted Period; provided, that, Participants shall have the right to vote and receive dividends on Restricted Stock during the Restriction Period. Dividends shall be paid to Participants at the same time that other shareholders of common stock of the Company receive such dividends.

**8.4 Performance Goals.** The Committee may condition the grant of Restricted Stock or the expiration of the Restriction Period upon the Participant's achievement of one or more performance goal(s) (including the Participant's provision of Services for a designated time period), as specified in the Award Agreement. If the Participant fails to achieve the specified performance goal(s), the Committee shall not grant the Restricted Stock to such Participant or the Participant shall forfeit the Award of Restricted Stock to the Company, as applicable.

**8.5** Section 83(b) Election. If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code concerning Restricted Stock, the Participant shall be required to file promptly a copy of such election with the Company.

# Article 9. Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant Awards of Shares and Awards that are valued, in whole or in part, by reference to, or are otherwise based on the Fair Market Value of, Shares (the "<u>Other Stock-Based Awards</u>"), including without limitation, restricted stock units and other phantom awards. Such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be in such form, and dependent on such conditions, as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, the right to receive one or more Shares (or the equivalent cash value of such Shares) upon the completion of a specified period of Service, the occurrence of an event and/or the attainment of performance objectives. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted alone or in addition to any other Awards granted under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall determine to whom and when Other Stock-Based Awards will be made, the number of Shares to be awarded under (or otherwise related to) such Other Stock-Based Awards, whether such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be settled in cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares, and all other terms and conditions of such Awards (including, without limitation, the vesting provisions thereof and provisions ensuring that all Shares so awarded and issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable).

# Article 10. Performance-Based Compensation

**10.1 Grant of Performance-Based Compensation.** To the extent permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee is authorized to design any Award so that the amounts or Shares payable or distributed pursuant to such Award are treated as "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and related regulations.

**10.2 Performance Measures.** The vesting, crediting and/or payment of Performance-Based Compensation shall be based on the achievement of objective performance goals based on one or more of the following Performance Measures: (i) consolidated earnings before or after taxes (including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization); (ii) net income; (iii) operating income; (iv) earnings per Share; (v) book value per Share; (vi) return on shareholders' equity; (vii) expense management; (viii) return on investment; (ix) improvements in capital structure; (x) profitability of an identifiable business unit or product; (xi) maintenance or improvement of profit margins; (xii) stock price; (xiii) market share; (xiv) revenues or sales; (xv) costs; (xvi) cash flow; (xvii) working capital; (xviii) return on assets; (xix) store openings or refurbishment plans; (xx) staff training; and (xxi) corporate social responsibility policy implementation.

Any Performance Measure may be (i) used to measure the performance of the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates as a whole, any business unit thereof or any combination thereof against any goal including past performance or (ii) compared to the performance of a group of comparable companies, or a published or special index, in each case that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Subject to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee may adjust the performance goals (including to prorate goals and payments for a partial Plan Year) in the event of the following occurrences: (a) non-recurring events, including divestitures, spin-offs, or changes in accounting standards or policies; (b) mergers and acquisitions; and (c) financing transactions, including selling accounts receivable.

**10.3** Establishment of Performance Goals for Covered Employees. No later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of a Performance Period (but in no event after twenty-five percent (25%) of such Performance Period has elapsed), the Committee shall establish in writing: (i) the performance goals applicable to the Performance Period; (ii) the Performance Measures to be used to measure the performance goals in terms of an objective formula or standard; (iii) the formula for computing the amount of compensation payable to the Participant if such performance goals are obtained; and (iv) the Participants or class of Participants to which such performance goals apply. The outcome of such performance goals must be substantially uncertain when the Committee establishes the goals.

**10.4** Adjustment of Performance-Based Compensation. Awards that are designed to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation may not be adjusted upward. The Committee shall retain the discretion to adjust such Awards downward, either on a formula or discretionary basis or any combination, as the Committee determines.

**10.5** Certification of Performance. Except for Awards that pay compensation attributable solely to an increase in the value of Shares, no Award designed to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall be vested, credited or paid, as applicable, with respect to any Participant until the Committee certifies in writing that the performance goals and any other material terms applicable to such Performance Period have been satisfied.

**10.6 Interpretation**. Each provision of the Plan and each Award Agreement relating to Performance-Based Compensation shall be construed so that each such Award shall be "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and related regulations, and any provisions of the Award Agreement thereof that cannot be so construed shall be disregarded.

# Article 11. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code and Section 457A of the Code

**11.1 General.** The Company intends that any Awards be structured in compliance with, or to satisfy an exemption from, Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority thereunder ("Section 409A"), such that there are no adverse tax consequences, interest, or penalties as a result of the Awards. Notwithstanding the Company's intention, in the event any Award is subject to Section 409A, the Committee may, in its sole discretion and without a Participant's prior consent, amend the Plan and/or Awards, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including amendments, policies, procedures and actions with retroactive effect) as are necessary or appropriate to (i) exempt the Plan and/or any Award from the application of Section 409A, (ii) preserve the intended tax treatment of any such Award, or (iii) comply with the requirements of Section 409A, including without limitation any such regulations guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority that may be issued after the date of grant of an Award.

**11.2 Payments to Specified Employees.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or Award Agreement, any payment(s) of nonqualified deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A) that are otherwise required to be made under the Plan to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A) as a result of his or her separation from service (other than a payment that is not subject to Section 409A) shall be delayed for the first six (6) months following such separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the specified employee) and shall instead be paid (in a manner

set forth in the Award Agreement) on the payment date that immediately follows the end of such sixmonth period or as soon as administratively practicable within 90 days thereafter, but in no event later than the end of the applicable taxable year.

**11.3** Separation from Service. A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits that are considered nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A upon or following a termination of employment, unless such termination is also a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A and the payment thereof prior to a "separation from service" would violate Section 409A. For purposes of any such provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement relating to any such payments or benefits, references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms shall mean "separation from service."

**11.4** Section 457A. In the event any Award is subject to Section 457A of the Code ("Section 457A"), the Committee may, in its sole discretion and without a Participant's prior consent, amend the Plan and/or Awards, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including amendments, policies, procedures and actions with retroactive effect) as are necessary or appropriate to (i) exempt the Plan and/or any Award from the application of Section 457A, (ii) preserve the intended tax treatment of any such Award, or (iii) comply with the requirements of Section 457A, including without limitation any such regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority that may be issued after the date of the grant.

# Article 12. Adjustments

**12.1** Adjustments in Authorized Shares. In the event of any corporate event or transaction involving the Company, a Subsidiary and/or an Affiliate (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, combination of Shares, exchange of Shares, dividend in kind, amalgamation, or other like change in capital structure (other than regular cash dividends to shareholders of the Company), or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee, to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under the Plan, shall substitute or adjust, in its sole discretion, the number and kind of Shares or other property that may be issued under the Plan or under particular forms of Awards, the number and kind of Shares price applicable to outstanding Awards, the Annual Award Limits, and/or other value determinations applicable to the Plan or outstanding Awards.

**12.2 Change of Control.** Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control after the Effective Date, unless otherwise specifically prohibited under applicable laws or by the rules and regulations of any governing governmental agencies or national securities exchanges, or unless the Committee shall determine otherwise in the Award Agreement, the Committee shall make one or more of the following adjustments to the terms and conditions of outstanding Awards: (i) continuation or assumption of such outstanding Awards under the Plan by the Company (if it is the surviving company or corporation) or by the surviving company or corporation or its parent; (ii) substitution by the surviving company or corporation or its parent of awards with substantially the same terms for such outstanding Awards; (iii) accelerated exercisability, vesting and/or lapse of restrictions under outstanding Awards immediately prior to the occurrence of such event; (iv) upon written notice, provide that any outstanding Awards must be exercised, to the extent then exercisable, during a reasonable period of time immediately prior to the scheduled consummation of the event, or such other period as determined by the Committee (contingent upon the consummation of the event), and at the end of such period, such Awards shall terminate to the extent not so exercised within the relevant period; and (v) cancellation of all or any portion of outstanding

Awards for fair value (as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee and which may be zero) which, in the case of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights or similar Awards, if the Committee so determines, may equal the excess, if any, of the value of the consideration to be paid in the Change of Control transaction to holders of the same number of Shares subject to such Awards (or, if no such consideration is paid, Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to such outstanding Awards or portion thereof being canceled) over the aggregate Option Price or grant price, as applicable, with respect to such Awards or portion thereof being canceled (which may be zero).

# Article 13. Duration, Amendment, Modification, Suspension and Termination

**13.1 Duration of the Plan.** Unless sooner terminated as provided in Section 13.2, the Plan shall terminate on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date.

13.2 Amendment, Modification, Suspension and Termination of Plan. The Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate (for purposes of this Section 13.2, an "Action") the Plan or any portion thereof or any Award (or Award Agreement) thereunder at any time; provided that no such Action shall be made, other than as permitted under Article 11 or 12, (i) without shareholder approval (A) if such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to the Plan, (B) if such Action increases the number of Shares available under the Plan (other than an increase permitted under Article 5 absent shareholder approval), (C) if such Action results in a material increase in benefits permitted under the Plan (but excluding increases that are immaterial or that are minor and to benefit the administration of the Plan, to take account of any changes in applicable law, or to obtain or maintain favorable tax, exchange, or regulatory treatment for the Company, a Subsidiary, and/or an Affiliate) or a change in eligibility requirements under the Plan, or (D) for any Action that results in a reduction of the Option Price or grant price per Share, as applicable, of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancellation of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, or for other Awards, such as other Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, with an Option Price or grant price per Share, as applicable, that is less than such price of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, and (ii) without the written consent of the affected Participant, if such Action would materially diminish the rights of any Participant under any Award theretofore granted to such Participant under the Plan; provided, further, that the Committee may amend the Plan, any Award or any Award Agreement without such consent of the Participant in such manner as it deems necessary to comply with applicable laws, including without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

# Article 14. General Provisions

**14.1** No Right to Service. The granting of an Award under the Plan shall impose no obligation on the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate to continue the Service of a Participant and shall not lessen or affect any right that the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate may have to terminate the Service of such Participant. 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).

14.2 Settlement of Awards; Fractional Shares. Each Award Agreement shall establish the form in which the Award shall be settled. The Committee shall determine whether cash, Awards, other securities or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be rounded, forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

**14.3** Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold automatically from any amount deliverable under the Award or otherwise, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, the minimum statutory amount to satisfy federal, state, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of the Plan. With respect to required withholding, Participants may elect (subject to the Company's automatic withholding right set out above), subject to the approval of the Committee, to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date the tax is to be determined equal to the minimum statutory total tax that could be imposed on the transaction.

14.4 No Guarantees Regarding Tax Treatment. Participants (or their beneficiaries) shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to any Awards under the Plan. The Committee and the Company make no guarantees to any Person regarding the tax treatment of Awards or payments made under the Plan. Neither the Committee nor the Company has any obligation to take any action to prevent the assessment of any tax on any Person with respect to any Award under Section 409A of the Code or Section 457A of the Code or otherwise and none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or any of their employees or representatives shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.

**14.5** Non-Transferability of Awards. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, an Award shall not be transferable or assignable by the Participant except in the event of his death (subject to the applicable laws of descent and distribution) and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate. No transfer shall be permitted for value or consideration. An award exercisable after the death of a Participant may be exercised by the heirs, legatees, personal representatives or distributees of the Participant. Any permitted transfer of the Awards to heirs, legatees, personal representatives or distributees of the Participant shall not be effective to bind the Company unless the Committee shall have been furnished with written notice thereof and a copy of such evidence as the Committee may deem necessary to establish the validity of the transfer and the acceptance by the transferee or transferees of the terms and conditions hereof.

**14.6** Conditions and Restrictions on Shares. The Committee may impose such other conditions or restrictions on any Shares received in connection with an Award as it may deem advisable or desirable. These restrictions may include, but shall not be limited to, a requirement that the Participant hold the Shares received for a specified period of time or a requirement that a Participant represent and warrant in writing that the Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares. The certificates for Shares may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any conditions and restrictions applicable to such Shares.

**14.7 Compliance with Law.** The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies, or any stock exchanges on which the Shares are admitted to trading or listed, as may be required. The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under the Plan prior to:

- (a) Obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and
- (b) Completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable national, state or foreign law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable.

The restrictions contained in this Section 14.7 shall be in addition to any conditions or restrictions that the Committee may impose pursuant to Section 14.6. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company, its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, and all of their employees and representatives of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

**14.8 Rights as a Shareholder.** Except as otherwise provided herein or in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the record holder of such Shares.

**14.9** Severability. 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 applicable laws, or if it cannot be so 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.

14.10 Unfunded Plan. Participants shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any investments that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under the Plan. Nothing contained in the Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant, beneficiary, legal representative, or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts. The Plan is not subject to the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

**14.11** No Constraint on Corporate Action. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to (i) limit, impair, or otherwise affect the Company's right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets, or (ii) limit the right or power of the Company to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.

**14.12** Successors. All obligations of the Company under the Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company.

**14.13** Governing Law. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

**14.14 Data Protection.** By participating in the Plan, the Participant consents to the collection, processing, transmission and storage by the Company in any form whatsoever, of any data of a professional or personal nature which is necessary for the purposes of introducing and administering the Plan. The Company may share such information with any Subsidiary or Affiliate, the trustee of any employee benefit trust, its registrars, trustees, brokers, other third party administrator or any Person who

obtains control of the Company or acquires the Company, undertaking or part-undertaking which employs the Participant, wherever situated.

**14.15 Effective Date.** The Plan shall be effective as of the date on which distributions to holders of claims and equity interests commences pursuant to the Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "<u>Effective Date</u>").

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# Spinco, Inc.

# **Equity Incentive Plan**

# Article 1. Establishment & Purpose

**1.1 Establishment**. Spinco, Inc., a Delaware corporation hereby establishes the 2010 Spinco, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Plan</u>") as set forth in this document.

**1.2 Purpose of the Plan**. The purpose of this Plan is to attract, retain and motivate officers, employees, and non-employee directors providing services to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or Affiliates and to promote the success of the Company's business by providing the participants of the Plan with appropriate incentives.

# Article 2. Definitions

Whenever capitalized in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

**2.1** "<u>Affiliate</u>" means any entity that the Company, either directly or indirectly, is in common control with, is controlled by or controls, or any entity in which the Company has a substantial equity interest, direct or indirect; provided, however, to the extent that Awards must cover "service recipient stock" in order to comply with Section 409A of the Code, "Affiliate" shall be limited to those entities which could qualify as an "eligible issuer" under Section 409A of the Code.

2.2 "<u>Annual Award Limit</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

**2.3** "<u>Award</u>" means any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Other Stock-Based Award, or Performance-Based Compensation Award that is granted under the Plan.

**2.4** "<u>Award Agreement</u>" means either (a) a written agreement entered into by the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to an Award granted under this Plan, or (b) a written statement issued by the Company, a Subsidiary, or Affiliate to a Participant describing the terms and conditions of the actual grant of such Award.

**2.5** "<u>Beneficial Owner</u>" or "<u>Beneficial Ownership</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 13d-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act.

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

**2.7** "<u>Change of Control</u>" unless otherwise specified in the Award Agreement, means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) any consolidation, amalgamation, or merger of the Company with or into any other Person, or any other corporate reorganization, business combination, transaction or transfer of securities of the Company by its stockholders, or a series of transactions (including the acquisition of capital stock of the Company), whether or not the Company is a party thereto, in which the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to such consolidation, merger, reorganization, business combination or transaction, collectively have Beneficial Ownership, directly or indirectly, of capital stock representing directly, or indirectly through one or more entities, less than fifty percent (50%) of the equity (measured by economic value or voting power (by contract, share ownership or otherwise) of the Company or other surviving entity immediately after such consolidation, merger, reorganization, business combination or transaction;

- (b) the sale or disposition, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to any Person;
- (c) during any period of twelve consecutive months commencing on or after the Effective Date, individuals who as of the beginning of such period constituted the entire Board (together with any new directors whose election by such Board or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors of the Company, then still in office, who were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (d) approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.
- 2.8 "<u>Code</u>" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

**2.9** "<u>Committee</u>" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or any other committee designated by the Board to administer this Plan. To the extent applicable, the Committee shall have at least two members, each of whom shall be (i) a Non-Employee Director, (ii) an Outside Director, and (iii) an "independent director" within the meaning of the listing requirements of any exchange on which the Company is listed.

2.10 "<u>Company</u>" means Spinco, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.

**2.11** "<u>Covered Employee</u>" means for any Plan Year, a Participant designated by the Company as a potential "covered employee" as such term is defined in Section 162(m) of the Code.

2.12 "<u>Director</u>" means a member of the Board who is not an Employee.

2.13 "Effective Date" means the date set forth in Section 14.15.

**2.14** "<u>Employee</u>" means an officer or other employee of the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliate, including a member of the Board who is an employee of the Company, a Subsidiary or Affiliate.

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

**2.16** "<u>Fair Market Value</u>" means, as of any date, the per Share value determined as follows, in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code:

(a) The closing price of a Share on a recognized national exchange or any established over-the-counter trading system on which dealings take place, or if no trades were made on any such day, the immediately preceding day on which trades were made; or

(b) In the absence of an established market for the Shares of the type described in (a) above, the per Share Fair Market Value thereof shall be determined by the Committee in good faith and in accordance with applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code.

**2.17** "<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>" means an Option intended to meet the requirements of an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code and designated as an Incentive Stock Option.

**2.18** "Joint Plan of Reorganization" means that certain Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code by the Company and certain of its Subsidiaries filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York on [•].

**2.19** "<u>Non-Employee Director</u>" means a person defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, or any successor definition adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

2.20 "<u>Nonqualified Stock Option</u>" means an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

2.21 "<u>Other Stock-Based Award</u>" means any right granted under Article 9 of the Plan.

2.22 "<u>Option</u>" means any stock option granted under Article 6 of the Plan.

**2.23** "<u>Option Price</u>" means the purchase price per Share subject to an Option, as determined pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Plan.

**2.24** "<u>Outside Director</u>" means a member of the Board who is an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

**2.25** "<u>**Participant**</u>" means any eligible person as set forth in Section 4.1 to whom an Award is granted.

**2.26** "<u>Performance-Based Compensation</u>" means compensation under an Award that is intended to constitute "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of the regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of Code or any successor provision.

**2.27** "<u>Performance Measures</u>" means measures as described in Section 10.2 on which the performance goals are based in order to qualify Awards as Performance-Based Compensation.

**2.28** "<u>Performance Period</u>" means the period of time during which the performance goals must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

**2.29** "<u>**Person**</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, including a "<u>group</u>" as defined in Section 13(d) thereof.

2.30 "<u>Plan</u>" means the 2010 Spinco, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.

2.31 "<u>Plan Year</u>" means the applicable fiscal year of the Company.

2.32 "<u>Restricted Stock</u>" means any Award granted under Article 8 of the Plan.

**2.33** "<u>Restriction Period</u>" means the period during which Restricted Stock awarded under Article 8 of the Plan is subject to forfeiture.

2.34 "<u>Service</u>" means service as an Employee or Director.

**2.35** "<u>Share</u>" means a share of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, or such other class or kind of shares or other securities resulting from the application of Article 12 hereof.

2.36 "Stock Appreciation Right" means any right granted under Article 7 of the Plan.

**2.37** "<u>Subsidiary</u>" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity of which the Company, directly or indirectly, owns stock or other equity interests possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or other equity interests (as determined in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code).

**2.38** "<u>Ten Percent Shareholder</u>" means a person who on any given date owns, either directly or indirectly (taking into account the attribution rules contained in Section 424(d) of the Code), stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate.

# Article 3. Administration

3.1 Authority of the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have full power to interpret and administer the Plan and Award Agreements and full authority to select the Employees and Directors to whom Awards will be granted, and to determine the type and amount of Awards to be granted to each such Employee or Director, and the terms and conditions of Awards and Award Agreements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion but subject to the limitations in Article 13, clarify, construe or resolve any ambiguity in any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement, extend the term or period of exercisability of any Awards, or waive any terms or conditions applicable to any Award. 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 the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or a company acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines. The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to adopt rules, forms, instruments, and guidelines for administering the Plan as the Committee deems necessary or proper. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee or by the Board (or any other committee or sub-committee thereof), as applicable, shall be final and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested individuals.

**3.2 Delegation.** The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or one or more executive officers of the Company such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable; *provided* that no delegation shall be permitted under the Plan that is prohibited by applicable law.

# Article 4. Eligibility and Participation

**4.1 Eligibility.** Participants will consist of such Employees and Directors as the Committee in its sole discretion determines and whom the Committee may designate from time to time to receive Awards. Designation of a Participant in any year shall not require the Committee to designate such person to receive an Award in any other year or, once designated, to receive the same type or amount of Award as granted to the Participant in any other year.

**4.2 Type of Awards.** Awards under the Plan may be granted in any one or a combination of: (a) Options, (b) Stock Appreciation Rights, (c) Restricted Stock, (d) Other Stock-Based Awards, and (e) Performance-Based Compensation Awards. The Plan sets forth the types of performance goals and sets forth procedural requirements to permit the Company to design Awards that qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, as described in Article 10 hereof. Awards granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by Award Agreements (which need not be identical) that provide additional terms and conditions associated with such Awards, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion; *provided, however*, that in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Plan and any such Award Agreement, the provisions of the Plan shall prevail.

# Article 5. Shares Subject to the Plan and Maximum Awards

**5.1 General.** Subject to adjustment as provided in Article 12 hereof, the maximum number of Shares available for issuance to Participants pursuant to Awards under the Plan shall be equal to [eight percent (8%) of the outstanding fully diluted Shares of the Company as of the Effective Date (including shares issuable under the Joint Plan of Reorganization)]. The number of Shares available for granting Incentive Stock Options under the Plan shall not exceed [eight percent (8%) of the outstanding fully diluted Shares of the Company as of the Effective Date (including shares issuable under the Joint Plan of Reorganization)], subject to Article 12 hereof and the provisions of Sections 422 or 424 of the Code and any successor provisions. The Shares available for issuance under the Plan may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares.

**5.2 Annual Award Limits.** The maximum number of Shares with respect to Awards denominated in Shares that may be granted to any Participant in any Plan Year shall be 500,000 Shares, subject to adjustments made in accordance with Article 12 hereof (the "<u>Annual Award Limit</u>").

**5.3** Additional Shares. In the event that any outstanding Award expires, is forfeited, cancelled or otherwise terminated without the issuance of Shares or is otherwise settled for cash, the Shares subject to such Award, to the extent of any such forfeiture, cancellation, expiration, termination or settlement for cash, shall again be available for Awards. If the Committee authorizes the assumption under this Plan, in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization, of awards granted under another plan, such assumption shall not (i) reduce the maximum number of Shares available for issuance under this Plan or (ii) be subject to or counted against a Participant's Annual Award Limit.

# Article 6. Stock Options

**6.1 Grant of Options.** The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Options to Participants. Each Option shall permit a Participant to purchase from the Company a stated number of Shares at an Option Price established by the Committee, subject to the terms and conditions described in this Article 6 and to such additional terms and conditions, as established by the Committee, in its sole discretion, that are consistent with the provisions of the Plan. Options shall be designated as either Incentive Stock Options or Nonqualified Stock Options, provided that Options granted to Directors shall be Nonqualified Stock Option, be treated as an Incentive Stock Option. Neither the Committee, the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, nor any of their employees and representatives shall be liable to any Participant or to any other Person if it is determined that an Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option. Each option shall be evidenced by Award Agreements which shall state the number of Shares covered by such Option. Such agreements shall conform to the requirements of the Plan, and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable.

**6.2** Terms of Option Grant. The Option Price shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant, but shall not be less than one-hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant. In the case of any Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, the Option Price shall not be less than one-hundred-ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant.

**6.3 Option Term.** The term of each Option shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant and shall be stated in the Award Agreement, but in no event shall such term be greater than ten (10) years (or, in the case on an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, five (5) years).

6.4 Method of Exercise. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in an Award Agreement, an Option may be exercised for all, or from time to time any part, of the Shares for which it is then exercisable. For purposes of this Article 6, the exercise date of an Option shall be the later of the date a notice of exercise is received by the Company and, if applicable, the date payment is received by the Company pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) of the following sentence (including the applicable tax withholding pursuant to Section 14.3 of the Plan). The aggregate Option Price for the Shares as to which an Option is exercised shall be paid to the Company in full at the time of exercise at the election of the Participant (i) in cash or its equivalent (e.g., by cashier's check), (ii) to the extent permitted by the Committee, in Shares (whether or not previously owned by the Participant) having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased and satisfying such other requirements as may be imposed by the Committee, (iii) partly in cash and, to the extent permitted by the Committee, partly in such Shares (as described in (ii) above) or (iv) if there is a public market for the Shares at such time, subject to such requirements as may be imposed by the Committee, through the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell Shares obtained upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount out of the proceeds of such sale equal to the aggregate Option Price for the Shares being purchased. The Committee may prescribe any other method of payment that it determines to be consistent with applicable law and the purpose of the Plan.

**6.5 Limitations on Incentive Stock Options.** Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to employees of the Company or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" (as such terms are defined in Section 424 of the Code) at the date of grant. The aggregate Fair Market Value (generally determined as of the time the Option is granted) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year under all plans of the Company and of any "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or the Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option. For purposes of the preceding sentence, Incentive Stock Options will be taken into account generally in the order in which they are granted. Each provision of the Plan and each Award Agreement relating to an Incentive Stock Option shall be construed so that each Incentive Stock Option shall be an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code, and any provisions of the Award Agreement thereof that cannot be so construed shall be disregarded.

**6.6 Performance Goals.** The Committee may condition the grant of Options or the vesting of Options upon the Participant's achievement of one or more performance goal(s) (including the Participant's provision of Services for a designated time period), as specified in the Award Agreement. If the Participant fails to achieve the specified performance goal(s), the Committee shall not grant the Option to such Participant or the Option shall not vest, as applicable.

# Article 7. Stock Appreciation Rights

**7.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights.** The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Participants, including a grant of Stock Appreciation Rights in tandem with any Option at the same time such Option is granted (a "<u>Tandem SAR</u>"). Stock Appreciation Rights shall be evidenced by Award Agreements that shall conform to the requirements of the Plan and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, a Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall confer on the holder thereof a right to receive, upon exercise thereof, the excess of (a) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares on the date of exercise over (b) the grant price of the right as specified by the Committee on the date of the grant. Such payment may be in the form of cash, Shares, other property or any combination thereof, as the Committee shall determine in its sole discretion.

**7.2** Terms of Stock Appreciation Right. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the grant price (which shall not be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant), term, methods of exercise, methods of settlement, and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right shall be as determined by the Committee. The Committee may impose such other conditions or restrictions on the exercise of any Stock Appreciation Right as it may deem appropriate. No Stock Appreciation Right shall have a term of more than ten (10) years from the date of grant.

**7.3** Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights and Options. A Tandem SAR shall be exercisable only to the extent that the related Option is exercisable and shall expire no later than the expiration of the related Option. Upon the exercise of all or a portion of a Tandem SAR, a Participant shall be required to forfeit the right to purchase an equivalent portion of the related Option (and, when a Share is purchased under the related Option, the Participant shall be required to forfeit an equivalent portion of the Stock Appreciation Right).

# Article 8. Restricted Stock

**8.1** Grant of Restricted Stock. An Award of Restricted Stock is a grant by the Committee of a specified number of Shares to the Participant, which Shares are subject to forfeiture upon the occurrence of specified events. Restricted Stock shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which shall conform to the requirements of the Plan and may contain such other provisions, as the Committee shall deem advisable.

**8.2** Terms of Restricted Stock Awards. Each Award Agreement evidencing a Restricted Stock grant shall specify the period(s) of restriction, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock subject to the Award, the performance, employment or other conditions (including the termination of a Participant's Service whether due to death, disability or other reason) under which the Restricted Stock may be forfeited to the Company and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine. At the end of the Restriction Period, the restrictions imposed hereunder and under the Award Agreement shall lapse with respect to the number of Shares of Restricted Stock as determined by the Committee, and the legend shall be removed and such number of Shares delivered to the Participant (or, where appropriate, the Participant's legal representative).

**8.3** Voting and Dividend Rights. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, Participants shall have none of the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to Restricted Stock until the end of the Restricted Period; provided, that, Participants shall have the right to vote and receive dividends on Restricted Stock during the Restriction Period. Dividends shall be paid to Participants at the same time that other shareholders of common stock of the Company receive such dividends.

**8.4 Performance Goals.** The Committee may condition the grant of Restricted Stock or the expiration of the Restriction Period upon the Participant's achievement of one or more performance goal(s) (including the Participant's provision of Services for a designated time period), as specified in the Award Agreement. If the Participant fails to achieve the specified performance goal(s), the Committee shall not grant the Restricted Stock to such Participant or the Participant shall forfeit the Award of Restricted Stock to the Company, as applicable.

**8.5** Section 83(b) Election. If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code concerning Restricted Stock, the Participant shall be required to file promptly a copy of such election with the Company.

# Article 9. Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant Awards of Shares and Awards that are valued, in whole or in part, by reference to, or are otherwise based on the Fair Market Value of, Shares (the "<u>Other Stock-Based Awards</u>"), including without limitation, restricted stock units and other phantom awards. Such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be in such form, and dependent on such conditions, as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, the right to receive one or more Shares (or the equivalent cash value of such Shares) upon the completion of a specified period of Service, the occurrence of an event and/or the attainment of performance objectives. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted alone or in addition to any other Awards granted under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall determine to whom and when Other Stock-Based Awards will be made, the number of Shares to be awarded under (or otherwise related to) such Other Stock-Based Awards, whether such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be settled in cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares, and all other terms and conditions of such Awards (including, without limitation, the vesting provisions thereof and provisions ensuring that all Shares so awarded and issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable).

# Article 10. Performance-Based Compensation

**10.1 Grant of Performance-Based Compensation.** To the extent permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee is authorized to design any Award so that the amounts or Shares payable or distributed pursuant to such Award are treated as "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and related regulations.

**10.2 Performance Measures.** The vesting, crediting and/or payment of Performance-Based Compensation shall be based on the achievement of objective performance goals based on one or more of the following Performance Measures: (i) consolidated earnings before or after taxes (including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization); (ii) net income; (iii) operating income; (iv) earnings per Share; (v) book value per Share; (vi) return on shareholders' equity; (vii) expense management; (viii) return on investment; (ix) improvements in capital structure; (x) profitability of an identifiable business unit or product; (xi) maintenance or improvement of profit margins; (xii) stock price; (xiii) market share; (xiv) revenues or sales; (xv) costs; (xvi) cash flow; (xvii) working capital; (xviii) return on assets; (xix) store openings or refurbishment plans; (xx) staff training; and (xxi) corporate social responsibility policy implementation.

Any Performance Measure may be (i) used to measure the performance of the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates as a whole, any business unit thereof or any combination thereof against any goal including past performance or (ii) compared to the performance of a group of comparable companies, or a published or special index, in each case that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Subject to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee may adjust the performance goals (including to prorate goals and payments for a partial Plan Year) in the event of the following occurrences: (a) non-recurring events, including divestitures, spin-offs, or changes in accounting standards or policies; (b) mergers and acquisitions; and (c) financing transactions, including selling accounts receivable.

**10.3** Establishment of Performance Goals for Covered Employees. No later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of a Performance Period (but in no event after twenty-five percent (25%) of such Performance Period has elapsed), the Committee shall establish in writing: (i) the performance goals applicable to the Performance Period; (ii) the Performance Measures to be used to measure the performance goals in terms of an objective formula or standard; (iii) the formula for computing the amount of compensation payable to the Participant if such performance goals are obtained; and (iv) the Participants or class of Participants to which such performance goals apply. The outcome of such performance goals must be substantially uncertain when the Committee establishes the goals.

**10.4** Adjustment of Performance-Based Compensation. Awards that are designed to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation may not be adjusted upward. The Committee shall retain the discretion to adjust such Awards downward, either on a formula or discretionary basis or any combination, as the Committee determines.

**10.5** Certification of Performance. Except for Awards that pay compensation attributable solely to an increase in the value of Shares, no Award designed to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall be vested, credited or paid, as applicable, with respect to any Participant until the Committee certifies in writing that the performance goals and any other material terms applicable to such Performance Period have been satisfied.

**10.6 Interpretation**. Each provision of the Plan and each Award Agreement relating to Performance-Based Compensation shall be construed so that each such Award shall be "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and related regulations, and any provisions of the Award Agreement thereof that cannot be so construed shall be disregarded.

# Article 11. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code and Section 457A of the Code

**11.1 General.** The Company intends that any Awards be structured in compliance with, or to satisfy an exemption from, Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority thereunder ("Section 409A"), such that there are no adverse tax consequences, interest, or penalties as a result of the Awards. Notwithstanding the Company's intention, in the event any Award is subject to Section 409A, the Committee may, in its sole discretion and without a Participant's prior consent, amend the Plan and/or Awards, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including amendments, policies, procedures and actions with retroactive effect) as are necessary or appropriate to (i) exempt the Plan and/or any Award from the application of Section 409A, (ii) preserve the intended tax treatment of any such Award, or (iii) comply with the requirements of Section 409A, including without limitation any such regulations guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority that may be issued after the date of grant of an Award.

**11.2 Payments to Specified Employees.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or Award Agreement, any payment(s) of nonqualified deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A) that are otherwise required to be made under the Plan to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A) as a result of his or her separation from service (other than a payment that is not subject to Section 409A) shall be delayed for the first six (6) months following such separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the specified employee) and shall instead be paid (in a manner

set forth in the Award Agreement) on the payment date that immediately follows the end of such sixmonth period or as soon as administratively practicable within 90 days thereafter, but in no event later than the end of the applicable taxable year.

**11.3** Separation from Service. A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits that are considered nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A upon or following a termination of employment, unless such termination is also a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A and the payment thereof prior to a "separation from service" would violate Section 409A. For purposes of any such provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement relating to any such payments or benefits, references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms shall mean "separation from service."

**11.4** Section 457A. In the event any Award is subject to Section 457A of the Code ("Section 457A"), the Committee may, in its sole discretion and without a Participant's prior consent, amend the Plan and/or Awards, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including amendments, policies, procedures and actions with retroactive effect) as are necessary or appropriate to (i) exempt the Plan and/or any Award from the application of Section 457A, (ii) preserve the intended tax treatment of any such Award, or (iii) comply with the requirements of Section 457A, including without limitation any such regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority that may be issued after the date of the grant.

# Article 12. Adjustments

**12.1** Adjustments in Authorized Shares. In the event of any corporate event or transaction involving the Company, a Subsidiary and/or an Affiliate (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, combination of Shares, exchange of Shares, dividend in kind, amalgamation, or other like change in capital structure (other than regular cash dividends to shareholders of the Company), or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee, to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under the Plan, shall substitute or adjust, in its sole discretion, the number and kind of Shares or other property subject to outstanding Awards, the Option Price, grant price or purchase price applicable to outstanding Awards, the Annual Award Limits, and/or other value determinations applicable to the Plan or outstanding Awards.

**12.2** Change of Control. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control after the Effective Date, unless otherwise specifically prohibited under applicable laws or by the rules and regulations of any governing governmental agencies or national securities exchanges, or unless the Committee shall determine otherwise in the Award Agreement, the Committee shall make one or more of the following adjustments to the terms and conditions of outstanding Awards: (i) continuation or assumption of such outstanding Awards under the Plan by the Company (if it is the surviving company or corporation) or by the surviving company or corporation or its parent; (ii) substitution by the surviving company or corporation or its parent of awards with substantially the same terms for such outstanding Awards; (iii) accelerated exercisability, vesting and/or lapse of restrictions under outstanding Awards immediately prior to the occurrence of such event; (iv) upon written notice, provide that any outstanding Awards must be exercised, to the extent then exercisable, during a reasonable period of time immediately prior to the scheduled consummation of the event, or such other period as determined by the Committee (contingent upon the consummation of the event), and at the end of such period, such Awards shall terminate to the extent not so exercised within the relevant period; and (v) cancellation of all or any portion of outstanding

Awards for fair value (as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee and which may be zero) which, in the case of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights or similar Awards, if the Committee so determines, may equal the excess, if any, of the value of the consideration to be paid in the Change of Control transaction to holders of the same number of Shares subject to such Awards (or, if no such consideration is paid, Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to such outstanding Awards or portion thereof being canceled) over the aggregate Option Price or grant price, as applicable, with respect to such Awards or portion thereof being canceled (which may be zero).

# Article 13. Duration, Amendment, Modification, Suspension and Termination

**13.1 Duration of the Plan.** Unless sooner terminated as provided in Section 13.2, the Plan shall terminate on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date.

13.2 Amendment, Modification, Suspension and Termination of Plan. The Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate (for purposes of this Section 13.2, an "Action") the Plan or any portion thereof or any Award (or Award Agreement) thereunder at any time; provided that no such Action shall be made, other than as permitted under Article 11 or 12, (i) without shareholder approval (A) if such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to the Plan, (B) if such Action increases the number of Shares available under the Plan (other than an increase permitted under Article 5 absent shareholder approval), (C) if such Action results in a material increase in benefits permitted under the Plan (but excluding increases that are immaterial or that are minor and to benefit the administration of the Plan, to take account of any changes in applicable law, or to obtain or maintain favorable tax, exchange, or regulatory treatment for the Company, a Subsidiary, and/or an Affiliate) or a change in eligibility requirements under the Plan, or (D) for any Action that results in a reduction of the Option Price or grant price per Share, as applicable, of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancellation of any outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, or for other Awards, such as other Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, with an Option Price or grant price per Share, as applicable, that is less than such price of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, and (ii) without the written consent of the affected Participant, if such Action would materially diminish the rights of any Participant under any Award theretofore granted to such Participant under the Plan; provided, further, that the Committee may amend the Plan, any Award or any Award Agreement without such consent of the Participant in such manner as it deems necessary to comply with applicable laws, including without limitation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

# Article 14. General Provisions

**14.1** No Right to Service. The granting of an Award under the Plan shall impose no obligation on the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate to continue the Service of a Participant and shall not lessen or affect any right that the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate may have to terminate the Service of such Participant. 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).

**14.2** Settlement of Awards; Fractional Shares. Each Award Agreement shall establish the form in which the Award shall be settled. The Committee shall determine whether cash, Awards, other securities or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be rounded, forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

**14.3** Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold automatically from any amount deliverable under the Award or otherwise, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, the minimum statutory amount to satisfy federal, state, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of the Plan. With respect to required withholding, Participants may elect (subject to the Company's automatic withholding right set out above), subject to the approval of the Committee, to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date the tax is to be determined equal to the minimum statutory total tax that could be imposed on the transaction.

14.4 No Guarantees Regarding Tax Treatment. Participants (or their beneficiaries) shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to any Awards under the Plan. The Committee and the Company make no guarantees to any Person regarding the tax treatment of Awards or payments made under the Plan. Neither the Committee nor the Company has any obligation to take any action to prevent the assessment of any tax on any Person with respect to any Award under Section 409A of the Code or Section 457A of the Code or otherwise and none of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or any of their employees or representatives shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.

**14.5** Non-Transferability of Awards. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, an Award shall not be transferable or assignable by the Participant except in the event of his death (subject to the applicable laws of descent and distribution) and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate. No transfer shall be permitted for value or consideration. An award exercisable after the death of a Participant may be exercised by the heirs, legatees, personal representatives or distributees of the Participant. Any permitted transfer of the Awards to heirs, legatees, personal representatives or distributees of the Participant shall not be effective to bind the Company unless the Committee shall have been furnished with written notice thereof and a copy of such evidence as the Committee may deem necessary to establish the validity of the transfer and the acceptance by the transferee or transferees of the terms and conditions hereof.

**14.6** Conditions and Restrictions on Shares. The Committee may impose such other conditions or restrictions on any Shares received in connection with an Award as it may deem advisable or desirable. These restrictions may include, but shall not be limited to, a requirement that the Participant hold the Shares received for a specified period of time or a requirement that a Participant represent and warrant in writing that the Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares. The certificates for Shares may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any conditions and restrictions applicable to such Shares.

14.7 Compliance with Law. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies, or any stock exchanges on which the Shares are admitted to trading or listed, as may be required. The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under the Plan prior to:

- (a) Obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and
- (b) Completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable national, state or foreign law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable.

The restrictions contained in this Section 14.7 shall be in addition to any conditions or restrictions that the Committee may impose pursuant to Section 14.6. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company, its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, and all of their employees and representatives of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

**14.8 Rights as a Shareholder.** Except as otherwise provided herein or in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the record holder of such Shares.

**14.9** Severability. 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 applicable laws, or if it cannot be so 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.

14.10 Unfunded Plan. Participants shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any investments that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under the Plan. Nothing contained in the Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant, beneficiary, legal representative, or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts. The Plan is not subject to the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

**14.11** No Constraint on Corporate Action. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to (i) limit, impair, or otherwise affect the Company's right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets, or (ii) limit the right or power of the Company to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.

**14.12** Successors. All obligations of the Company under the Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company.

**14.13** Governing Law. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

**14.14 Data Protection.** By participating in the Plan, the Participant consents to the collection, processing, transmission and storage by the Company in any form whatsoever, of any data of a professional or personal nature which is necessary for the purposes of introducing and administering the Plan. The Company may share such information with any Subsidiary or Affiliate, the trustee of any employee benefit trust, its registrars, trustees, brokers, other third party administrator or any Person who

obtains control of the Company or acquires the Company, undertaking or part-undertaking which employs the Participant, wherever situated.

**14.15 Effective Date.** The Plan shall be effective as of the date on which distributions to holders of claims and equity interests commences pursuant to the Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "<u>Effective Date</u>").

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